

**Missouri Department of Transportation SE District and
American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri
Liaison Committee**

**Meeting Minutes
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Opening Comments

A listing of ACEC committee members and minutes from our last meeting were distributed.

Each person present introduced themselves and identified their corporate affiliation and role.

Review of 02/22/19 Meeting Minutes

A copy of the previous meeting's minutes were distributed electronically after the meeting to all attendees in draft form. Since no corrections were received, it is now considered final.

MoDOT SE District Staffing Changes

The District reports that they have no substantial changes. They have multiple positions open and are currently recruiting. They are interested in filling their internship program next year, which was underutilized in the summer of 2019. They report that they've recently lost four design engineers and that the District is down by 14 designers overall. This will likely lead to additional work being sent to private consultants.

Filled two PPD positions

Chris Crocker – Willow Springs/Sikeston

Curt Woolsey – Willow Springs/Sikeston

Design Policy Updates

Audible pedestrian signals are now part of the ADA transition plan and will be seen on a regular basis.

New guidance is forthcoming on ADA upgrades which are determined to be economically non-feasible.

Bridge Update – Railroad coordination has become increasingly difficult and slow. Contractors are encouraged to plan ahead when dealing with railroads both from a design and cost perspectives.

Bridge hydrology is moving to 2D. Expect these requirements to take place on most upcoming bridges. LIDAR is being used more instead of standard valley sections.

LPA Manual – No major changes

Missouri Legislative Agenda Update

There were only two initiatives that have recently been discussed:

- 1) MoDOT will continue to support restrictions on hand held devices while driving;
- 2) Continued review of fuel tax or VMTs to improve MoDOT funding.

Consultant Deliverables

Andy mentioned that most of the plans that they have reviewed are uniform and professional. They didn't report any major problems with consultants. One item of note is that some bridge piling designs have included overbearing on individual piles. MoDOT has required several consultants to add more pilings to solve the issue. The addition of new piles has caused time delay especially when galvanized piling was used on a handful of projects.

LPA Program

No major updates

Unobligated bridge funding should be re-distributed to counties across the state in the very near future.

Upcoming Projects

Significant work is expected to be put out of the SE District before the end of 2019. Andy mentioned that increased funding for non-maintenance work is exciting and that MoDOT will focus on bridge replacement with the funds. The following were listed by MoDOT:

- 1) Sikeston – New interchange south of town – D-B will likely be the method of delivery
- 2) Hwy 67 South – 12 miles of new four lane
- 3) Hwy 412 – Continued upgrades to 412
- 4) I-55 – Exit 93 Interchange may be sent out to consultants near the end of the year
- 5) Bridges – The SE District office expects to send out multiple small bridge packages which were listed on the Governor's list.
- 6) The District is planning to solicit a design-build project later this year that will include 15 bridges with 10 alternative bridges.
- 7) MoDOT has a need for general construction inspection – SE District is actively looking for consultants.
- 8) On-Call – the on-call list for consultants will be requested by November. The SE District expects to accept up to 6 material testers and 10-12 engineering consultants for each category. The list should be in place by mid-2020. Submittals are expected to be limited to 3 pages per category.

Other Topics

None.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on February 21st, 2020, 10am in Sikeston SE District Office.