

WSDOT/ACEC-WA Executive Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 8, 2021 – 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

1.) The Sub-Committee Chairs provided the following updates:

- Design-Build – Art McCluskey: L&I wage rate adjustments and how they impact Design-Build procurement, COVID effects to the D/B procurement and whether the length of procurement timeframes is still reasonable, updates to D/B Professional Liability Insurance language, length of review and comment on D/B projects, introducing the group to new MWBE and SWBE goals and process, updates to Conflict of Interest Manual, etc.
- Structures & Geotechnical – Mark Gaines: COVID best practices, better consolidation of DB requirements between section TR 2.13 and BDM, review of innovative materials, enhanced concrete structure service life design changes from 75 year to 100 year life, Platooning trucks – NCHRP T-5 Committee results and impacts to BDM, update to seismic design policy (now: 1000 year and 210 year for all bridges, and looking to have just 1000 year for Eastern Washington Bridges), resiliency of coastal bridges – tsunami uplift design, updating standard plans that were pulled back in the 90's.
- Project Delivery – Lisa Reid: The team is working on policy updates to the Design Manual, delivery process improvements, documentation requirements, staff discussions and furloughs at WSDOT, and discussions regarding the BDM.
- Business Administration – Ahmer Nizam: The team continues to meet monthly. Shared topics include legislative updates including Roger's State of the Transportation presentation, fish program updates including the Feb 24th AGC/WSDOT event regarding contract bundling, schedule, Headquarters and Region information, common billing errors, safe-harbor reviews & lesson's learned, paycheck protection loan forgiveness impacts to indirect cost rates, credits linked to allowable cost, topics coordinated with Local Programs, OEO update regarding DBE's and SBE goals & metrics, mandatory goals for veterans in the construction program, A & E voluntary goals going well.

2.) Annual Meeting Agenda – Steve reviewed the draft annual meeting agenda and the team discussed planned activities and topic items for each day.

- Day 1 – Start the Annual meeting similar to past meetings with a welcome and agenda review. ✓
- Agenda item 1 – Sub-committee reports. ✓
- Agenda item 2 – Kevin Dayton provides budget & delivery update. ✓
- Agenda item 3 – 10 min. real Break. ✓

- Agenda item 4 – Technology panel – lots of discussion of potential items, i.e. RUC, smart cars & smart technology, 5G, virtual networking, drones/surveying, 3D Design and open roads software. Van noted that current zoom technology allows the meeting to hold multiple sessions at the same time for an opportunity to expand presentation items.
 - Marshall noted that there are changes coming regarding Active Transportation Needs. The AASHTO Green Book is being updated to incorporate active transportation in the vision, context sensitive design, safety, performance, and multi-modal sections. He thought this might be a good topic for a future meeting. **Action item: the group to id other opportunities to share for consideration by WSDOT.**
 - Agenda item 5 – Virtual Networking
 - Agenda item 6 – Legislative Q & A – Van to find presenter with current preference for Senator Hobbs.
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- Day 2 – Open the meeting with a Welcome, etc.
 - Agenda item 1 – Fish Passage panel with both Headquarters & Region representatives. Looking for a more robust pre-design process, and updated standard plans by the fall for the 2022 construction season. ✓
 - Agenda item 2 – Secretary’s Update by Amy Scarton. ✓
 - Agenda item 3 – 10 minute break. ✓
 - Agenda item 4 – Innovation & Professional Development – This topic was well received last year. Claire has a list of potential topics for consideration that she provided on a screen share. **Action item: Claire to provide the list to the team for consideration.**
 - Agenda item 5 – 35 minutes for Virtual Networking break. ✓
 - Agenda item 6 – Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion – Van noted that SB 5141 appears to be supported this Legislative session. If the bill passes, it could be a good discussion item for consideration.

3.) Action Items and Upcoming Meetings – Steve and Linea discussed the following:

- Annual Meeting Planning: The team still has action items to address such as picking topics and securing presenters. ACEC will host the meeting again and Claire will send out information regarding registration, billing, etc.
- The next WSDOT/ACEC-WA Executive Liaison Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

4.) The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.