



MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC-Maine)  
**Multimodal Subcommittee**  
**2022-12-06 Meeting Notes – Via Teams**

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

Discussion Items:

1. 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.
2. Multimodal deliverables were tracking at 84% for in-house projects and 66% for LPA projects, at the time of this meeting.
3. New DOT personnel include Jeff Folsom who will serve as assistant director of bureau of project development.
4. Nate Benoit provided the subcommittee with an update on the Buy America executive order for construction materials that was recently enacted by the USDOT. This Buy America clause applies to construction materials as well as manufacturer products. It will apply to FHWA, FRA and FTA projects including LPA projects with federal money. DOT developed a 1-page special provision to include on projects being bid after 11/10/2022.
5. Migration to Open Road Designer (ORD) software is on track. Beginning 1/1/2023, using ORD for survey and design on new projects is planned. DOT will be creating a customized workspace with new file and folder structures organized or available for use. Training will be offered through Bentley online training modules as a start with in-person training to internal DOT staff as a second step. At the time of this meeting, it was unclear if consultant training would be made available. ORD will be used on most projects including sidewalk and intersection projects. Contractors are requesting design models for those types of projects.
6. DOT noted that the bidding environment for multimodal in-house and LPA projects remains high, but project estimates are now more in line with the bidding environment.
7. DOT noted that extending the completion dates on projects will help in the bidding environment.

8. DOT noted that the contractors are saturated in the marketplace and have limited work force. Avoiding night work requirements in bidding documents should be considered if possible as long as it is supported by the taming process and the local community.
9. ACEC subcommittee discussed the value and importance of making the DOT average unit pricing summaries available to the consultants. Currently, this information is not available to the consultant community.

Next meeting: The 2023 Q1 meeting will be held Wednesday March 8, 2023, from 1-2pm 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.