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Board of Public Service - St. Louis

The ACECMO-Board of Public Service Liaison Committee met with St. Louis Water Division on April 7, 2016. Curt Skouby is the primary contact for all dealings with the Water Division. Mark Nankivil is the current Distribution Executive replacing Tom Robenick after he retired a couple years ago. Pat Baldera is Production Engineer at Chain-of-Rocks.

The lead and copper rule is getting close scrutiny as a result of the Flint Michigan catastrophe. In St. Louis there are private lead service lines still in operation, but the City owned portion of the water system no longer has any lead piping. The City currently sells water to various other agencies such as Missouri American, the cities of St. Charles & St. Peters, and Public Water Supply District 2 in St. Charles County. The City has the capacity to sell much more since it can produce up to 360M gal/day and average use is 120M gal/day. The City currently does not meter most residential customers and for a variety of reasons, there are no plans to change this.

The lead and copper rule has been in place since early 90's and revisions may be forth coming. The current rate has not increased for 5 years. Curt anticipates that it will increase in the next year or two and at this time new projects will be programmed. The City is currently funding down its current \$9.4m loan for capital improvement for the State. Since the interest rate is very low, the City may seek a new loan or sell bond to fund capital improvements. The Columbia Bottom lateral radial well project is viable and would reduce production costs, but is not moving forward due to lack of ±\$200M in funding needed for construction. The City currently has a project to do upgrades to some mains which includes lining. Chain-of-Rocks; The City is installing 2 new pumps (1 for low service & 1 for high service), and replacing some large diameter valves. Hall Street is getting some manifold

chamber upgrades. The City has a contract for creating a system model of their distribution system which will be looking at retiring some mains or downsizing them. The City has a contract with a couple firms for valve assessment on the distribution system. Results from this will be input into the City's GIS system. Future projects will be for main replacement and rehabilitation (taking care of the system).

The next meeting for the committee has not been scheduled yet.

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Corps of Engineers - Kansas City

The Corps of Engineers - Kansas City / ACECMO / ACECKS Liaison Committee meeting was held at the offices of Olsson Associates, Kansas City, MO on February 17, 2016. Attending the meeting were seven Corps of Engineers personnel and 7 ACEC representatives. Tim Kurgan, CENWK, briefed the Civil Works, MILCON, and HTRW programs and distributed a document summarizing the status of these programs. Overall funding continues to be trending down in CENWK. Civil Works Program for next year is \$100M including work in CAP program for restoration projects, CG went up based on work for Swope and St. Joseph projects; O&M decreasing, next year will be trending downward particularly on the Missouri

River Recovery Program, IDIQ contracts will be coming up in out years, CAP/PAS work is where the majority of AE opportunities will be in Civil Works, increased need in Planning Section for economic analysis and NEPA, may put a Services IDIQ. Milcon Program tends to use existing AE IDIQs to put out bid packages mainly for their four military bases (Ft. Riley, Leavenworth, Leonard Wood and Whiteman AFB), Ancillary Contracts, Commissioning contract RFP is out now, Work is shifting more toward to historic renovation, MATOCS are most effective way the Corps to execute SRM work; multiple contracts will be awarded for each MATOC category; 5 year contracts. HTRW is the district's most stable program; it leans heavily on AE community to execute. Overall, program budgets are down following the ARRA and BRAC funding stimuli, and returning to pre-ARRA levels. The projected load for the next two or three years is steady or trending downward, although there is an expected upturn in funding for MILCON related to the NGA facility design and construction. In addition, it is expected that the HTRW program will have an increase in USEPA Region 7 work, keeping funding at a relatively steady level.

ACEC reported it continues to promote QBS at all levels of government. Kansas City District has updated its debriefing procedures in the last year to conduct within two weeks of selection; competitor's proposals cannot be provided even after selection. Kansas City District continues to press for five year contracts but still limited to three year with two one year options and several other options in between.

The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for **June 9, 2016** at Affinis Corp.

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Corps of Engineers - St. Louis

The Corps of Engineers - St. Louis / ACECMO / ACECIL Liaison Committee met on January 14, 2016 at Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. The committee discussed the following items:

- Update on the Metro East Program: AMEC's work is presently on hiatus because of high water conditions. FEMA is intending on issuing new flood maps in the summer of 2017. At a future meeting, the Corps will have the Program Manager, Tracy Kelsey, make a presentation about this.
- What Issues Arose From Latest Flood & Action Taken to Address Them: This was a significant flood. Around the first of the year, the Mississippi crested at 32.5 at St. Louis, which was approximately a 38 year flood. Chester had a 50 year flood; Cape Girardeau had a 200 year flood; Thebes had a 200 year flood. There was record flooding on the Meramec. There will be levee inspections post-flood.
- Potential Flood Forecast for Mississippi/Missouri/Illinois Rivers for Spring: Snow pack is below average. No current predictions for widespread flooding at this time.
- Waters of the US Update: Danny McClendon, the Chief of the Regulatory Branch in the St. Louis District, gave a presentation entitled "Regulatory Program Changes". Here's a brief summary of the report: An overview of the St. Louis District boundaries and functions was given; Regulatory Branch staff and their functions were explained; new Nationwide permits will be rolled out in 2017; new Waters of the US rules still undetermined. Full copy of Danny's presentation is available from ACEC for those who desire to see it.
- NGA: The project manager for the KC Corps is Stephanie Hall, and she is located in St. Louis The Corps will endeavor to have her give a presentation about the NGA relocation project to this committee in the future.

The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for **May 26, 2016** to be hosted by SCI Engineering, Inc.

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Division of Facilities Management, Design & Construction / ACECMO / AIA

The FMDC / ACECMO / AIA Liaison Committee has not met since last quarter. The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for **July 26, 2016** at ACEC/MO's office in Jefferson City.

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Kansas City, Missouri

The KCMO / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on April 20, 2016 at HDR's office. The committee discussed the successful passage of the E-Tax and spending and taxing issues going forward. The City is planning on a bond issue of \$500 to \$800 million for capital projects through a referendum planned for April, 2017. Also, the 1 cent PIAC sales tax will be up for renewal at that same time.

The new streetcar grand opening was discussed, along with the potential of private development along the Main Street route to UMKC. City staff speculated that no action by the mayor or council will take place until after the street car shows a successful start.

The KCI airport was discussed with City staff strongly in favor of a new terminal in lieu of a renovation project. A referendum for bonding approval will likely move forward in August. The Aviation department plans on hiring a Program Manager immediately upon passage of bonding approval.

Water Services described a Funding Tax Force comprehensive committee that has been established to review customer charges and other funding sources. The Broadway Bridge EIS was discussed along with the roles of the various interested parties. The City emphasized that all of the funds were coming from the City and no other entities.

The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for **August 24, 2016**.

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Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District

The MSD / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on April 19, 2016 at CMT's office. Items of discussion included:

1. Update on Capital Program.
 - Bids on the Maline Tunnel were opened in March. The awarded bid was \$83 Million, from a total of 7 bidders. Work has started on the Hazelwood tank construction. Two more tunnels are to be bid in 2016 (JB Tunnel and Deer Creek Tunnel)
2. FY 17 Consultant selections.
 - RFQ 2 was set out last week. RFQ 1 selections for RFP's will go out next week. Due to the passing of Proposition S, RFQ 3 will go out in May for stormwater projects.
3. Permitting Software Update.
 - The roll-out of Accela is about 1 year behind schedule due to various factors. The previous version of Accela could not properly combine the needs of both the County and MSD. The County and MSD have updated to the newly released version 8.0. This version will now be tested by both the County and MSD before going live to the public. MSD is targeting late summer 2016 to go live with the program.
4. MSD/Consultant Training Breakfast Sessions.
 - Plan for training sessions this year.
 - June = MSD Available Data related to GIS and Base Maps
 - November = MSD's Green Infrastructure Program
5. Contract Changes.
 - MSD is looking to clean up language concerning overhead rates; how they are established, reviewed, audited, etc... MSD will talk with ACEC about having a mix of small and large firms review their proposed changes.
6. Impact of MSD Prop S and Prop Y both passing.
 - Proposition Y - Sanitary. Passed with 73% of the vote
 - Proposition S - Storm. Passed with 61% of the vote. Allows for spending out of the OMCI funds - \$90M over 6 years (includes \$30M already programmed). The new tax structure does not include funds for new capital

stormwater projects. MSD will go to the public within the next 6 months to start the discussion on what the public wants for stormwater management.

7. Update on recent bid results, unit costs, number of bids, contractor capacity, etc.
 - The first half of 2015 saw a 20%-30% increase in bid prices and low number of bidders. The second half of 2015 saw an increase in the number of bidders and the bid prices leveled off.
8. MSD General Update.
 - Changes to the Board
 - Bob Berry resigned. County Executive Stenger appointed Rev. Ronald Bobo to serve the remaining 3 months of Bob's term.
 - Valerie Patton resigned. County Executive Stenger appointed James Singer to serve the remaining year of Valerie's term.
 - Bill Ehrhard retired at the end of March. Jim Dunajcik was promoted to Bill's position.

The next meeting is scheduled for **October 18, 2016** from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm at Burns & McDonnell, Chesterfield, MO.

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Missouri Department of Natural Resources

The MDNR / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on February 11, 2016 at ACEC/MO's office with 6 committee members and 4 staff members from MDNR. The committee discussed a variety of topics, some of which are listed below. Some discussion dealt with the continued struggle for hiring and retaining staff from the technical and financial sections, although the enforcement branch is fully staffed now. Another issue discussed concerned the MDNR letter to KSPE on reports of financial inaccuracy provided by at least one engineering firm to clients. It was recommended that contact be made with the Financial Assistance Center at MDNR any time clients need the latest financial information.

MDNR continues to improve customer service through the LEAN/Sigma process to streamline internal processes, improve customer services and be more efficient in performing their duties. Two workshops were held, with Chris Burns attending and representing ACECMO at the November 2 session for Drinking Water (other workshop on November 12 for Clean Water).

MDNR has begun to handle multiple dischargers located in the same waterbody. Staff also reviews variances and opportunities to extend compliance schedules. Nutrients was a big topic, such as nutrients loss, point sources and NPS nutrient trading, and future work group meetings to draft framework in July

Other topics discussed were on a) the success of the small communities grant program (less than 10,000 population), b) water quality standards for lakes and rivers, c) updates to additional sections of Chapter 8 design standards, and d) possible House and Senate bills in 2016 that are being considered currently that may impact MDNR.

The next meeting for the committee has been set for **June 8, 2016** at the ACEC/MO office in Jefferson City.

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Missouri Department of Transportation (Central District & Northeast- CD&NE)

The MoDOT (CD&NE) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on March 23, 2016 at the MoDOT Central District office. Dave Silvester gave an update on the March 2016 MHTC Commission meeting. Dave and Paula Gough gave updates on the roadway and bridge consultant opportunities that will be detailed out in the draft STIP. Stacy McMillan gave updates on both district bridges and briefly discussed the process that the bridge division is using to determine what work stays in-house versus going to consultants. Both the Central and NE districts anticipate having around 40 bridges being replaced over the next three years. A discussion on the major bridges happened next with the majority of the discussion focusing on the I-70 Rocheport Bridge, the Champ Clark Bridge, Bagnall Dam Bridge, and Route 61 Bridges over Cuivre River. Travis Koestner gave a quick update on the I-70 D/B project. The contractor is on schedule and the project is about 50% complete. Dave briefly discussed the Road to Tomorrow initiative with the Pelleton Trucking concept taking

most of the discussion. Finally, the team discussed the upcoming timing of the draft STIP as well as an update on any change in the MoDOT Ethics Policy. Dave Silvester is part of the team investigating the policy so more information should be known in the future.

The next meeting for the committee has been set for **September 28, 2016** at the ACEC/MO office in Jefferson City.

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Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters - HQ)

The MoDOT (HQ) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on February 9, 2016 at MoDOT's office. The following topics were discussed:

New Director Patrick McKenna introduced himself and gave a brief presentation on the state of MoDOT going forward. The presentation focused on how the FAST Act has allowed MODOT to take a more optimistic approach to their updated 5-year STIP. MODOT is currently focused on scoping projects and developing the updated 5 year plan. There will be a significant focus on bridges in the new plan. Director McKenna also gave a legislative update regarding SB 623, the proposed P3 legislation, and the possibility of some form of renewed cost share program. All of the above are still in discussion in the legislature. The Director was called out of the meeting shortly after his update.

Following the update by the Director, MoDOT responded to questions regarding DBE Goals on small projects and Workforce Diversity. While MoDOT acknowledged the difficulty posed by the DBE goals on smaller projects, the goals were still important to meet. Program wide consultant diversity on projects has been running at approximately 40%. MoDOT also gave an update on a change in approach to overhead rates for LPA contracts. The overhead rate will now be held the same throughout the contract. Additional updates were provided on the status of the Mercury Alliance, status of current design build projects, the Broadway Bridge in Kansas City, planning on the next MoDOT Bridge Conference (to be held every 2 years), and upcoming Software training opportunities with the department."

The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for **June 28, 2016** at ACEC/MO's office in Jefferson City.

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Missouri Department of Transportation (Northwest & Kansas City - NW&KC)

The MoDOT (NW&KC) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on March 25, 2016 at MoDOT's office with 15 committee members in attendance. The committee discussed the following items:

- Commission Changes - Gregg Smith is now Chair and Steve Miller is Vice Chair
- Draft STIP Updates have been submitted to the Central Office. Most District programs are 1.5 to 2 times what was programed in the previous STIP.
- KC District added 96 bridges, 1200 miles of overlays and many safety projects to STIP. Also added a projects for the Broadway Bridge rehab, a Design-Build project on I-435 project from Three Trails to the state line, replacing the I-435 bridge over the Missouri River, making I-70 4-lane from I435 to 470 and improving I35/I29 from the split to 210
- NE District added 58 bridges, 1,000 miles of overlay and safety projects to the STIP
- Broadway Bridge PEL - 5 proposals were received and are being scored. They anticipate to shortlist to 3 teams and schedule interviews for April 5.
- The I-70 Second Tier EIS that was stopped previously and is being re-started.
- A Road to Tomorrow update, including several pilot projects, will be given to the Commission will meet in KC on June 9.
- KC Scout will have their RFP out for staffing and software maintenance

The next meeting for the committee has been *tentatively* scheduled for **June 24, 2016** at the KC District Office.

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Missouri Department of Transportation (Southeast - SE)

The MoDOT (SE) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on January 22, 2016 at MoDOT's Southeast District office. After an introduction of MoDOT and ACEC members in attendance, Mark Shelton gave the committee an update on key staff changes in the District.

Mark Shelton updated the committee on the new federal transportation bill titled "FAST" and MoDOT's funding for the district. The good news is that with MoDOT's new funding projection, they will be able to match federal funding through the duration of the FAST transportation bill.

Barry Horst told the committee that MoDOT is upgrading guardrail on construction projects on a project by project basis as required do to damage or deficiency. There are no new items of major interest to either the Bridge or LPA manuals.

The next meeting for the committee is scheduled for 10:00 AM on **July 22, 2016** at the MoDOT SE District Office.

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Missouri Department of Transportation (St. Louis - SL)

The MoDOT (SL) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on February 25, 2016 at MoDOT's office. The following items were discussed. MoDOT reported that no major changes in leadership and staff. Because the federal transportation bill was passed the annual program was increased to \$780M; the St. Louis District will receive \$200M, where they will be working on bridges, pavements, other assets, and safety (following the Blue Print). MoDOT will meet with the MoDOT partners when the STIP is released. Champ-Clark Bridge in Louisiana, MO is moving forward as a design-build project.

MoDOT provided the following link where you can subscribe to get updates and hopefully training opportunities as they become available with the new software. The link is http://www.modot.org/business/standards_and_specs/geopakstandards.htm. The last item we discussed was the upcoming gift policy. MoDOT will be releasing it soon.

The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for **May 23, 2016** at the MoDOT St. Louis District office at 2:00 p.m.

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Missouri Department of Transportation (Southwest - SW)

The MoDOT (SW) / ACECMO Liaison Committee has not met since last quarter. The next meeting for the committee has been set for **August 9, 2016** at Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.

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St. Louis County

The St. Louis County Department of Highways and Traffic & Public Works / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on March 16, 2016. Nine representatives from the County were present to discuss various issues affecting the engineering community, starting with the Department's updates to their standard design criteria. The change is intended to move the County away from their current prescriptive standards and more to the adoption of regional and national standards to

reduce constant updates and the administrative burden of maintenance. Additionally, we discussed the impacts of the December flooding on the infrastructure of St. Louis County, and what little damage occurred. Much discussion surrounded the financial outlook of the Department and County as a whole as it relates to the amount of projects the Department intends to use consultants for, which points to a fairly consistent grouping of about 18 projects each year, ranging from resurfacing, intersection, bridge, and ITS projects.

The County is also seeking to bring a NHI Bridge Inspection course to their offices later this year, and is reaching out to the consultant community to fill the needed spots in order to make the course financially viable. Finally, Nicholas Gardner, Director of Transportation, spoke on the importance of the various funding initiatives in discussions currently, from MSD's two ballot issues to the gas tax increase in the Senate, and urged the consulting community to be mindful of the complete streets initiative on all active County projects moving forward.

A date has not yet been set for the next meeting but should be sometime later this year.

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