

ACEC-NC Transportation Committee Meeting

Recorded By: Christine Goins, PE, CCM
Meeting Date: May 20, 2024 at 3:00 PM
Meeting Location: NC Rural Center

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks, Allen Pope, PE
2. Meeting Sponsor Remarks, Robert Memory, Colliers Design and Engineering
3. Guest Speaker, Allen Shapiro, NCTA
 - i. Mr. Shapiro was unable to join due to illness; he will forward slides to Allen Pope for distribution to the industry.
4. Legislative Update, Mike Holder
 - i. State Update
 - o DOT Agency Bill with several provisions for NCTA, enablement of NCDOT to sell bonds in November; has passed Senate, will go to House. Doing as a Congress Committee; house will vote either this week or early next week. Expected to be signed by Governor by first week of June. \$300M worth of NC Bonds will be issued this November; revenue from these bonds keeps NCDOT's fiscal program on track.
 - o Other transportation-related legislation will wait until Long Session
5. Subcommittees
 - i. Alternative Delivery, Mike Merritt
 - o No delivery available.
 - ii. Project Delivery, Steve Smallwood
 - o Preparing to rotate folks off; 18 resumes were submitted. 3 rotating off, 3 coming on, names to be announced once approved by ACEC Board.
 - o PUE Verbiage – Apprentice, Duke Power, met last Friday, Duke was interpreting for taking of full property.
 - o Bridges that SMU have been working on are being transitioned to PSMU; notices should be sent out to firms who are working on them. SMU may maintain a few. Those with Divisions will stay with the Divisions.
 - o Roadway – ORD 10.12 is now available. No issues are known.
 - o DOT is still issuing service account emails (shared inbox). Has not been heavily utilized yet but the hope is that it will be used more often.
 - o Western On-Call Contract – Selections on-track to be announced at the end of May.
 - o PDN – Good version, hoping to finalize by end of May.
 - o Plan Checking and Safety QA/QC – Still pushing QA/QC checklists, in particular plan checking. If turning the project to Central, checklist is required with

submission of project.

- iii. Construction and Materials, Kevin O'Dell
 - Met with NCDOT on April 24, 2024, and with industry on May 1, 2024.
 - M&T Training Updates – Everything is going smoothly, 1400 attendees to classes so far in 2024. Pavement Preservation Workshop being planned for Spring/Summer 2024.
 - CEI Technician Evaluations – Resident Engineers are supposed to be evaluating technicians which will be utilized in assessing firms. These are not being completed. CCU is trying to get more cooperation out of Residents.
 - Invoicing – PSMU Representative advised that they are hiring three more employees specifically to review invoices. CEI invoices will be reviewed by five (5) separate parties/entities before payment. Subcommittee is working through this change.
 - CEI Training – CCU has contracted with a firm to create training modules. Firms have been told training will not be reimbursable to firms. CCU agreed to allow firms to elect a more efficient approach.
 - Letting List – CCU assured subcommittee that funding is secure and all projects in 15-month letting scenario are secure.
- iv. Structures, Dominic Coletti
 - Held good trainings recently, including full day workshop co-hosted with prestressed bridge institute, as well as preconstruction workshop. These were well-attended with 50+ people in each.
 - Management of bridge replacement projects is shifting from SMU to PSMU.
 - Good conversations about PEF evaluation forms and QA QC checklists.
- v. Joint Conference, Amy Faulkner (Not available)
 - Scheduled for October 11, 2024, at Raleigh Convention Center. Evening reception will be October 10, 2024.
 - MOBY awards will be held during the lunch session.
 - Presentations will include a legislative panel and ethics component.
 - Sponsorship opportunities will come out in July.
 - Registrations will come out in August.
- vi. Junior Board, Mike Davis
 - Social scheduled for June 27, 2024. One in Raleigh, one in Charlotte. Please share with developing professionals within member firms.
 - Two-year process for membership roll-over; seven new members will be welcomed onto Board at Summer Conference.
 - Junior Board reception prior to FUEL Conference was well-attended and a good opportunity for young professionals.
 - Young Professionals Roundtable – Open, candid conversations have been held across the state. Good information and feedback has been received, Junior Board is also interested in hearing feedback from firms about suggested topics and potential soft skills focus areas that will help young professionals continue to develop their careers.

- List Serve is available on ACEC's Junior Board website; please utilize to sign up for notifications.
- 6. Open Discussion
 - i. Multi-Modal Subcommittee has been created. An email went out last week asking for resumes. Please share this notice with firms to encourage submission of resumes.
- 7. Next Meeting – Originally scheduled for August 19, 2024, at 3:00pm at NC Rural Center; this conflicts with SASTHO. Additional dates being explored. New date will be announced once secured.