

WSDOT/ACEC-WA BAS Sub-Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 24, 2026 – 9:00 am to 9:45 am

Meeting Minutes

- 1.) Introductions/Safety – Ron provided safety topic – it's still winter so be careful out there. We congratulated the engineers as this is Engineers Week and we thanked Carolyn for her service; this is her last meeting. Schatzie went through the agenda.
- 2.) Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Engineering Contracts – Carolyn suggested we discuss AI use in engineering contracts and Schatzie started the discussion. All agreed we should probably have some language in our contracts about appropriate use of AI. One aspect being to warn consultant firms not to post WSDOT data on an AI platform that could then be reused by anyone. It got a bit sticky when we talked about the line to draw for generative AI in developing engineering work. On the plus side it could save a lot of money as its much faster. However, the “garbage in garbage out” could be a concern if the engineer isn't proofing the data appropriately. It is already in use by companies and Ron suggested a survey of engineering companies to see what tools they use (SH don't think that would add value). The other question is how to deal with existing contracts; one idea to put a general notice out on our webpage or have the offices include a statement in future task order scopes. All agreed we should revisit this topic in May. Schatzie will discuss with Erik at the next one-on-one.
- 3.) Local Programs Update: Michelle mentioned they are removing the CPFF contracting option from their manual and updating the fixed fee worksheet to match ours. They will also start reviewing all supplements at HQ as opposed to letting the regions handle it; apparently the quality control has been poor.
- 4.) Legislative Session – Schatzie mentioned SB 2420 increasing small works ceiling from \$350K to \$650K and HB 2229 modifying engineer's education requirement. No one brought up any other bills that they wanted to discuss.
- 5.) Round Table – Agenda suggestions for May: AI in engineering contracts, CPFF for local programs, and invite to DB chair to discuss how Alternate Delivery Language.
- 6.) The next two meetings are set for May 5. Jodie Vosse volunteered for safety topic.