

ACEC / NCDOT JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE  
 CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS  
 Raleigh, North Carolina (M&T Conference Room / Virtual)  
 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held on January 21, 2026, at 1:00 PM; In attendance were:

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### Meeting Introduction

- Previous meeting minutes were accepted.

### Training Updates

- Structure training to begin week of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026; Resident Offices to continue promoting sign-ups and monitor participation.
- Roadway training sessions scheduled across multiple divisions; feedback to be collected after each session to allow NCDOT's training team to gather and review attendee feedback for continuous improvement.
- Work zone traffic control inspection certification course nearing pilot phase; The current plans are for NCDOT Division 5 firms and Resident Offices to provide entry-level and

experienced participants. Troy Brooks noted that CCU will coordinate with Division 5 offices for pilot participant selection and finalize course content with ITRE.

- M&T training audit underway for in-person certification classes; M&T has partnered with a firm to monitor sessions and collect attendee feedback. The goal is to have the firm to report findings and recommendations for course modernization.

### **NCDOT Discussion Items**

- CEI guidelines update is 80-90% complete. CCU team to finalize the CEI guidelines and circulate them to the sub-committee for review prior to publication.
- Layla Boulos departure: Layla has left NCDOT as of Friday 01-16-26.
- Retirements and Role Changes:
- Several key personnel are retiring. Anthony Law (Division Construction Engineer, Division 3), Aaron Bullard (Assistant Division Construction Engineer, Division 2), Wynn Bridgers (Division Engineer, Division 1), and Tracy Parrot (Deputy Division Engineer, Division 5).
- Ronnie Sawyer has been named the new Division Engineer for Division 1, replacing Win Bridgers.
- Jennifer Portanova, previously interim, is now officially the State Traffic Engineer.
- Legislative update: Legislative priorities to be set for upcoming General Assembly session. NCDOT leadership to work with ACEC and AGC to finalize priority list and prepare for mini budgets or agency bill proposals.
- Helene project expenditures and forecasting are ongoing. NCDOT finance team continue monitoring project budgets and update forecasts as new data becomes available.
- AGC / NCDOT joint training workshops scheduled; registration and hotel bookings to be completed promptly. Michelle Gaddy to monitor registration numbers and hotel block status, communicate alternate arrangements if needed.
- Concrete workshop in Raleigh has been postponed due to forecasted weather events for the week of January 26<sup>th</sup>. Organizers to reschedule and notify participants of new date.
- The prohibited use of foreign adversary drones for federal aid projects was discussed. Formal direction and guidance is forthcoming from NCDOT.

### **Upcoming Potential Project Specific Advertisements**

- Division 5 has several projects listed for advertisement, mainly grade separation projects. However, most are experiencing schedule delays, and no CEI contract-specific advertisements are expected in the next four months. CCU will review advertisement dates with division engineers and communicate changes to the committee and industry partners.
- CCU team is working to revise and clarify the project advertisement schedule, aiming for a more accurate and updated list by the next sub-committee meeting to be held in April.
- CEI On-Call Advertisement; The next on-call contract advertisement is tentatively set for June 2026.

### **Next Meeting Date**

- Next Meeting is scheduled in April 2026, at 1:00 pm. Troy Brooks/CCU Team will send an invite to the attendees of the sub-committee.