

WSDOT/ACEC Washington
Business Administration Subcommittee
June 15, 2020
10 AM – 11:30 AM
Teams Meeting

Meeting Summary

Participants: WSDOT - Ahmer Nizam, Erik Jonson, Schatzie Harvey, John Ho, Meg Blau
ACEC – Laura Skillings, Santosh Kuruvilla, Ron Paananen

Return to Work

WSDOT has issued guidance on Phase 2 PPE and behavioral requirements

All parties are engaged in a deliberate, measured approach to eventual “full” return

Actual return may occur in late summer, but still speculative

Consultants are seeing challenges with requiring hard copy submittals from local agencies

Procurement / qualifications / short-listing. Given some of the remoteness challenges, ACEC is interested in a way to level field re bandwidth. Subjective selection, do what actually happens is important, so connectivity disruptions can matter.

New for everyone and people are doing their best.

Ahmer will send WSDOT guidance docs

Contract Freezes

Two layers of freezes - WSDOT and OFM

All exceptions - regardless of WSDOT or OFM driven – go through the WSDOT Assistant Secretaries Review Board.

WSDOT seeking to get exemption from OFM for A&E contracts – current exempt only if project is funded through bond proceeds.

Hiring has effectively stopped

Budget Outlook

The budget situation is significant - cuts could be 15 or 20% and will likely be achieved through a combination of under spending, capital program, other targeted spending reductions.

Won't know for sure until we know what Federal Aid may be available, and what the actual % of cut will be.

We will know the actual situation within a couple of weeks

Local Agency Update

Business as usual
Trying to catch up on obligations for Fed FY

ACEC Board

Regina Glenn is a new ACEC Board Member.

Board will focus on more small and DBE participation

Joint Meeting with Other Committees

Discuss joint BAS-Design with Mike Fleming

Next Meeting

July 13 - 10-11:30