

MEETING AGENDA

Date: August 13, 2021
Project: ACEC Engineering Services Subcommittee
Purpose: June Monthly Meeting Agenda
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
Video Conference ID: 125 139 384 7
Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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MISSION

To promote communication, innovation, and cooperation between GDOT and consultant design firms on plan presentation, review constructability and construction issues.

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TOPICS

1. Subcommittee Meeting – Face to Face maybe 2022
 - Erik noted that Katherine Park has Fridays off. She is willing to join the group if there is a topic where her input might be helpful.
 - It was decided we currently shouldn't meet in person due to the current rise in covid Delta variant strain.
2. Discussion
 - AASHTOWare – updated budget class report – similar to a 411 output
 - Dan/Josh – An updated budget class report similar to the 411 report is now available to users. The printout can be included in cost estimate updates / concept reports in place of the 411 report.

3. Consultant Relations Committee Meeting Discussion

- GDOT is developing PDP Guidance for Signature Sheet – assuming PELS approval will address multiple EORs, possible Sept 2021
 - No information currently on the status / approval of the guidance. Will continue to update as necessary.
- Plan assembly changes:
 - GDOT will be publishing a book of details and standards.
 - GDOT/consultants will no longer have to include copies of the Details and Standards in the plan set. Additionally, Standards and Details will not have to be listed in the plan index. ONLY supplemental details or revised details would be specifically called out or included.
 - The plans will still need to label the Standard or Detail the contractor needs to reference (ex. guardrail standard #, approach slab standard #, etc.).
 - Plans should continue to include standards and details currently until an official policy is released by GDOT. GDOT anticipates implementing this change in January.
 - Standards and details do not need to be printed and included in FPR sets. However, Erosion control standards should still be included.

4. ESPCP Common Errors

- Transportation Forum Presentation, September 1, 12pm-1pm. Need 35+/- presentation for meeting showing evolution of and details of data analysis
 - CRC is asking for a 35-minute presentation from us on erosion control issues.
 - Erik & Josh have drafted a presentation. Erik/Josh/Dan **will meet to go over the presentation ahead of the Forum meeting to discuss content.**
 - Erik's noted their presentation consist of:
 - How many times did we receive EPD review 1st letter, 2nd letter, etc.
 - Top 10 Erosion Control Check List items that are missed (51-0001)
 - Prevalent comments from EPD associated with top 10 checklist items.
 - Storage calculation and justification (67 cy acre required storage, justification for not meeting, common rounding errors in the charts.
 - Will be presented on a Zoom call.
 - **Erik noted Engineering Services will not be providing training on erosion. This would be better handled by CRC or another committee, or consultant community. EPD should be involved with any training that is developed.**
 - David Fox noted having success in directly contacting EPD reviewer and discussing comments.
 - Erik noted that the assembled comments reveal that consultants are doing better at Erosion Control Plans. EPD shows 8 No-Review letters being sent out.
 - Dan noted the remainder of the Transportation Forum meetings this year are anticipated to be virtual per conversations with Jennifer Head.

5. Training and Training Development

- a. QC of Cost Estimates
 - No updates / progress at this time.

- b. Earthwork Calculations
 - o No updates / progress at this time.
 - c. Common Engineering Mistakes/Errors in Estimates and Calculations (Katherine Park/Josh Taylor)
 - o Josh noted Katherine anticipates having a presentation developed internally by end of next week.
 - o Katherine is considering having participation built in to the training. If so, this would probably involve breakout groups and would limit number of attendees allowed.
 - d. Offer from Training Subcommittee (Kyle Mote/Jeff Baker) should we need any assistance.
 - o Available to help if needed
 - e. Others?
6. Field Plan Reviews
- a. current effectiveness (virtual)
 - o Josh is working on a field visit policy. Personnel not comfortable with meeting in a group may perform a site visit separately. The plan is to have teams perform a field visit previous to the FPR meeting. Will be a small group, probably designer, district construction, other key staff.
 - b. return to in-person?
 - o No plan to return to in-person currently in general.
7. Other Initiatives
- Higher Level of Post Construction Services – McDuff discussed at February CRC meeting
 - o No direction at this time. Further discussion to continue with GDOT needed to understand if they have a desire to implement/allow as part of standard contract.
 - o Some concern was noted about EOR meeting with a contractor and indirectly provide direction that may contradict GDOT/CEI direction.
 - o Shawn Reese noted his experience with post construction project visits helped speed up/streamline RFI request and changes on construction.
 - o **Shawn Reese to put together an outline of an initiative for this for next meeting.**
8. Other Needs or Initiatives for Discussion
- a. **All members should bring ideas for additional initiatives to next meeting.**
9. OpenRoads Roll-Out Progress
- a. There is a joint effort by ASHE/other on OpenRoads forum
 - b. No updates / progress at this time.

Next Meeting tentatively scheduled for October 8, 2021 (10am-11:30am)