



MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC-Maine)
Multimodal Subcommittee
2022-09-07 Meeting Notes – Via Teams

MEMBERS	Jeff Tweedie, MaineDOT Nate Benoit, MaineDOT Mike Laberge, MaineDOT Aurele Gorneau II, MaineDOT Jonathan French, MaineDOT	Jeff Beaulé, City of Lewiston Don Ettinger, Gorrill Palmer Adam Stockin, WSP Lynn Frazier, Sewall Bruce Munger, HNTB <i>(could not attend)</i>
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Subcommittee Mission: Improve communication between MaineDOT and Consultants and assist MaineDOT in achieving Multimodal Program goals.

Discussion Items:

1. New members were introduced to the group including Jeff Beaulé from the City of Lewiston who is replacing Ted Trembley from the City of Bangor as the municipal representative for this subcommittee.
2. This subcommittee had previously developed marine specifications and rail specifications. DOT noted that there will be some edits to the marine specifications and was not sure if the DOT or this subcommittee will make those final edits. DOT to review the final rail specifications as well.
3. Multimodal deliverables were tracking at 84% for in-house projects and 60% for LPA projects, at the time of this meeting.
4. New DOT personnel to the multimodal group includes Mackenzie Kersbergen who will serve as a senior project manager.
5. Nate Benoit provided the subcommittee with an update on the Buy America executive order for construction materials that was recently enacted by the USDOT. Electronic handouts and presentation slides on the topic were made available to this subcommittee. This Buy America clause applies to construction materials as well as manufacturer products. The USDOT executive order was enacted on 5/14/2022 but included a 180-day temporary waiver period. This Buy America clause will apply to all projects being bid on or after 11/10/2022. It will apply to FHWA, FRA and FTA projects including LPA projects with federal money. DOT will be developing special provision(s) to include on projects being bid after 11/10/2022.
6. Jonathan French provided the subcommittee with an update on the status of the Open Road Designer (ORD) software migration. DOT has started to migrate from micro station and inroads software to ORD. Beginning 1/1/2023, using ORD for survey and design on highway program projects is planned. On or around December 2022, DOT should have a customized workspace with new file and folder structures organized or available for use. There are still details to be worked out including which projects to model in ORD, which projects to not model in ORD, which projects to convert into ORD and which ones to not

convert. There will be software training for internal DOT staff made available. At the time of this meeting, it was unclear of consultant training would be made available.

7. DOT noted that state wage rates no longer need to be included in the construction bid book when federal wage rates are provided.
8. DOT noted that construction cost estimates for in-house and LPA projects continue to increase and it is important that consultants continue to monitor the bid tabs and update their estimates accordingly.

Next meeting: The 2022 Q4 meeting will be held Tuesday December 6, 2022, from 2:30-3:30pm via Teams.

Action Items

1. DOT to decide if edits to the Marine Specifications are required.
2. DOT to decide if edits to the Rail Specifications are required.
3. Tim Kelley to develop a cheat sheet on pavement design tips for LPA projects this winter.
4. Don will develop and distribute the notes from this meeting. (*completed*)