

# LIAISON BULLETIN

Quarterly update on activity of ACEC/MO Liaison Committees.

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#### Board of Public Service - St. Louis

The Board of Public Service - St. Louis Liaison Committee met on September 8, 2014. The committee discussed the below items.

Amendment 7 Failure/Impact: The City had a number of projects on the list that would have been funded if Amendment 7 passed. The City continues to be in a situation where they are looking for owners/developers, etc. that can provide the 20% match and then the City can go out and try to find the rest of the funds. Rich indicated the highest priority items for BPS are the replacement of 12 bridges but not sure when that will happen.

Parks Bond Package: A \$25 mil Parks Bond Package is available with \$2 Million of that for design. Civil Design and Horner & Shifrin were selected for civil engineering open ends and EXP and AAIC were selected for architectural open ends. It is also possible BPS could select a third civil or architectural open end recipient if needed.

General Obligations Bonds: The City is considering a \$150-200 million general obligation bond that would include funding for Fire Department/Police Department rolling stock and for street enhancements, facility renovations, bridge projects. It has not received approval by the Board of Alderman and definitely will not be on the ballot in November (2014).

City Diversity Study: A delegation of ACEC members met with Otis Williams at SLDC and provided him the ACEC paper on diversity programs. We also provided a copy of the paper to Rich and emphasized our concerns about keeping engineering and construction separate in the discussion and the hazards of "boots on the ground" metrics related to a specific project.

The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for March 2, 2015 to be hosted by BPS.

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# Corps of Engineers - Kansas City

The Corps of Engineers - Kansas City / ACECMO / ACECKS Liaison Committee met on July 29, 2014. The Committee discussed the below items.

Highlights of KC District's USACE mission and program include:

- Military Construction program for SRM (Sustainability / Readiness / Maintenance) projects has grown significantly through the year, much more than had originally been anticipated. The District continues to support the KC-46A Beddown at McConnell AFB.
- Civil Works Program, without an approved budget, is under continuing resolution that allows the District to continue under funding that was established from past years.

USACE'S A/E and Contractor performance evaluation systems ACASS and CCASS have merged/transitioned to CPARS. Highlights include:

- Ratings are on the basis of Quality, Schedule, Cost Control, Management, Small Business, and Regulatory Compliance
- There will no longer be an overall rating for the project. Ratings will be in the 6 areas as noted above.
- Contracts that are greater than 1 year now include an interim annual evaluation

Updating SF 330's for on-going IDIQ contracts will be required annually for "MATOC Pools" (competitive qualification IDIQ's ("fair competition IDIQ's)). The District is reviewing methodology for updates - ACEC members provided input including focusing on changes only and consideration of developing a form or format that would address desired updates for consistency, such as changes in team members, additional project experience.

The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for **November 6**, **2014**, to be hosted by HDR in Kansas City. (The report for this meeting will be in the next quarterly bulletin.)

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## Corps of Engineers - St. Louis

The Corps of Engineers - St. Louis / ACECMO / ACECIL Liaison Committee met on September 17, 2014 at CDG's office with five representatives from the STL District in attendance, and twelve representatives from ACEC/MO and Illinois. Discussions at the meeting covered may topics, with updates being provided by STL District on status of WRRDA implementation and P3 opportunities (mostly related to possible lock replacement projects), levee screening and dam safety initiatives (handled in-house), and updates on management changes. There were also discussions about possible pump station rehabilitation, and types of movable floodwalls in use.

There was a lengthy discussion about unionization of professional services in Illinois, which has been under review because of the possible use of Project Labor Agreements. It was communicated that ACEC MO, IL and national are all involved with evaluating possible actions that could be taken.

The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for January 21, 2015 to be hosted by URS Corporation.

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

The FMDC / ACECMO / AIA Liaison Committee met on August 19, 2014 at ACEC/MO's office. Items of discussion included:

- Expected Funding for projects from FMDC clients: FMDC will get appropriations, but will not know about possible general revenue transfers until after the veto session. MSHP Troop F maintenance garage will be a design/build project worth \$3.5 million. There will not be a stipend and will try not to require design submittals. Repair of facilities continues to be poorly funded. There will be several projects using state parks sales tax. FMDC staff will draft a new two year budget for 2015 legislative session.
- Update on Fulton Mental Health Center Project: The Fulton Mental Hospital project is moving forward through the design phase and is funded at \$13 million. Still need \$170 million for construction. That will most likely be done through a state bond issuance. Selection was done using QBS and 3 firms where shortlisted.
- Update on Capital Building Improvements: All state capitol repair projects are on hold except for elevator repairs. Also repairing and replacing old 1980s building controls which are failing.
- Misc: FMDC staff is reviewing new legislation regarding prompt pay including A/E services. The definition of incidental practice has also been amended. The A/E Database will now include landscape architects as a recognized discipline. Database has been purged from 3,000 to now only 600 that have provided updates.

The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for December 16, 2014 at ACEC/MO's office in Jefferson City.

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## Kansas City, Missouri

The KCMO / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on August 21, 2014 at Tetra Tech. They discussed the following items.

Organizational/Personnel Changes within KCMO Water Services & PW Departments: Tom Kines, New Sr. Engineer - experienced with CIP, Storm Water, 404 and MS4 permits. Joel Sendra is Division Manager of WW O&M. Working on hiring other project managers for WSD. Recruiting Deputy Director of PW for Operations. No longer with the City or retired: Greg Rokos left PW for Elgin, Illinois. Brenda Knight retired from WW GIS, Abe Shirazi left.

#### Current Legislative Issues:

- State-wide transportation 0.75 cent sales tax issue failed in August, 2014. The Missouri Transportation Commission is no longer taking any more STP and TE Cost Share project proposals from Cities/Counties. Projects are not being placed on the 5-year CIP due to lack of funding and an unsecure federal funding scenario. The effect of this will show up as early as FY 17. MoDOT has stated that federal matching funds can't be utilized without the sales tax revenue, however local funds can be used.
- Ramifications of the Phase II Transportation Development District (Street Car) formation election failing? Phase II on hold after election results. Boundaries may change before the election is put again before voters. In Cincinnati, where a light rail system is under development based on a 2009 vote, some pushback has occurred with the changing of City officials. Clay Chastain's initiative is on the ballot in November per court order.
- Phase I TDD Street Car Phase I is to be complete by 2016. MGE is replacing a 20" gas main in the area. Water main replacement, sewer repairs, and MH relining continue. Construction of the maintenance facility is underway. An estimated \$900M in economic development planning is going on in the TDD Phase I area.

#### Individual Department Updates:

- Aviation: January, 2014 the Airport Advisory Council recommended a single terminal for the future. Terminal "A" is closed to public, but available for charters. A \$3M study will compare renovation to replacement. Pavement renovation has been going on for 5-6 years with a consultant team. ATS Maintenance facility will add 100 new jobs at the former overhaul base. RFQ/P for decommissioning the VOR at the downtown airport.
- Parks and Recreation: Current study underway to assess sediment in a channel. RFQ/P for a structural analysis of the Swope Park Pool, piping, bathhouse and pool structures. City of Fountains Foundations has many local firms joining to support the initiative to rehab and maintain the City's fountains.
- Public Works: PIAC season is underway with the last public meeting to occur in late August. Oct-Nov. is the
  evaluation and decision period. January is when the project awards are announced. STP Road planning
  decision making is underway. Several joint projects with Platte County are under consideration. Design-Build
   City will go with D-B delivery on street projects such as on the 20<sup>th</sup> Street project and Vivion Road
  project. Trails Inspection RFQ/P out.
- Water Services: Programmatic selection was done on the FY 15 Water Mains. No more than one was awarded per firm. Corps of Engineers (COE) projects require local match. These include Blue River, Turkey Creek and Brush Creek. OCP 12 projects have been awarded. Will be 6 more in the next phase including some SLBE. Storm Water Funds limited. Indefinite Delivery (ID) contracts to support in-house design. Have an SLBE firm and a regional firm under contract. Sustainable Storm Water Improvements and Parking Lot Reconstruction at WSD 4800 E. 63<sup>rd</sup> St. location. Will have 10- year storm storage in rock box below the multiple types of pervious pavements. Evaluation of Green Infrastructure (100ac. Middle Blue Pilot Program) In service for 3 years. Four bays will require modification to work up to expectations.

The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for January 27, 2015, to be hosted by Larkin Lamp Rynearson.

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### Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District

The MSD / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on August 28, 2014 at MSD. The meeting was attended by 11 individuals including Key MSD staff. The meeting agenda consisted of several primary topics, briefly summarized below.

- Recap of The Five Cities-Plus Conference:) MSD hosted the annual Five Cities-Plus Conference at the Hyatt Regency in St. Louis (August 18 20). Nearly 300 attendees from many locations participated in the event. By all measures, the Conference was deemed a great success, which began with a motivational speaker followed by 36 breakout sessions, and wrapped up with interesting executive directors' presentations complimenting the theme and purpose of the conference. In addition, the venue and events enhanced excellent networking among the public agencies. Appreciation was expressed to all of the sponsors their support was instrumental in making the conference a success.
- <u>Update on Watershed Program/Consent Decree</u>: A consultant has been selected for the final Watershed design contract, which will be introduced at the September 2014 Board meeting. Many projects are going on concurrently across the District and will continue increasing until reaching a peak in about two years. The Master Plan now allows a fairly firm picture of the future, so Watershed Teams and team members will have a good understanding of the size (dollars) of each Watershed Team's program. The relationship between MSD and EPA is working well, and an on-going effort is underway with municipalities to ensure correlation and cooperation with planned work in their areas.
- Regional Permitting Collaborative: MSD and St. Louis County are products of the Collaborative in regard to sharing common software (Acela) with the County to enhance the permitting process. Data sharing is an objective of the partnership, and the District expects to go live with its new system in March 2015 using Acela, which will include plan review becoming electronic at that time submittals may be in hard copy or electronic, the District will convert hardcopy to electronic for review purposes. The District will also have the capability for applicants to pay on-line. In addition, notifications will be available via the system so an applicant will know the expected delivery date for response.
- <u>MSD/Consultant Training Opportunities</u>: A primary purpose of organizing training opportunities is to facilitate communications between the District and the St. Louis Engineering Community. ACEC/MO will continue to assess the desire of its members for topics of interest related to the District's initiatives, activities, processes, and procedures. Currently planned training opportunities are: (1) October 1, 2014 MSD Project Clear Update Presentation to Engineering Community at the Engineers' Club; and (2) During the first week of February, 2015 Electronic Plan Review for Permitting using Acela an important presentation affecting the Engineering Community.
- <u>Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) Update</u>: The District's diversity staff has grown from one to six individuals, and is seeking outside support for monitoring actual diversity. A good faith effort plan is needed if a firm does not meet diversity goals. The District recently implemented the CBA recommendation called First Source Hiring. "The First Source Hiring Program provides early access to target applicants for the MSD projects, sewer jobs, and for employers to receive prompt, cost-free eligibility lists of qualified and available trained applicants. The First Source program is centered around, Training, Employment, and Compliance." MSD suggested that the ACEC/MO Diversity Committee may want to have its Diversity Manager attend a meeting.
- General MSD Update:
  - Storm Water: MSD will have another round of storm water projects in FY-16, limited by a low level of tax supported revenue for a portion of the District. The District desires to have an O&M rate that supports storm water District-wide.
  - o <u>Rate Commission</u>: The Rate Commission's next two-year cycle begins July 2015, and during February 2015, the District will present its storm water proposal to the Commission.

The next meeting of the committee has been set for November 19, 2014 at Kuhlmann design Group's Office.

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## Missouri Department of Natural Resources

The MDNR / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on October 8, 2014 at ACEC/MO's office. The committee discussed the following items:

Eleven of MDNR's satellite offices have been closed. Mostly one person offices NOT associated with state parks. No significant impact expected.

MDNR is part of design-build project for \$30 million wastewater treatment plant in Liberty, MO. Working with DBIA on the procurement. Shortlisted 3 teams and selected one. Will be a performance-based contract. Liberty asked for a 'variance' from the traditional requirement of 'design-bid-build.'

PSTIF rule-making: Hazardous Waste Program (HWP) Tanks Section held discussions with PSTIF on 8 issues that were resolved to the HWP's satisfaction. Any remaining issues that consultants may have do not directly impact the HWP. There are also new federal rules on USTs.

Possible tax reform legislation for next session to review tax credits for oil and gas explorations in Western Missouri. Perhaps Missouri needs a severance fee - tax on resources produced. Also MDNR salaries are 50th in salary/benefits. They need support for higher salaries in the legislative process for the various professions used.

#### Water Protection Issues

- Extension of time needed for clients to meet ammonia limits.
- Nutrient removal: make sure this is taken into account when designing treatment processes. Design 7 to 10 years down the road, as limits should be expected to change.
- MDNR willing to negotiate before a permit is issued, but not afterwards.
- No tightening of nitrogen limits.
- Next Clean Water Commission meeting January 2015.

#### MDNR's Strategic Vision Update

- 14 basins, community assistance, compliance assistance.
- MDNR Governor's Conference in Springfield, November 12-13. Urged consultants to attend.
- Our Missouri Waters is 2 years old.

#### Water Resources Reform and Development ACT (WRRDA)

- FY 2105 Intended Use Plan (I.U.P.) rural sewer grants for less than 10k population and engineering assistance grants with max. of \$50k.; \$1.7 million being awarded.
- QBS procurement mandated applicants must submit proof of procurement process.
- Loans now allowed for 30-40 years.
- Communities have to develop a community sustainability plan.
- Grants can only go to municipalities not non-profits.
- Specific requirements for grants; buy American materials.
- WIFIA no money.

The next meeting for the committee has been set for February 11, 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 September 24, 2014 at ACEC/MO's office. The committee discussed the following items:

Status of Schedule for the Design-Build Job in Columbia: Discussed upcoming design/build project in Columbia on I-70. Will set a budget and will select best scope. Around \$18 million total budget and \$14 million construction budget. Scheduled for completion in October 2016 and awarded to selected team in June 2015. MoDOT will handle public involvement.

Current Cycle of TAP and TEAP Projects: TAP program = \$13 million for rural areas with \$240K to \$500K per project - bike paths, trails, etc with 80/20 match. TEAP = \$90K for traffic analysis at local level. Applications due November 2014 and awards in June 2015. These federal funds are committed and awarded through RPC's. Local Governments will use on-call lists for consultants.

What's Happening in the Districts: NE District staffing holding steady with no staff retirements in near future. Working on ADA projects in house; some traffic studies being done by consultants. Have had to close some bridges due to poor condition. Central District hiring 3 new graduate engineers, with 3-5 retirements imminent.

Status of Upcoming Joint Meeting: MoDOT and ACEC in cooperation with University Extension will be hosting a bridge conference in April 2015. MoDOT Bridge Division pacing bridge design projects and keeping them in house.

What is MoDOT Seeing in Construction Prices: MoDOT Districts are experiencing higher bid prices and fewer bidders. Some contractors quit or merged with others. Cost of materials is going up.

Status of MoDOT's Plan for Implementing the New Design Software: Bentley Systems is trying to work out the "bugs" in the roll out of new design software. MoDOT will roll out district by district and will take all of 2015 to do it.

Other Items: Firms will be allowed to apply for LPA on-call contracts starting October 1.

The next meeting for the committee has been set for March 25, 2015 at MoDOT's office in Jefferson City.

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## Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters - HQ)

The MoDOT (HQ) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on July 31, 2014 at ACEC/MO's office. Funding discussions and the roll out plan for Amendment 7, assuming passage, were covered. While Amendment 7 went down to defeat since the meeting at the state level, approval was given by Congress to extend the current federal authorization.

MoDOT is preparing an update to the EPG addressing SWPPP changes. The update should be available by the end of August. Specific issues that MoDOT is addressing include shouldering projects and the preference of DNR for bridge projects to have a 25 foot buffer during construction. MoDOT is hopeful that the current statewide permit can be extended instead of requesting individual permits which is the current requirement in 40 of the 50 states.

Bentley Systems has been selected by MoDOT to provide updated CADD software. Bentley Systems is in Jefferson City working with department staff on software implementation and roll-out issues. MoDOT will begin in early winter rolling out the software to each district. Each district will require three weeks for implementation with completion anticipated in early spring 2015.

MoDOT is continuing to refine the Mentor/Protégé Program and completed a round of listening posts with consultants and contractors on how to improve. The most recent addition has been an appeal process with will be facilitated by the MRCC. Also, documentation of previous completed informal mentor/protégé relationships will be allowed when filing for program enrollment.

The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for **December 5**, **2014** 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 September 22, 2014 at the MoDOT District Headquarters in Chesterfield. In that meeting, we discussed that the stability of MoDOT Leadership and Staff, current and upcoming projects, diversity, CADD, and an upcoming round table discussion with MoDOT Project managers.

#### Projects notes:

- The new Boone Bridge will open spring/summer 2015 and the completion of 1980's bridge rehab will be complete by December 2015.
- Page/364 will open Oct 4<sup>th</sup>
- I-64 lane addition from Clarkson to 270 is expected to be completed in early 2016.
- I-44/Route 141 is a funded project.

The next round of programming is scheduled between September and December. Seventeen Million is available for both bridge and paving projects.

MoDOT was originally planning to issue an RFP for MOU consultants who did not submit the first time, but has decided against it. However, there is still a plan to issue an RFP for MOU work for Local Programs (LPA) projects on October 1.

MoDOT's statewide diversity goal has gone up. MOU's now have a statewide average goal of 13% DBE.

MoDOT will soon be unable to match the federal dollars. They are investigating ways to match the best they can. Contracts for consultants will be smaller so they can better match the federal dollars.

MoDOT is moving to the newest version of GEOPAK - SS3. The STL District will be one of the last districts to be trained. They will offer free training to consultants, but consultants will need to purchase their own licenses.

MoDOT would like to have a round table discussion between ACEC members and MoDOT Project Managers. We will be having it on the morning January 22, 2015. This will take the place of our first quarter meeting.

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

The MoDOT (NW&KC) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on August 22, 2014 at MoDOT's office. A lot of the discussion centered on how MoDOT was going to proceed with their program since the sales tax did not pass. At that time the only thing MoDOT had to report was that they were going to deliver the STIP as established. In the next few months MoDOT should get answers on how they will proceed with consultant work and with the suspended cost share program. The KC District said they would like to proceed with the Broadway Bridge replacement study but they are waiting on decisions from the Commission. Projects like the I-70/I-435 interchange and the I-435 study that are underway are at risk since there is not construction money available for them.

The current STIP reflects a 19% reduction in Federal funds. In October MoDOT will start developing the program for next year. MoDOT is also starting to see a trend in higher bids and fewer bidders on some big projects. If this trend continues MoDOT will be able to do fewer projects.

The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for December 19, 2014 at the MoDOT KC District office.

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## Missouri Department of Transportation (Southeast - SE)

The MoDOT (SE) / ACECMO Liaison Committee did not meet this quarter. The next meeting for the committee has been scheduled for **November 21**, **2014** at the MoDOT District office.

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## Missouri Department of Transportation (Southwest - SW)

The MoDOT (SW) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on September 12, 2014 at Palmerton & Parrish's office. The committee discussed the below items.

MoDOT continues to explore different funding alternatives in response to the Amendment 7 outcome. Many of the different alternatives are slated to be introduced for discussion during the next legislative session:

- Increasing both the current 17-cent gas and diesel fuel tax by 1-cent per month, not to exceed a total tax that reaches the new revenues Amendment 7 would have generated approximately \$480 million annually. The proposal would sunset in 10 years and require a vote by the people.
- Take \$150 million from general revenues a year and bond the rebuilding of I-70.
  - o Replace the per gallon tax on motor fuels and replace it with a percentage-based tax for diesel fuel tied to inflation, and an increase in the general sales tax.
  - o Index all current fees/charges/revenue sources for transportation.
  - o Impose a three-pronged approach: 1) Increase gas and diesel tax 2-cents; 2) establish a 2/10 cent sales tax on gas at the pump; and 3) establish a 2/10 general sales tax.

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. MoDOT is actively hiring in the SW District to fill vacant positions.

The next meeting for the committee has been set for March 27, 2015 at TMC's office.

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## St. Louis County

The St. Louis County Department of Highways and Traffic & Public Works / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on August 21, 2014 at the St. Louis County's office. The meeting consisted of the topics summarized below.

- 1. Selection criteria and process
  - The County uses a QBS process that generally follows state requirements but the SOQ/LOI counts for 15% of the
    total score. If under \$25K, can use a "short" process which was a recommendation from the ACEC committee
    previously.
- 2. Design-Build and potential future projects
  - Since the County is a blended department, much of the work is done in-house, especially the Facility-side. The D-B process is difficult because it must be approved by Council and this is generally outside their comfort zone (not a Firm Fixed Price contract). It has only been used on very large projects so far (3 to date) because of the amount of staff time it takes to work through the process. There are no D-B projects planned at this time.
  - For future projects, the capital budget and next 5 years of projects is available online. It should be noted not all of these projects go to consultants. The 2014 budget should be out in November and posted online.
  - Infrastructure will remain in-house unless it can be packaged. The County would like to package more of the smaller mill and overlay projects together, but EWGCC doesn't work that way. Since some of the projects have different construction years, MoDOT will not allow different construction year projects in same bid package. Additionally, the County's Council doesn't like how MoDOT handles combined bids (Council wants to take the low on each project opposed to the low for overall).
- 3. STLCO DBE discussion targets for firms and personnel

- MoDOT requirements are followed for MWBE percentages.
- Roadway jobs are excluded from legislation.
- Does not apply to Professional Services, only Construction.
- 4. Upcoming projects (buildings, bridges, roads, etc)
  - The "Blue Ribbon Commission" projects are complete.
  - Vertical projects often go to consultants.
  - Two upcoming bridge projects Creve Coeur Mill Road and Lackland Road.

#### 5. Permitting collaborative with MSD

- Ascella put together a master permit system for STLCO applies to codes and residential.
- MSD's new permitting system went online within the last year, also by Ascella.
- The intent is to collaborate between the two when both are online.

#### 6. Staff hierarchy/divisions and roles/responsibilities

- There are 3 primary groups: Facilities Management, Design, and Operations.
- Adoption of the model codes will be in 2015 (2012 was skipped) and updates will be posted to the website.
- Highways includes the fleet division comprising 3,600 pieces of equipment and includes mechanics, fuel, and maintenance.
- Highways and Facilities requires coordination between the two groups. The annual budget is \$30-\$35M and \$40-\$45M with roll-ups.
- Design has 3 main groups: Structural Design, Roadway Design, and Public Works Design and Construction.

#### 7. Other

- The County recently approved a Complete Streets Ordinance and is working through internal implementation. This will also affect zoning.
  - There are 3 primary focus areas: ADA Compliance, Connecting greenways (collaborating with GRG), and Improving transit (collaborating with Metro) on the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). A 4<sup>th</sup> area is Great Streets and is a more global focus.
  - This may affect current standards and the County is reviewing and will update to accommodate the new requirements.
  - o There are 751 employees with an annual operating budget of \$115M.

The next meeting for the committee has not been set but will likely be held in February 2015.

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