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WSDOT/ACEC PD Subcommittee Team Meeting

February 19, 2026

9:00am to 10:00am

Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Rafael Reyes/WSDOT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Lewis/WSDOT NCR | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Adams/Skillings |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenneth Loen/WSDOT HQ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Mason/WSDOT SWR | <input type="checkbox"/> Manuel Feliberti/DEA |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JoAnn Schueler/WSDOT OR | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Brasch/WSDOT ER | <input type="checkbox"/> Patrick Forza/Parametrix |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Giles/WSDOT SCR | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Jennifer Saugen/Perteet | <input type="checkbox"/> Suryata Halim/RHC Engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cesar Mayor/WSDOT WSF | <input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Babuca/WSP | <input type="checkbox"/> Heather Weeks/Jacobs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chun-Ho Chen/WSDOT WSF | <input type="checkbox"/> Brad Cooper/HLA | <i>* co-chair</i> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Don Sims/HNTB | <i>** guest speaker</i> |

1 Welcome and Team Member Updates (5 min)

- Jenn welcomed all to the meeting. Stated that Heather is out sick today. Deepa Mungasavalli from Osborn Consulting will be invited to join our next meeting.

2 Staff Updates (10 min)

- WSDOT Regions:
 - SW Region - ARA for Project Development will be Paul Mason (interim). Mike Chen new Materials Engineer.
 - South Central Region –Andres Mendoza PE with Zach Bilslund as Assistant PE. Will fill one in Yakima area.
 - Eastern Region - Tracey Partridge (Engineering Manager). New PE's – Robin Lashbrook (NSC PE) with Meghanne Faulise (Asst PE), Terry Hager (PE) with Colleen Little (Asst. PE), Hesham Haitham (PE). In future, retired Mike Frucci ARA for Maintenance.
 - Olympic Region – New PEs - Vince Hall (design only offices), Grace Amundsen Barnkow (Tumwater/Lacey PEO), Melissa Mies (acting Port Angles PE) with Davy Hemmings (Assistant PE). More postings coming soon.
 - HQ - John Tevis (Design manual) retiring in March. Joshua Tax will take on the Design Manual.
- Consultant/ACEC:

- Jenn shared that Pace Engineering was acquired by Verdantes (PE backed national firm).
- Michael reported no big changes. Lots of competition for highly qualified folks. Michael had Question regarding how the IBR will be staffed?
 - Paul responded that the IBR is effectively a MEGA project under UMOM (Urban Mobility, Access and Megaprograms).
 - IBR exists and functions outside of SW Region umbrella. Some staff have transitioned from SW to IBR.
 - SW Region is supporting the project on the north side and ODOT is supporting the south side. Rafael will ask around if there is more information to share and Jenn will add to annual meeting topic request.

3 Active Focus Areas / Agenda Items (5 min)

- Annual Meeting - Topic Brainstorming

4 New Focus Areas (20 min)

- Annual Meeting - Topic Brainstorming
 - June 16th, 2026, Tacoma, WA
 - New Topic Ideas brought up include:
 - IBR program opportunities
 - Fish Passage – how will it be focused moving forward? Internal staff and GEC's? Or more opportunities for other consulting staff in the future?
- Comments on Turnback process
 - No comments received
- Review of DM 1130 Development Review Services

- Subcommittee discussed if the decision-making authority process varies between Regions? WSDOT confirmed that regions are to follow the WSDOT policy in the Design Manual for approval authority. Sometimes a region may choose to delegate authority to someone else within their group.
- WSDOT confirmed that this chapter is mostly used from a developer project on the system – with a consultant team representing the developer.
- Jenn will leave this on the agenda for the next meeting to confirm additional consultant questions for those unable to attend.
- Bridge hits presentation (Evan Grimm) – Deferred to future meeting when available.

5 Action Items

- Next meeting – Request from Jenn and Rafael to move meeting to March 26 (one week early) due to spring break schedules.
 - Varying availability – Jenn and Rafael will decide and resend the meeting invite for a new date/time.