MoDOT/Industry COVID-19 Weekly Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2020

Attendees: ACEC, ACPA, AGC, KC Heavy Constructors, MAPA, MLPA, SITE, MoDOT

Action Items from April 8, 2020 Meeting:

1. There was a discussion regarding a MoDOT and Industry joint letter emphasizing the importance of social distancing. A joint letter was not created, however, MoDOT sent a letter to all contractors emphasizing social distancing and requesting that they revisit their project safety plans and include information on how they will practice social distancing and follow CDC best practices to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

2. The Director requested the associations to encourage members to support the AASHTO funding proposal. MoDOT appreciates the associations quick response on this issue. The April 6, 2020 letter from AASHTO has been provided in the April 8 minutes.

Comments regarding the Job Special Provision regarding COVID-19 inclusion in the project safety plans: A Job Special Provision requiring the contractor to include their COVID-19 action plan in the contractor’s safety plan will be in effect starting with the April letting. The contracting industry has expressed concern that they cannot anticipate the cost of unknown or future CDC guidelines. Examples of increased cost include additional travel cost with the requirements of single passengers in vehicles and equipment. MoDOT specifications allow for time extensions, but not additional payment for impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The associations will share ideas or possible changes to address industry concerns. We have attached the MoDOT response provided to the AGC.

MoDOT Lettings: The May letting was reduced by 30% in value. The following projects will be moved to a future letting: Route 180, St. Louis; Route 60, Springfield; ADA Design Build Central. The June letting currently includes 18 projects for approximately $30M. No projects are currently planned for the July letting. MoDOT is currently monitoring cash flow and limiting internal expenditures.

Budget Consideration: Currently we are seeing a 35% reduction in traffic volumes and anticipate a reduction in revenue. DOT’s nationwide are reporting a 40% - 45% reduction in revenue. We have attached the Director’s letter sent to our Congressional leadership.

OSHA: OSHA has suspended the annual fit testing requirement for N95 masks. Also, OSHA is continuing to evaluate complaints received and may issue fines for violations. OSHA has regulatory authority over MoDOT project sites.

Certifications: MoDOT received information from the NRC that individuals with existing certifications could continue to operate nuclear testing devices if their licenses are expired or
about to expire. Workers with no prior training are not allowed to work in this capacity until proper training is attained.

**PPE Availability:** Industry reported the continued problems with procuring some PPE. OSHA has confirmed the allowance to use cloth material for masks due to unavailable N95 masks. AGC has been working with a manufacturer of cloth masks. The contact information will be provided to MoDOT by AGC.

**MoDOT Communications to Employees Regarding COVID-19 Exposure:** We have attached the flow chart which provides protocol for MoDOT internal COVID-19 exposure.

The next meeting will be on April 22, 2020 at 10:30.