

**Meeting Minutes**

**ACEC/NC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**

***Monday, February 19, 2018 at 3:00 PM***  
***Arena Club West, PNC Arena***  
***Raleigh, North Carolina***

**Attendees:**

- See attached Sign-In Sheets 1-4

**Welcome and Opening Remarks:**

- Paul Jacob opened the meeting
- Paul discussed the ACEC Transportation Consultant Questions Survey that had previously been provided by email. The NCDOT Chief Engineer had requested this feedback from the consultant industry. Completed surveys can be dropped at the back of the room. There are blank surveys available if anyone wants to complete the survey before they leave today.

**Speaker**

- NCDOT – Chris Werner, NCDOT Technical Services Director
  - NCDOT is pushing innovation for both preconstruction and construction – Asking “Why” Questions
  - Goal is to improve communication between NCDOT and PEF’s.
  - Secretary’s goal to Improve Program Delivery and reduce cash balance
  - NCDOT has accelerated 350 projects and added 144 new projects to the 10-yr STIP
  - Secretary is considering bonding to maintain spending thresholds
  - Technical Services group moving to more managing personnel and consultant oversight
  - New Focus on Scope, Schedule, Budget & Quality
  - Change to POD’s to manage project from NEPA through construction to help maintain project commitments
  - New Team – Environmental Policy Group – approximately 6 people, may include non-engineers, more planners) – will perform fatal flaws of NEPA documents.
  - Secretary’s new expectations for NEPA documents (average time of delivery):
    - CE reduced from 51.7 months to 12 months
    - EA reduced from 65.2 months to 24 months
    - EIS reduced from 86 months to 36 months
  - Continuing to solve Project Delivery
  - PEF Rates – utilization of CRS system to improve efficiencies
    - Utilize reasonability assessments
  - Limited NTP’s as a tool when needed during negotiations
  - Holding project review meetings monthly with PM’s.
  - Wants to modify scoping process to lean more on prioritization
    - Project ATLAS – using GIS data for tabletop analysis
  - Identify points of disruption
    - Standardize scope language

- Question from Industry – What can PEF’s do to help? – Chris wants capacity, critical thinking skills, bring ideas to help NCDOT, innovation, communication.

## **Subcommittee Reports – Reports Attached**

### **Procurement – Mark Acuff**

- No update at this time

### **Design/Build – Daniel Bridges (Scott Boyles)**

- Minutes of the most recent sub-committee meeting were discussed, but not available at this time
  - Southern Wake Expressway status
  - Recent Progressive Design-Build projects
  - ROW – Survey procedures
  - Recent adjustments to Conflict of Interest statements
  - Utility Conflicts – 3<sup>rd</sup> party buy-in
  - AGC Legislative Update
  - Shortlist philosophy
  - Next meeting is May 1, 2018

### **Project Delivery – Jamie Byrd**

- Minutes of the most recent sub-committee meeting are attached
- Items were previously discussed by guest speaker, Chris Werner.

### **Construction & Materials – Robbie Walker (Jeff Thatcher)**

- Minutes of the most recent sub-committee were reviewed (see attachment)
  - New Trainee Program (rates and requirements)
  - NCDOT’s Market Rate Study
  - Pilot Study for use of fixed billable rates
  - Industry meeting is 2/27/2018

### **Structures – Kevin Austin**

- Minutes of the most recent sub-committee meeting were reviewed (see attachment)
  - Upcoming Workshops
    - Geotech – 5/16/2018, Scott Hidden, spread footings
    - Temp Bridges – October 2018
    - Bridge Inspection – May 2018
    - Deck Closure Pours
    - PCI Conference
    - 2/26/2018 – Kickoff for 1<sup>st</sup> group of bridges under LSA work
    - POD’s manage I, R, & U projects
    - Using embedded PEF’s for load ratings and shop drawing reviews

### **Joint Conference – Craig Hyman**

- Conference is September 17/18, 2018
- Evaluating limiting attendance to facilitate better flow/movement
- Propose four 1-hr sessions with four separate tracks; 1. Project Delivery, 2. Cool Projects, 3. Environmental, 4. Economic Development
- Evaluating Division Engineer round table discussion

- Evaluating keynote speaker options
- Will include a talking tour of DTR

#### **Other Business**

- Jim Smith
  - Federal – Trump’s Infrastructure Program short on ideas and detail
  - State – Short session begins mid-May 2018
    - Secretary’s recent presentation “Build NC”
  - Invitation – Department of Commerce will host trade delegation in mid-March. Opportunity for PEF’s to participate. Contact Jim Smith if interested
- Paul Jacobs
  - Sponsors for today’s meeting
    - AMT
    - STV
    - EL Robinson Engineering

**Next meeting is May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at PNC Arena West.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 PM.

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1. Stephanie Hachem
2. Gary Hartong
3. James Smith
4. Monty Irvin
5. JEFF DOUGLAS
6. JOSH DALTON
7. David Bass
8. Stu Matthews
9. Mark Freeman
10. Nathan Phillips
11. Mike Lindgren
12. Larry Upole
13. Thomas Lambert
14. Radha K. Srinivasan
15. Anne Desjardins
16. Chris Werner
17. Jill Rice
18. Jason Peterson
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22. Paul & Linda Paul L. Jacob
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25. Monica Barrow
26. Anne Gamber
27. Brian Thompson
28. Craig Hyman
29. Lina Howard
30. Scott Boyles
31. Scott Brookhart
32. Mike Pekarek
33. Dick Wells
34. DMWells
35. Davis C. Diggs
36. ED EDENS
37. Adam Gosselin
38. Charles Brown
39. Morris Israelovain
40. Bob Miller
41. Wael Arafat
42. Russ Rivenbark
43. Jeff Moore - KH
44. Victori Barbovi
45. Phil May
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54. Elyse Mill
55. Lauren Thebelt
56. Debbie Garbaur
57. SAM CULLUM
58. Randy McNeill
59. STEVE COOK
60. Jeff Widener
61. Tre Dugal
62. Nick Kamisetz
63. Jeff Thatcher
64. Tracy Parrott
65. Lisa Samples
66. Walt Gray
67. John Sloan
68. Doug Taylor
69. SAVIN TEARL
70. DAVID SIMPSON
71. Tom Hepler
72. Sveekarsh "Sunny" Nandagiri

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74. Rick DeCola

75. Battle Witzley

76. Kevin Austin

77. John Adams

78. Josh Hurst

79. Reuben Chandler

80. MARY BETH ELFERS

81. Emily Murray

82. Teresa Hart

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