

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

The meeting was held on October 15th, 2025, at 1:00 PM; In attendance were:

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Meeting Introduction

- Previous meeting minutes were accepted.
- Tim Harper recognized and thanked Subcommittee members Dale Swicegood and Reuben Chandler for their efforts in coordinating and gathering CEI Guideline feedback from our industry partners.

Training Updates

- Roadway excavation and erosion control technician training series planned for winter-spring, starting in Asheville, with half-day sessions; dates and locations to be confirmed soon. Paving training module tentatively planned for Fall 2026.
- Structure inspection training for 2026 will be a one-day class; Work zone traffic control inspection certification to pilot in spring 2026, with full rollout by summer.
- Training records for certifications will be posted on the same site as contractor work zone certifications, not the vendor site.
- Initiative to centralize training resources on the construction resources page for easier access to databases and certifications.
- M&T training schedule for 2026 to be released around the middle of December of this year

NCDOT Discussion Items

- Staff Updates: Daniel Johnson appointed as Secretary of Transportation; Scott Jones is the new Area Construction Engineer for Divisions 11 & 12; David Otts is DCE for Division 1; Jennifer Portanova is acting State Traffic Engineer
- WNC Helene Recovery: \$1.1 billion spent, \$300 million reimbursed (FEMA & FHWA); 542 bridges, 69 culverts and nearly 1900 pipes have been repaired thus far. First emergency design-build bridge opened at Baxter Healthcare in McDowell County: other corridor projects are progressing with some delays due to right of way and utility issues.
- Financial Health: DOT's cash balance is stable at over \$2 billion, and the department is monitoring disaster recovery impacts with potential STIP impacts in later spring of 2026
- AGC-NCDOT joint workshops scheduled: East event at Sheraton Imperial in Durham for February 24th & 25th, 2026 & the west event at Crown Plaza Hotel in Asheville for March 10th & 11th. 3 non-embedded industry firm members may attend each conference.
- On-Call LSC CEI Contract anticipated to be advertised in April 2026 with transition to new contracts in 2027

Industry Discussion Items

- CEI Guideline updates have been submitted to CCU for consideration. 21 total firms submitted comments to the Subcommittee as part of the task force.
- CCU to review the comments and communicate any questions they may have to the industry subcommittee chair and co-chair

Upcoming Potential Project Specific Advertisements

- P-5717 Division 5 Norfolk Southern H Line Grade Separation at SR 1121 (Cornwallis Rd.) in Durham
Anticipated Construction: TBD
CEI Advertisement Date: TBD (potentially late winter/2026)
Note: may change to a later date due to Utilities
- P-5737 Division 5 CSX S Line in Wake County at SR 2108 (Millbrook Rd) in Raleigh
Anticipated Construction: Let June, 2026
CEI Advertisement Date: 3/15/2026
- HL-007 Division 5 NC 55 AT SR 1191 (Technology Drive)/SR 6107 (East Williams Street) in Apex. Convert Intersection to alternative
Anticipated Let: July 2026
CEI Advertisement Date: 3/15/2026 (RW delays)

Additional topics of discussion:

- Mezak Tucker to transition off the subcommittee with his potential replacement being Jeremy Guy starting in January of 2026

Next Meeting Date

- Next Meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2026, at 1:00 pm.