

AGENDA
NCDOT / ACEC-NC / CAGC ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY SUBCOMMITTEE
DRAFT ACEC Minutes

Date: August 11, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Location: In Person Century Center Bld. A – Technical Services Conference Room Col. C11
(Cap. 30)
Virtual MS Teams

I. Welcome and Introductions (Tim)

II. NCDOT / NCTA Items (Tim)

1. Announcements

- Troy Brooks, PE – Director of Field Support
- Brian Skeens, PE – State Construction Engineer
- Chad Hinnant – Division Construction Engineer Division 5
- Jon Weathersbee, PE – State Contract Officer
- Jeff Dale, PE - Deputy State Traffic Engineer
- Todd Whittington, PE – State Materials Engineer (Retiring October 1, 2026)

2. NCDOT Updates

a. Emergency Express DB Hurricane Helen Group 27 (Mitchell, Madison, Yancey Co.)

2 bridges and 2 pipes (?). Looking to advertise next month.

b. ACEC/NCDOT Conference Sept 21-22

c. Transportation Oct 27-28

d. Additional CMGC slots

Legislature approved to bring CMGC to 15 slots, 9 currently being used so 6 available.

e. Upcoming CMGC project U-2817

Widening project in Division 2. Shannon Sweitzer performed a construability review and helped the Department determine that CMGC was appropriate due to MOT phasing and utility concerns. Described as an urban widening project. Tight ROW with underground utility conflict concerns. It was noted that plans are well developed and changes to the design are not anticipated since ROW is in final acquisition stages now. Biggest benefit of CMGC is centered around MOT phasing and utility coordination. ICE firm has not been selected and right now only 2 firms are prequalified so if firms are interested then they need to get prequalified. September Advertisement with November or early December selection.

f. Design-Build Outreach with Division Engineer Reps Updates

Department is looking at trying to set up regional meetings with Divisions to include ACEC to get direct feedback. Expect to start setting these up late this year or early next year. Tim asked for input from ACEC and CAGC on recommendations for industry representation for those meetings.

g. Contract Times, Substantial Completion, PVE Provisions

CCU revised provisions to clarify 3 stages of contract times. Permanent Vegetation Establishment PVE provision intended to be equivalent to ICT #1 on a bid-build project. Department is asking for contractor feedback and/or questions prior to the next quarterly meeting. Tim McFadden to provide provisions to the Subcommittee. More discussions

may need to occur regarding acceptance of projects and maintenance, to include mowing.

3. NCTA Updates

Ron McCollum wasn't on the call. No update provided.

III. Upcoming Design-Build Projects (Anticipated DB List)

(Tim)

HB-0039 - Cape Fear Memorial Bridge project procurement timeline likely to shift some. October 2027 award is timeframe requirement for grant funding. Enabling legislation is needed by February 2027 to hit that date. Financing of project remains uncertain but may be able to proceed without the grant if necessary.

IV. Carolina AGC Items

(Victor)

1. Future ADU projects

AGC noted the sparse number of Design Build projects on the anticipated project list. Regional roundtables with Divisions and updated guidelines are milestones that will help clarify intent with anticipated opportunities. Troy Brooks noted that projects don't have to be +\$250M large-scale projects but can be smaller bundles. He stressed the importance of Division input on future opportunities.

Tim noted that the Brier Creek DB project (U-5518) currently on the list would be a good PDB candidate. Also said there is another one the Department is discussing internally.

I. ACEC Items

(Shannon)

1. Design Build Outreach

(Shannon)

a. Potential for NCDOT additional involvement with DBIA Conferences and/or boot camp training class.

ADU is interested in a "boot camp" to help with Division integration. Tim noted that several ADU staff went through the certification training last week. Tim and Troy confirmed that increased involvement with DBIA conferences and owner engagement is important to the Department. NCDOT currently attends Florida's monthly meeting as well.

b. Any assistance from ACEC needed in support of training?

No assistance requested at this time.

NCDOT is setting up regional alternative delivery meetings with the Divisions and will request a list of subcommittee representatives to attend these meetings once scheduled.

2. Unsolicited proposals

(Shannon)

a. Can NCDOT provide any updates on Cape Fear Memorial Bridge?

See notes above.

b. Is tolling legislation being proposed to move the project forward?

Project could still be deliverable without a grant. Would require a higher toll though. Current grant amount is \$242M.

c. What is the timeline of the grant and are there options for extension?

Timeline of the grant is October 2027 but extension may be possible.

3. Upcoming Design-Build program

(Shannon)

- a. Can NCDOT provide an update on cash flow projections and any impacts associated with Helene federal/FEMA reimbursements?
- b. How are current project costs comparing to estimated projections and does NCDOT anticipate the variance impacting project lettings?

NCDOT coming up on two-year mark of Helene. NCDOT believes they are in a good place financially; however, expenditures continue to outpace receipts from FEMA and FHWA, as expected. Fiscal cash model is currently being updated with expected presentation at either the ACEC Conference in September or Summit in October. Project spending is slower than expected and lower on some projects, which will assist the Department in spreading cash flow in over longer time period.

4. Capturing Lessons Learned (Shannon)

- a. Any updates on documentation of lessons learned and best practices for CMGC, PDB, and ICE?

Targeting November timeframe to share updated CMGC guidelines.

1st quarter next year for updated PDB guidelines.

- b. Any assistance ACEC or a work group can provide?

None requested at this time.

5. Updates to Design Build Submittal Process (July 2025) (Will)

- a. ACEC Industry workgroup is reviewing drainage submittal guidelines for industry consensus on enhancements.

Industry group will meet to discuss consensus on any changes before presenting it to NCDOT. Subcommittee members are working to schedule.

II. Next Meeting – November 10th @ 11:00

(Shannon)

III. Meeting Adjourn