

GPTQ CRC Training Subcommittee

Virtual MS Teams Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2021

Attendees:

Name/Organization	Attended	Did Not Attend
Kyle Mote, GDOT (Co-chair)	X	
Keith Strickland, Stantec – (Co-chair)	X	
Jennifer Head, ACEC	X	
Ian Rish, GDOT Geotechnical	X	
Sam Woods, GDOT Road Design		X
Dan Pass, GDOT Design Policy & Support		X
TBD, GDOT Environmental (Sandy Lawrence)		X
Douglas Franks, GDOT Bridge	X	
Derrick Wilkerson, GDOT Construction	X	
Tonia Brown, Benesch	X	
Nathan Currier, Kimley-Horn		X
Johnny Lee, ICE		X
Rajeev Shah, Parsons	X	
Edwin Varghese, Parsons	X	

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- I. Welcome/Introductions
 - Roll call (9 members)
 - July 2021 Meeting minutes distributed.
 - New Members – Derrick and Tonia.
 - Next Subcommittee Meetings
 - 11/4/21
 - 1/13/22

- II. Action Items / Efforts since last Meeting
 - Training File: No updates
 - Training Classes Held:
 - Environmental Training held July 20th on Joint Coordination Procedures and July 28th on Stormwater Report and Perennial Streams.

- III. NHI Training.
 - Kyle has reached out to NHI to determine which of the five NHI classes previously identified are available for scheduling. Some of the classes are currently scheduled in 2021 for in-person in other states. Scheduling is being discussed with NHI for in-person classes in 2022.
 - Bridge Inspection Class – Tentatively in Feb 2022 and additional discussion is on-going to honor 2020 prices.

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- Keith mentioned that currently Highway Safety Manual (HSM) – Practitioners Guide of Highway Design is available on the NHI website and it was determined that Sam Woods is the go-to person for determining if this is the right training, which Keith will confirm with Sam.
 - The 5 classes the subcommittee is pursuing (i.e. planned prior to the pandemic): Highway Safety Manual; LRFD for Hwy Bridge Superstructure; Practical Conflict Management Skills for Environmental Issues; Urban Drainage; and Construction of MSE Walls.
- IV. GDOT Training
- Updates/Planned events:
 - GDOT Procurement Training class should be offered soon
 - Materials Office training specific to materials staff.
 - Ian – finishing the complete redo of the pavement design manual
 - ⇒ New training after the pavement design manual is approved maybe in 2022
 - ⇒ MS teams portal – knowledge sharing distributed through ACEC requesting participation
- V. Other Training Classes
- Jennifer – large firms to open offices in GA. One-on-One training about how to operate with GDOT and getting work.
 - Kyle – DBE training are available. EEO office has specific training for such kind of requirements.
 - Tonia – Procurement classes from GDOT – she attended.
 - Kyle - Engineering and Design Procurement training class offered by GDOT Office of Procurement. Currently scheduled 10/21-10/22 for internal training only
 - Rajeev - At the August monthly forum meeting – ASHE was interested in volunteering to develop training for OpenRoads (OR)
 - Jennifer followed up with Atkins to determine for opportunities and the ones that were available was for general OR training, but not GDOT specific
 - Rajeev to coordinate with Karyn Mathews for GDOT specific OR training opportunities.
- VI. Roundtable/Training Ideas (ours and other subcommittees)
- From last meeting/updates
 - Jennifer – Per discussion with Hiral Patel – One hour session at the GPTQ Summit – new environmental changes with new administration – could create opportunities for new training.
 - Edwin – Young Engineer Professional Training opportunities – follow-up
- VII. Recap **Action Items** / Date for Next Meeting (November)
- **Keith** has scheduled next meeting on November 4th

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- **Keith** will coordinate with Sam Wood to determine if current NHI training for HSM is the right one.
- **Kyle** to follow up on the new member from GDOT OES (**New Member is Sandy Lawrence**).
- **Kyle** to update the team about NHI training discussion in the next meeting.
- **Ian** to provide updates on the training opportunities that will catered towards the pavement design manual updates.
- **Rajeev** to communicate with Karyn for OR – GDOT specific training opportunities.