

NOTES

WSDOT/ACEC PD Subcommittee Team Meeting

May 28, 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 type="checkbox"/> JoAnn Schueler/WSDOT OR | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Brasch/WSDOT ER | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Forza/Parametrix |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Randy Giles/WSDOT SCR | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Jennifer Saugen/Ardurra | <input type="checkbox"/> Suryata Halim/RHC Engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cesar Mayor/WSDOT WSF | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> **Blake Nelson/WSP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Weeks/Jacobs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chun-Ho Chen/WSDOT WSF | <input type="checkbox"/> Brad Cooper/HLA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deepa Mungasavali/Osborn Cons. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Ambler/WSDOT NWR | <input type="checkbox"/> Don Sims/HNTB | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Gaines/WSDOT HQ (guest) |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Graham/WSDOT CAE (guest) |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aaron Cleveland/WSDOT (guest) |

* *co-chair*

** *new subcommittee member*

1 *Welcome and Team Member Updates (5 min)*

- Each subcommittee member introduced themselves
- Blake Nelson/WSP is joining this committee as a new member, replacing Daniel Babuca/WSP.

2 *Staff Updates (10 min)*

- WSDOT Regions:
 - ER – Matt Beattie is the new ARA for maintenance
 - NCR – MD Jibbon is the new region materials engineer
 - SWR – Bill Morrison (ARA Maintenance) will be retiring in June. Carly Francis is still at the IBR program. David Reck is in the interim RA role which was extended to 9/1.
 - NW – Mike Gribner is retiring. No other updates.
 - OR – Steve Roark has a new position as the Assistance Secretary for the Fish Passage Program. The RA position in Olympic Region is currently vacant.
- Consultant/ACEC:

- No staffing updates from ACEC members

3 *Active Focus Areas / Agenda Items (25 min)*

- Annual Meeting (in person)
 - Jenn reminded the group of the meeting on June 16th, 2026, held in Tacoma at Hotel Murano
- Open Roads – Consultant Resources
 - Jeff Graham and Aaron Cleveland shared information on the Open Roads program including the Bi-weekly meeting with CAE for project review.
 - Design Build projects will start moving to the Project Wise environment during bid periods once they have secured the privacy settings. After award, the PW environment will be *required* of design build consultants. They will be following the 30% rule from the memo that Mark previously sent out – any project at less than 30% design stage will be moved to the Project Wise environment. The end goal is to get rid of the whole InRoads environment since it no longer works with updated Windows software. All info will be updated on WSDOT's CAE website.
 - Mark Gaines shared that he is creating an Open Roads work group between WSDOT and consultants to work through any issues. He requested volunteers for a work group. Jenn said consultants could send her volunteer names and she would collate and send them on to Mark.
 - Mark mentioned that WSDOT is currently evaluating using the Open Bridge program now that Bentley has incorporated soffit design. Hoping for a 2027 move to that software.
- AI Policy Clarifications
 - Kenneth and Jeff explained that through their research they have not found any consultant specific AI policies. They weren't aware of any policy being developed regarding consultant use of AI but will keep their ears open. Currently we should expect that consultants should follow the same policies that WSDOT is held to.
- Design Manual Updates – ACEC comments recap

- Jenn shared that four ACEC firms had provided comments on the Design Manual updates and expressed thankfulness for their reviews.

4 *New Focus Areas (20 min)*

- No new topics were brought forth

5 *Action Items*

- Send Jenn names of individuals that could be part of the OpenRoads work group.