

# 2020.0529 ACEC/WSDOT Meeting

Friday, May 29, 2020

9:04 AM

- **Staff Updates**

- Mike Fleming
  - John Nisbet left Traffic Office - backfill TBD
  - Kara Larsen - Enterprise Risk Management Office - also leaving - hold on refilling
- Daniel Babuca
  - ?? Program retirement
  - 167 - trying to fill assistant PE, re-advertised, ??? From OLR traffic
- Ben
  - Steady, but proceeding with caution on hires
- Suryata
  - 520 - Denise Cieri retired, Omar Jepperson took over 520/AWV
  - Deputy position open - on hold
  - Alan Chan taking over as business manager for 520/AWV
- Lisa
  - Cancelled internships, delayed E1s, mostly proceeding with caution
- Larry
  - E2/E3 vacancies about to fill before hold - now unable to fill
  - Significantly worried about the budget going forward and scenarios that would have layoffs because would lose hires since 2008 that they've made significant effort to bring on
- Chuck
  - OLR similar hiring freeze
  - Critical delivery exceptions, one is hydraulic manager for FP (hopefully in next few months)
  - Otherwise not backfilling retirements
  - CM - Zeigler retiring at end of month - won't backfill
- Brian
  - Uncertainty with revenue, projects, which will move forward, learned that assistant PE moving on, won't backfill
  - E2/E3 - not able to fill
  - No intern hires
- Bill
  - 405
  - Kim Henry retiring on 31st
  - Phil Fordyce - CM for 405
- Steve Olling
  - PMX - no freeze, keeping eyes and ears open for folks to help in transit areas, growing in SLC and LV and NM quicker than in the Puget Sound
- Manuel Feliberti/DEA
  - Holding steady
  - Have hired 2 ppl with remote start - E1s
  - Some projects on hold
  - No furlough or layoffs

- Alec Williamson, WSF
  - Consultant freeze hurting Coleman dock - hard to keep up with CO and administer changes with COVID
  - Hiring freezes - missed a few potential hires (missed architect hire by a day) and cancelled 3 more
  - Reaching out to other groups (e.g. Parks) and regions
  - Short on delivery staff
- **ACEC Annual Mtg**
  - Moved from June to Aug 12 at Bellevue Red Lion (still question if will happen live)
- **What are some of the impacts and challenges we're seeing with COVID, what is new normal?**
  - Staffing
  - Learned we can do a lot via teleworking, expect to see more in the future
  - Transition in first few weeks was rough
  - WSDOT following governor's plan with own filtering and plans for WSDOT. How to transition back to Phase 2 - field work and limited office work. Do have folks in the field supporting construction, development and design issues in the field folks are going out to help with. PPE and protocols are in place so doing business as best they can.
  - Consultant effect of WSDOT shut down on local agencies. Construction contracts shutting down plants because of WSDOT so that effected local airport paving job (too small)
  - 520 with construction - missed tail end of the fish window when shut down - need to try to push the envelope a little - have approached resource agencies to see if they can push the envelope a little
  - Expecting something other than "time no money " approach to contractors
  - Larry - experiencing decrease in efficiency, slow networking for CAD/CAE - wary of teleworking
  - Advocacy in PS to the impacts of traffic
  - WSP - Advertised meeting with mtgs for DBE etc. held virtually - was successful
  - In Seattle - have double issue of COVID and West Seattle Bridge problem
    - Working longer hours because of additional team meetings when teleworking
- **Budget**
  - Not a lot to share, revenue loss are around ~\$100M/month with drop in gas tax revenues
  - New revenue forecast June 17th
  - No indication where feds will head
  - Not enough info to know where we're going to land
  - Going through a number of budget exercises – some % will likely be absorbed by underspending on projects. Looking at both operating and capital \$\$
  - New Task orders and new consultant contracts on hold. All modifications must be approved case-by-case by assistant secretary group – unlikely to be approved
- **Use of Technology**
  - One cost savings proposal - mobile LiDAR - trying to keep moving as LT savings despite up-front investment - continuing to move.
  - Going to e-signature on everything - won't necessarily require 3rd party vendor like cosign - needs to be likeness of signature for professional license signatures.
  - Mike thinks RCW does have mention of having security measures in place.
- **ACEC-WSDOT Executive Team - Team Charter**
  - Steve Roark, Linea Laird executive team sponsors
  - Suggest post minutes
  - Suggest membership rotation

- WSDOT heavy, send Lisa consultant suggestions and she'll follow through
- Made edits to charter live on screen

**ACTION ITEMS**

- **Lisa** (w/ACEC members) - look to add at least 2 new ACEC members to committee
- **Mike** – Finish draft of proposed edits to consultant eval form for next meeting
- **Mike** – Finish edits to charter and distribute to team