

WSDOT/ACEC Structures/Geotechnical/Hydraulics Team

MINUTES

January 9, 2026 -- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

In Person Meeting at KPFF, 2407 North 31st Street, Ste 100, Tacoma, WA 98407

with Hybrid MS Teams

	Name	Organization	Present	Year Started	Outgoing
WSDOT	Evan Grimm, PE/SE	WSDOT – Bridge Office (co-chair)	X	2023	
	Katie Olleman, PE	WSDOT - Bridge Design	X	2021	
	Doug Olson, PE	WSDOT – Bridge Design	X	2022	
	Richard Brice, PE	WSDOT – Bridge Design	X	2022	
	Jeri Bernstein, PE/SE	Washington State Ferries	--	2009	
	Julie Heilman, PE	WSDOT – Hydraulic Office	X	2022	
	Andrew Fiske, PE	WSDOT – Geotechnical Office	X	2018	
ACEC	Greg Hess, PE/SE	KPFF	X	2024	No
	Lee Andrews, PE/SE	HDR	X	2018	Yes (2026)
	Brice Exley, PE	Haley & Aldrich	--	2019	No
	Yang Jiang, PE/SE	HNTB	X	2022	No
	Scott Phelan, PE/SE	Systra-IBT	X	2022	No
	Reza Sehhati, PE	TY Lin	--	2022	No
	Monique Anderson, PE	Shannon & Wilson	X	2025	No
	Tim Bailey, PE	GeoEngineers	X	2025	No
	Benjamin Parra, PE/SE	Parsons	X	2025	No
	Cory Caywood, PE/SE	Jacobs	--	2025	No
	Chris Hall (visitor)	Systra-IBT	X	N/A	N/A

10:00 Review meeting agenda (5 minutes) – Evan

10:05 Review minutes from November 14 meeting (5 minutes) – Evan

10:10 Progressive Design-Build Projects Mobile I-10, Key Bridge – Chris Hall, Systra-IBT

Chris provided a description of PDB contract benefits and challenges in comparison to other delivery methods. He highlighted lessons learned in terms of the Mobile I-10 project and the Baltimore Key Bridge.

10:55 Committee Business (15 minutes) – Evan

1. Design-review service.

- a. Feedback from ACEC-WSDOT Steering Committee. Disclaimer from Attorney General Office.
 - b. Link to questionnaire / input forms
<https://partners.wsdot-sites.com/acec/>
 - c. Feedback on the draft review service description document.
 - i. Option 2 is preferred, which is the option to present the project at a committee meeting. This would entail a 20 minute presentation followed by 20 minute response and discussion, similar to how projects are presented to the AGC or ADSC. Evan/Greg to coordinate with AGC and/or ADSC to consider using their model.
 - ii. What types of comments would we provide? High level. Early design stage type comments. Challenging policy questions. Not an exhaustive review.
 - iii. If we use the presentation format, we'll need to give the caveat during the meeting too. The use of AI to record meetings and develop summaries is on the rise.
 - iv. Does the waiver text cover indemnity from 3rd party claims against the committee review comments?
 - d. Greg/Evan will present the concept at the local agency bridges updates meeting upon further coordination with Darren Nebergall (WSDOT).
2. Next meeting Hydraulics topic?
- a. Yes – Evan to work with Julie on preparing this for next meeting. Consider the lessons learned from the fish passage meeting topics related to wingwalls and lateral stream migration.

Standing Items

A discussion-leader to present and/or lead a short discussion.

11:10 Topic of [Building Information Modeling](#) – Rick (20 minutes max)

Rick provided updates and overview of BIM value, forthcoming opportunities, and international and state standards.

11:30 Topic of [Technology](#) – Benjamin -virtual- (20 minutes max)

Ben talked about how electronic tools and images were used to survey the Bridge of the Gods. Original plans were not available, and accurate truss geometry was quickly obtained. Specialized software integrated electronic data to create a “street view” of the bridge.

11:50 Final Items and Adjourn

- Next meeting. Swapping assignments with Katie.
- Adjourn

Lunch at the RAM at noon for those in-person.

Future Meeting Dates:

March 13, 2026

May 15, 2026