

ACEC/NCDOT Transportation Delivery Subcommittee
May 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Conference Call

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David Keiser	CDM Smith
Doug Taylor	Stewart Engineering
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Welcome and Introductions

- Brandon Jones welcomed the group to the Quarterly Transportation Delivery Subcommittee Meeting and introductions were made.

Review of the 02/06/2020 Transportation Delivery Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

- No comments were provided/recorded
- Meeting minutes were approved/accepted

Legislative Update / Chief Engineer's Comments

- US Senate introduced a bill to give flexibility to use CARES Funding for revenue replacement. Approval of the bill could allow NCDOT to receive \$300M from the state approved Coronavirus recovery bill.

PE Start-back/Start-up Strategy/PE Expense Projections/Tracking

- Projected PE expenditures for FY 2020 is \$390M.
- NCDOT has reduced PE program expenditures by stopping work on many programs such as Project Atlas, Open Roads, Express Designs and Project Scoping Reports.
- Project "Move Forward" list was published on May 5th (Note: Amended on May 8th). This list replaces the previous PE Suspension Lists.

- Planning is taking place in case of NC General Assembly assistance or a federal stimulus package. This includes developing lists of shovel ready projects and identifying specific milestones for projects that could quickly become shovel ready.
- Due to decreased revenue, all new Purchase Orders will default back to the standard 9% fee.
- NCDOT will suspend the use of Limited NTPs and allowance of work before a Purchase Order is approved by the Chief's office.
- There may be an opportunity for milestone specific task orders, but this will depend on NCDOT authority to execute new agreements and supplement existing task orders.
- Industry should continue to coordinate with the appropriate project manager regarding moving forward with tasks/projects.
- DOT currently keeps multiple lists for allowed work. The lists include PE, R/W and lettings.
- Although some projects have been scoped to final plans, DOT will look at opportunities to stop projects at specific milestones.
- Although feasibility studies were one of the last items paused, they will not necessarily be the first items to be turned back on. Feasibility studies do remain an important item due to providing more accurate data for the development of the STIP.
- Let dates could be adjusted further depending on continued revenue impacts.
- Locally administered projects will likely be impacted as well.
- When projects are turned back on, the project schedule should be reevaluated between consultant and the project manager.

Regional LSC/GESC's

- LSC advertisements will continue so the selection process can occur, and the contracts can be ready to execute once the cash balance allows.
- LOI submittal management system has gone through several complete cycles and has performed well. Soon we will be transferring solely to the new system utilizing NCID logins.
- A question was posed by Tim Reid that if certain subs are no longer available, can they be replaced. Robert Stroup answered that the department would like to keep the integrity of the original teams if possible, but a replacement should be able to be approved on a case by case basis.
- A question was posed by Doug Taylor about the number of firms that will be selected for the central on-call selection. Robert Stroup answered that there is not a specific number in mind at this point. This decision would be coordinated with the selection committee and evaluating the needs of the overall programs.
- The CEI LSC is still moving forward but is subject to change. The website is up to date on current plans.

Consultant Evaluation Process

- Piloting phase of process and coordinating with IT to modify the worksheet.

Open Roads

- Open Roads has currently been put on hold. Below is a link to the website.

ORD Link: <https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/CADD/Pages/OpenRoadsDesigner.aspx>

- Bentley has agreed to support SS2 and SS4 until 2023.

Consultant Rate Schedule

- IT has modified the system where the CRS point of contact will receive the correspondence.
- Next steps include working with IT to develop reports and uploading information to Business Warehouse.
- As of May 4th, 144 firms have interacted with the system.

Division Comments and Open Discussion

- None

Industry Comments and Open Discussion

- Map Act payments remain a financial obligation at this point, but an upcoming court decision could assist with the burden.
- Other comments/questions have been incorporated into the sections above.

Next Meeting

- Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 1:30pm – Conference Call