

MaineDOT/ACEC-Maine Joint Transportation Committee August 15, 2011

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1. **Introductions:** Everyone introduced themselves, around the table.
2. **Agenda Review:** The agenda was reviewed.
3. **a. Program Updates - Bridge**
 - Personnel changes: not many; North team remains undisturbed. South Team needs additional staff (Nate Benoit is only lead staff member).
 - Not a lot new going forward:
 - 2012 – construction value of \$50M
 - 2013 – construction value \$20M (only half is funded per work plan currently)
 - Has \$150M in need, but don't expect that in next work plan.
 - Existing outlook for funding shows drop-off as it moves forward.
 - Next subcommittee meeting in September – NHI Training last week went well.
 - Still looking at other training opportunities.
 - May parcel out smaller portions of projects to consultants vs sending whole projects
 - BDG update underway
- b. Program Updates – Highway (Brad)**
 - Personnel changes:
 - Bob Hough – PM2 Southern Reg – retired
 - Dennis Lively – PM2 Eastern (4) – shifted to Reg 1
 - Ernie remains as PM2 in Augusta
 - PM1 Scott Rollins took position to assist Ernie's team
 - Guy Whittington – Reg 2, moved to contact section w/Scott Bickford
 - Posted positions – hope to fill soon
 - Mike Barden – designer has shifted to Utility Coordinator
 - Work Plan:
 - Getting underway with projects; have had a number of kick-off meetings.
 - Implementing process, including pre-proposal meeting to verify/agree on scope

- Process Changes:
 - Implemented changes to Coachpoint; review process – moving to earlier in project development to streamline projects.
 - “Practical Design” – applying CSS to all they are doing – designing projects per purpose and need; making incremental improvements vs. major improvements just to meet standards. Working on presentation to go over process (set up with subcommittee for ACEC info). Kathy Harvey, Missouri, will be speaking at Transportation Conference on practical design.
 - Design Exception Process – through Eng. Council at DOT – work-thru on-line process, some may require presentations, but many can be streamlined thru on-line process. If many projects have same DEs, perhaps should look at changing the standards.

c. Program Updates – Utility

- Subcommittee: Last met May 20, 2011. Focus is coordinating on utilities:
 - Submit plans earlier
 - Utility Coordinator should attend initial field walk
 - Utility workshop near PDF stage
- Upcoming: Meet in September.
 - Environmental MS4 and Chapter 500 requirements: Steve Tibbetts from Env. Office to meet w/consultants
 - Larger training session for practical design or distribute PPT w/narrative

d. Program Updates – Multimodal

- No personnel changes.
- Projects – similar to last time.
 - ~ 40 LAP projects, most are exclusively funded for PE only, other than MPO (Bangor and Lewiston).
 - Internally-managed projects: 2 next year and 1 the following year.
 - Future funding may come in for freight or rail or marine
- Portland MPO’s – has decided not to currently pursue all projects on LAPs.

e. Program Updates – Design-Build

- No monumental changes; have not met w/subcommittee.
 - Turner-Green on radar as D.B., resolved issues.
 - Richmond-Dresdon – some form of innovative contracting.
- What is ACEC’s official position?
 - On CMGC or CMAR? – Chris Baker to forward to JoAnn. JoAnn to discuss w/ACEC Board re: status of legislative action contract.
- Some highway design projects might be targeted for D.B.

f. Program Updates – Planning

- Wiscasset Bypass

g. Program Updates – CADD:

- Have successfully got contract to update to MS V8i.
- Kicking off project w/Bentley on 8/28/2011.
 - ~ 4 month process, including conversion, testing and documentation
 - After that, will train in-house staff

- Want to take advantage of new functions to limit customization/cost to maintain as they move forward
- Consultant training – will coordinate w/subcommittee
- Bureau has steering committee w/CADD subcommittee to disperse it through programs
- Will meet again this quarter.

h. Program Updates – Traffic

- Jim Mansir is retiring. Steve Landry will be covering projects in the interim.

4. Program Development (Bill)

- a. Significant focus on schedule:
 - Delivery for PS&E, adv., etc.
 - Goal: 80% delivering to advertise within 30 days of date
 - 2010 – 77% Program-wide (advertise)
 - 2011 – 88% advertise, 87% PS&E YTD
 - Only have 26 out of 164 left to deliver this year.
 - Department is happy with this, and appreciate efforts from all to meet these goals.
- b. Project close-outs/getting contractors paid:
 - Emphasis on meeting Spec deadlines for payments
- c. Spec. book update by end of year:
 - Mostly incorporating repair Spec into Std Spec.
 - Some SPs that are standard will also be incorporated

5. Every Day Counts Update

- a. Cheryl Martin, FHWA, leading Maine efforts.
- b. Process changes as well as technical changes:
 - DVB, CMAR
 - Safety edge, warm asphalt, geo-synthetic reinforced structures
- c. Continue working w/FHWA to implement
- d. Made recommendations for regulatory changes (no response yet).
 - Class III ROW certs (adv. prior to full acquisitions, but have all ROW by award or construction)
- e. Can get status report.

6. Agenda for Next Meeting

7. Next Meeting:

December 12, 2011, 2:00pm