

**Missouri Department of Transportation (NW and KC  
Districts) & American Council of Engineering Companies of  
Missouri Liaison Committee  
- MINUTES -  
April 27, 2018**

The Missouri Department of Transportation (Northwest and Kansas City Districts) and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri held their quarterly meeting on April 27, 2018 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm at the MoDOT Kansas City District Office in Kansas City. The following individuals were present:

**MoDOT Representatives:**

Brian Kidwell  
Matt Killion  
Allan Ludiker  
James Burgess  
Debbie Huffman  
Shelie Daniel  
Jeff Hardy  
Juan Yin  
Jodie Puhr  
Mark Sommerhauser  
Griffin Smith

**ACEC/MO Representatives:**

Michael Carroll, Current Chair  
Troy Eisenbraun  
Bill Barker  
Stephen Wells  
Ozzy Bravo  
Matt McQuality

The agenda included the following key topics:

**MoDOT Discussion Items**

- MoDOT KC District Updates
- MoDOT NW District Updates
- MoDOT HQ Updates
- Update on STIP
- Federal Infrastructure Updates

**Project Discussion Items**

- 435 D/B
- Buck O'Neil
- I-229
- Other major projects
- KC District - 9 Project Package
- Upcoming work in NW & KC Districts

**ACEC/MO Discussion Items**

- 2018 TEAM Conference Review/Survey Results
- Mercury Alliance Update
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transportation Task Force
- Legislative Issues
- Safety Discussion:  
(work zones, phone down initiative, closing roadways during investigation phases, wrong way crashes)
- Future topics/meeting format

### **Next Meeting Date and Location**

### **MoDOT Discussion Items:**

- NW District staff were unable to attend the meeting.
- Interview next week for Assistant DE position in KC District.
- ADA D/B Project in KC District in next couple of months. \$9-10M project. A tentative list of projects has been developed.
- NW District has no expansion projects upcoming. Maintenance projects, bridge rehabilitations/replacements.
- I-229 double-decker bridge undergoing a \$50M rehab. EA to determine future layout.
- 50/291 Interchange opening in May 2018.
- Buck O'Neil Bridge: 5/19/18 will drop SB lanes for bridge rehab. Expect PEL final submittal by end of May. EA complete by 12/2019. Would like RFP for design/build project released by Summer 2019.
- I29/I35 Split in KC District – A conceptual study will be performed by consultant to study safety and traffic. Expect notice to come out in next 3 to 6 months.
- I-35 Kearney Interchange will be coming out to consultants in May. HDR performed AJR. Juan Yin will be PM.
- 9 Project Package in KC District 12/2017 – 31 firms submitted LOI. Some projects had up to 18 submittals. MoDOT said some projects were difficult to find innovation/separation between firms. Consultants and MoDOT staff seemed to agree that package release of projects did not save much, if any, time for MoDOT staff or consultants on the pursuit.

### **ACEC/MO Discussion Items**

- 2018 TEAM Conference – Only a couple of MoDOT attendees from KC District. Good selection of presentation topics in General Session and Breakout Sessions. Mentioned it would be good for MoDOT staff to encourage their attendees to visit vendors at future conferences. Vendor fees help keep overall conference costs at a low rate.
- Discussed ASCE 2018 Infrastructure grades for MO. Bridges: C, Roads: D+, overall infrastructure grade: C-
- ACEC National: Tax reform for S-Corporations, Emphasizing more P3 type projects, No significant funding increase likely for next year.

- General Safety Discussion:
- Work zones – distracted driving is still a problem. Paint stripers are hit the most. MoDOT looking at autonomous vehicle for crash cushion truck. Have also looked at soundwave technology to alert distracted drivers in work zones. Phone down initiative has been good start, but message may not be reaching the people that need to see it. Need legislative enforcement of distracted driving.
- MoDOT is performing a statewide safety initiative to provide larger signs and improve safety at interchanges.

**Next Meeting and Location**

- Next meeting will be held in July 2018.