



MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
and
AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
Quarterly Meeting
March 26, 2018 – 1:30 to 3:00

Meeting Minutes

- Introductions
- Review Agenda
- New ACEC Meeting Approach – Duval/Crawford

As a means to re-invigorate the group, moving forward the MaineDOT/ACEC Transportation Taskforce will hold two Policy Transfer Meetings (similar to the current Transportation Taskforce Meetings). The MaineDOT Updates will be scaled back to four primary groups with any sub areas being reported by the larger group.

There will also be two Technology Transfer Meetings annually. The format of the Technology Transfer Meetings will be similar to the training sessions put on by the Highway Program and Highway Subcommittee.

- MaineDOT Updates (Including personnel changes).
 - Bridge – Wayne Frankhauser Not Present
 - Highway – Brad Foley
 - LaRay Hamilton is the new Sr. Project Manager in Region 1.
 - The Highway Program has advertised approximately 2/3 of the projects with preservation projects accounting for the bulk of the work.
 - PE Projects – STIP approval is slated for 4/1/2018. There are very few new PE projects in the STIP.
 - Inspectors are needed in Regions 1, 2, 3 & 5.
 - Multi-Modal – Jeff Tweedie
 - Tom Furough and Brian Nichols have joined the program.
 - Catherine Small is retiring the end of April.
 - The Multimodal Program has advertised approximately half of their projects with 50% being advertised on schedule.
 - Planning – Scott Rollins
 - Hugh Cox left the Bureau and they anticipate replacing him.
 - STIP should be approved on 4/1/2018.
 - The Bureau is currently working on the Long Range Plan.
 - Contract Procurement Office – Debbi Farrell
 - The Department-wide RFQ for Construction Support Services:
 - Prequal is now done
 - Interviews are underway therefore GCA's have not be determined yet.
 - The Department-wide RFQ for Design Services will be advertised in September of 2018 (NOTE: Subsequent to this meeting the Department has postponed the advertising of this RFQ to the fall of 2019. They are extending the current prequalification and GCA contracts for the Design Services)

- Report from Sub-committee Co-Chairs
 - Highway – Tony Grande
 - Provided an overview of sub-committee development of Design Process, and developing Design Modules for the training. The program will be broadcasted to the Regional Offices. The training will be PDH eligible. Attendees should be Project Managers and Designers.
 - Anticipate presenting modules in June, July and August.
 - Bridge – Mike St. Pierre
 - At the last meeting the group discussed their 2018 goals.
 - Developing drilled shaft training, Day 1 – Design, Day 2 – Constructability. This is geared towards marine conditions.
 - Investigating the possibility to bring Contractors in to do a presentation this fall related to the better constructability of design related items.
 - Looking at how to streamline the design process.
 - Multimodal & LPA – Jeff Tweedie
 - The Multimodal and LPA sub-committees will be combined into one group. Jeff will reach out to the current members to set committee goals in May.
 - Verify the level of completion for the Marine Guidelines and whether or not they need one more push/review and edit to complete.
 - CAD- Need to follow up with MaineDOT Brian Kittredge and Rich Crawford as to whether or not this will be a stand-alone sub-committee.
- Buy America – Kevin Hanlon, MaineDOT; Brian Lawrence, FHWA
 - See Attached Handout
 - Kevin Hanlon is with MaineDOT's Contracts Section. He works with Inspectors and Residents on Buy American Contract Provisions.
 - Buy America Certifications must be in place for materials prior to installation and before Final Payment to the contractor.
 - Coatings/Paint does not have to meet Buy America but the Application of the Coatings/Paint must have certification.
 - If a Utility is part of a Federal Aid Project the Utility must now be Buy America. The Utility can do the work on their own outside of the US DOT Federal Aid Project.
 - Buy America Waiver – There is a waiver process but only 3 or 4 in the last year were approved in the whole United States.
- 2017 Calendar Year Delivery Performance Summary – Rich Crawford
 - To date 93% of projects advertised (87 of 94) and PSE (112 of 123)
 - Projection: 96% advertised on time and 93% met the PSE goals.
 - LPA's: 50% of projects advertised on time (2 of 4)
 - Projection: 88% advertised and 75% PSE
 - The vast majority of reasons – November Elections and they have underestimated the breadth of the work involved in delivering the projects.
- Budget Measures – Rich Crawford
 - Estimate Goal: 50% of projects are coming in within 10% of the Engineer's Estimate. 34% are greater than 10% of the estimate and 6% are less than the estimate.
- Every Day Counts – State Transportation Innovation Council – Cheryl Martin
 - Eva Burke is the new FHWA Environmental Coordinator.
 - We are in the 2nd year of EDC 4.

- STIC Incentive Funding - \$100,000 is available. \$40,000 of this will be used to evaluate Post 1945 Steel Structures.
- EDC5 Kicks off in October.
- Next meetings: Technical Transfer –Training from Highway Sub-Committee potential date of June 25, 2018. Next Policy Transfer Meeting will be held in September of 2018 (date TBD)