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## Board of Public Service - St. Louis

The Board of Public Service - St. Louis Liaison Committee did not meet last quarter. The next meeting has not been scheduled for the committee but they should meet sometime this fall.

To see the minutes from the most recent meetings, go to our [website](#). For more information on the committee or if you would like to provide input, please contact Dawn Hill ([DawnHill@acecmo.org](mailto:DawnHill@acecmo.org)) or the Committee Chair, Renee Ross ([renee.ross@jacobs.com](mailto:renee.ross@jacobs.com)).

## Corps of Engineers - Kansas City

The Corps of Engineers - Kansas City / ACECMO / ACECKS Liaison Committee did not meet last quarter. The next meeting for the committee has not been scheduled yet.

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## Corps of Engineers - St. Louis

The Corps of Engineers - St. Louis / ACECMO / ACECIL Liaison Committee met on April 23, 2015 at Mel Price Locks & Dam. The committee discussed the following items:

- Status of Unionization of Professional Services (are limited to land surveyors and materials testers and core drillers): The union had agreed to a 'stay.' They basically have agreed to keeping just the 15 counties they have now which are those surrounding Chicago. They were waiting on a court decision regarding the land surveyors. Dave Bender provided a lot of insight into the developments and political issues involved. Generally, the field has changed since Bruce Rauner has taken office as Governor.
- Upcoming Changes to the Waters of the United States: The discussion was that there was no decision. Later, the EPA announced significant changes which are being proposed, and are likely to be subject to legal challenges.
- Update on Funding Status, Prioritization of Projects, Etc.: There was no significant information to report at this time.
- Status of Levee Repairs in Alton: This is still under review.

The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for **August 27, 2015** to be hosted by Horner & Shifrin, Inc.

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

The FMDC / ACECMO / AIA Liaison Committee met on March 26, 2015. Items of discussion included:

- FMDC continues to lose staff. Some positions will not be refilled. Budgets for hiring are limited and salary limitations make it tough to find new hires.
- FMDC continues to hold the position that design-build delivery methods do not save money, but may save time in the project delivery. This is their position when asked by the legislature.
- FMDC appropriations are expected to increase to \$50-75 million annually for the new 2-year cycle. The majority of these funds will be used for replacements of elevators constructed during the 80's which are no longer serviceable.
- The State will continue to close and/or consolidate on the institutional side on services deemed no longer valid.
- The Diversity Study was completed and issued early this year and applies only to OA/FMDC.

The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for **October 27, 2015** at ACEC/MO's office in Jefferson City.

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## Kansas City, Missouri

The KCMO / ACECMO Liaison Committee did not meet last quarter. The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for **August 19, 2015**, to be hosted by HDR.

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## Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District

The MSD / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on May 20, 2015 at HR Green's office. The meeting was attended by 10 individuals including two Key MSD staff members: Brad Nevois, Assistant Director of Engineering for Design, and John Grimm, Manager, MSD Plan Review; and ACEC/MO Committee members: Todd Brady, Alan Callier, John Choinka, Dan DeArmond, Chris Linneman, Marjorie Melton, Tom Ratzki, and Dan Wilson. The meeting agenda consisted of recurring and a presentation on MSD's new Permitting Program, briefly summarized below.

- Upcoming Change in ACEC/MO's Committee Membership: This was the last meeting for three ACEC/MO members of the committee: Todd Brady, Alan Callier, and Dan Wilson. New members will be appointed prior to the next meeting, including designation of the new Committee Chair.
- Watershed Program/Consent Decree: The program continues to go well. All teams are built-out, and Deer Creek projects are being transitioned to the adjacent Lemay Watershed program. The Long-term Control Plan and Consent Decree continue to be on schedule. Construction bid prices are beginning to trend up, and there are fewer bidders - MSD is working on ways to mitigate the trends.
- MSD's New Permitting Program (Electronic Plan Review): John Grimm, Manager of MSD's Plan Review provided an excellent presentation on MSD's implementation progress in establishing Accela based electronic plan review as it moves toward going live in August 2015. ACEC/MO has distributed a copy of Mr. Grimm's presentation to all member firms who work in the Greater St. Louis metropolitan area, the system is primarily for private development work. A joint MSD/ACECMO training session is scheduled to be held at the Engineer's Club of St. Louis, on July 22, 2015.
- MSD/Consultant Training Opportunities: In addition to the above mentioned Electronic Plan Review training session in July 2015, planning continues for a training session in October 2015 to be led by MSD's John Sprague, Director of Operations focusing on the Dash Board management tool used by MSD Operations.
- Diversity: Significant efforts continue by MSD to achieve diversity goals. Notwithstanding, consultant compliance is complicated by different contractual goals that evolved over time.

- General MSD Update:
  - o The Rate Commission's process and progress will ultimately affect both stormwater and wastewater rates necessary to fund the respective programs.
  - o Storm Water: MSD's proposal to the Commission is to achieve equitable tax adjustments to reasonably fund regulatory compliance demands and infrastructure needs (capital improvements program).
  - o Wastewater: Funding requirements are driven by the Consent Decree, so the primary factor will be whether to fund by bonding or pay-as-you-go funding by rate increases. Either approach will require progressive user rate increases, but bond funding will be at a lower and slower rate of increase.
- Frequency of Meetings: Because agenda items seem to be repetitive, MSD leadership questions whether it is necessary for the Liaison Committee to meet every three months, perhaps every four months would serve as well. However, content of agenda items continue to change as programs evolve, and are considered to be of value to the engineering community. ACEC/MO members acknowledged they need to be more active in identifying meaningful agenda items perceived to be of value to both organizations; e.g. consistency in electronic sealing of plans to meet requirements of both organizations. Frequency of Meetings is to be an agenda topic for the next Liaison Committee Meeting.

The next meeting of the committee has been set for **August 19, 2015** at the offices of Black & Veatch.

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## Missouri Department of Natural Resources

The MDNR / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on June 9, 2015 at ACEC/MO's office with 6 staff members from MDNR. The committee discussed a variety of topics, some of which are listed below. House Bill 92 passed recently, which impacted affordability, solid waste regulations, WOTS and other environmental areas. Bills on design/build for wastewater projects were tabled until next legislative year. Offering competitive salaries for hiring and retaining technical staff still a challenging for department.

The new Drinking Water and Clean Water grant funding program has been underway for over 2 years and continues to receive numerous applications. Forty grants have been awarded totaling \$1.4 Million, with another \$1.4 Million currently being processed. The process to obtain funds is taking about 6-9 months.

The 2014 Clean Water Act impacts the SRF program with regards to Affordability criteria and requirements, as new rules will be established in the near future. No update on Governor Nixon's proposed \$50 Million Water Pollution Control bonds for rural water and sewer projects.

New Water Quality criteria for ammonia still being reviewed. Staff is working with and encouraging local communities with future WWTP upgrades to include ammonia removal capabilities. Newly issued permits will only require monitoring for Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN). A nutrient trading program is being evaluated by stakeholder group. Chris Weber is developing language on multi-discharger waiver or variance criteria for lagoon systems, with a draft possible in August.

Potable reuse of wastewater effluent was discussed, as Missouri currently has no specific regulations on this topic, although the WWTP would still need to meet disinfection, TP and TN limits. More monitoring may be required on the safe drinking water area, elicit coordination between MDNR depts., and other reviews may occur (i.e., anti-degradation).

Other discussion areas dealt with PSTIF inconsistencies, design guide updates, recent staff retirements, implementing CMOM emphasis to communities and possible future MDNR workshops.

The next meeting for the committee has been set for **October 7, 2015** 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 25, 2015 at MoDOT's office. We had a detailed discussion of the funding initiatives that we were advocating at the time with the legislature, and the realization that the public thinks we can still wait to provide more funding.

MoDOT reported on the two upcoming design-build jobs in Columbia and St Louis areas.

Online MoDOT training for LPA coming out in next 2 weeks. It is 4 to 6 hours with a quiz at the end.

Cities that got ALTAP Funds are starting to call consultants and vice versa. MoDOT will publish the list. All LPA jobs must include a new ROW process change.

Draft STIP - will focus on the primary system, but keeping secondary carryover projects. It will be approved at July MHTC meeting.

MoDOT CAD training will be done in August for MoDOT, then start with consultants with contracts.

The next meeting for the committee has been set for **September 9, 2015** at ACEC/MO's office in Jefferson City.

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## Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters - HQ)

The MoDOT (HQ) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on March 31, 2015 at ACEC/MO's office. Roberta Broeker and Kathy Harvey provided a detailed overview of the current revenue enhancement proposals being discussed at the State Capitol to include how both the "Farmahan Bill" and Hancock Amendment would affect potential gas tax increases. Roberta reported that reinstatement of the Cost Share Program at MoDOT would likely occur if the gas tax was increased by 4 cents a gallon with the Commission holding the final decision.

ACEC/MO has initiated with MoDOT, MHTC, and other partners to set up strategies to address transportation funding over a longer term. The goal is to establish a broad based coalition to maintain an ongoing dialog about transportation needs with elected officials, Chambers, and other groups.

MoDOT continues to expand workforce diversity goals and implemented with the contracting community reporting requirements for a selection of projects awarded in the spring of 2015. MoDOT is looking to work with ACEC/MO on additional efforts for the STEM Program.

The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for **August 3, 2015** at the ACEC/MO office in Jefferson City.

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## Missouri Department of Transportation (St. Louis - SL)

The MoDOT (SL) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on April 16, 2015. In that meeting, we had a funding, MoDOT leadership and major projects updates and we also discussed the STIP, workforce diversity and CADD.

### Funding Updates

- Greg Horn discussed the recent Mo. State Auditor's report that found that MoDOT had spent \$7 million on items other than highway improvements. The report framed the expenditures as "waste". The vast majority of expenditures included safety grants, severance for former employees that left in MoDOT's right sizing, and flights for commissioners.

- Greg said that MoDOT continues to support these types of expenditures. Greg also discussed the recent EPA judgment against the Department. It was five years in the making and what was originally a \$60 million fine was negotiated down to \$750,000. As part of the judgement, MoDOT is under a 3-year self reporting directive that will affect future construction and design.

#### MoDOT Leadership Updates

- Roberta Broecker will be the acting director after Dave Nichols retires. Roberta has said that she will not be applying for the permanent position and that she will go back to her job as Chief Financial Officer once Dave's permanent replacement is hired.

#### STIP Updates

- Planned work for the immediate future concentrates on pavement preservation and bridge rehabilitation.
- The entire St. Louis District's bridge funding will go toward rehabilitation of the 3rd Street Viaduct downtown. Construction is planned for 2018.
- Greg Horn mentioned that the Local Program will be larger than MoDOT's program in a few years, if there is no improvement to funding.

#### Projects Updates

- Boone Bridge - There was \$65,000 in damage at the site from a recent storm. Deck pours are commencing. The plan is for the bridge to be open this summer.
- I-64 Project - A lane is being added, both WB and EB, from Clarkson Road to I-270 which is underway. Completion is expected to take two years.
- Upcoming North County projects will include I-270/I-70 Interchange maintenance and N. Halls Ferry/Florissant bridge preservation.
- Construction of the Poplar Street Bridge ramps will continue into 2017.
- Construction of the Washington Missouri River Bridge will be starting soon.
- St. Charles County has several cost share projects upcoming.
- The proposal for the I-44/Rte. 141 Design Build project is currently being developed and will be coming out this summer.

#### Workforce Diversity

- Buddy Desai is co-chair of the ACEC Diversity Committee. They are currently setting up a meeting with Eric Schroeter of MoDOT. Items to be discussed include goals, how to document (project bases verses statewide), and how Consultants should report the information. More concrete information will be forthcoming after additional work on the subject has occurred.
- Bill Schnell commented that this is a very important issue. MoDOT regularly receives calls when drivers do not see a diverse workforce on construction projects as they drive through a construction site.

Due to recent personal changes at MoDOT, the next meeting for the committee will be scheduled for sometime in September.

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

The MoDOT (NW&KC) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on June 12, 2015 at MoDOT's office. The committee discussed the following items:

2016-2020 STIP Overview: Neither KC nor NW Districts added or dropped projects, but some projects were delayed a day or two.

Legislative Initiatives: No new initiatives from MoDOT until a new director is found. General funds may be used to assure Federal match in 2017.

Federal Funding Update: Anticipation is that a new reauthorization bill will not pass until there is a new president. Expect status quo until then.

Project Opportunities: Broadway Bridge EIS - RFP expected out soon with MARC as the lead agency.

The next meeting for the committee has been tentatively scheduled for **September 18, 2015** from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the MoDOT KC District office board room.

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## Missouri Department of Transportation (Southeast - SE)

The MoDOT (SE) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on May 29, 2015 at MoDOT's SE District office. After an introduction of MoDOT and ACEC/MO members in attendance, Mark Shelton gave the committee an update on key staff changes in the District.

MoDOT staff shared with the committee important developments such as the district using the Highway Safety Manual to evaluate design exceptions, dewatering of structure excavations, and the effect of the consent decree related to land disturbances on MoDOT projects.

Mark Shelton shared with the committee a brief review of Missouri's 325 System plan and how it would affect the District.

Given the lack of interaction between MoDOT and the consulting community, MoDOT suggested that the committee meet less frequently and proposed that the next meeting take place in early January 2016.

The next meeting for the committee has not been scheduled yet but should meet in early 2016.

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## Missouri Department of Transportation (Southwest - SW)

The MoDOT (SW) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on March 27, 2015 at TMC. The committee discussed the following items:

All future funding proposals seem to have lost any traction and the agency is currently moving towards the implementation of the 325 plan that was approved by the Commission in the spring of this year.

The district will continue to assess the up-front 5%-10% maintenance fee for private projects that make improvements within MoDOT's right-of-way.

LPA training is now available on-line: [http://www.modot.org/business/lpa/cert\\_train.htm](http://www.modot.org/business/lpa/cert_train.htm).

No new projects are anticipated in the SW District that involve increasing capacity to the existing system due to lack of funding. A majority of the engineering work will be accommodated with in-house resources at MoDOT, with little opportunities for assistance from the private industry.

The next meeting for the committee has been set for **August 14, 2015** at the MoDOT district office.

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## St. Louis County

The St. Louis County Department of Highways and Traffic & Public Works / ACECMO Liaison Committee did not meet last quarter. The next meeting for the committee has not been scheduled yet.

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