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WSDOT/ACEC PD Subcommittee Team Meeting

September 13, 2026

9:00am to 9:30am

Attendees:

☒ *Rafael Reyes/WSDOT	☒ Dan Lewis/WSDOT NCR	☒ Michael Adams/Skillings
☐ Kenneth Loen/WSDOT HQ	☒ Paul Mason/WSDOT SWR	☐ Manuel Feliberti/DEA
☐ JoAnn Schueler/WSDOT OR	☐ Tom Brasch/WSDOT ER	☒ Patrick Forza/Parametrix
☐ Randy Giles/WSDOT SCR	☒ *Jennifer Saugen/Ardurra	☐ Suryata Halim/RHC Engineering
☐ Cesar Mayor/WSDOT WSF	☒ Blake Nelson/WSP	☐ Heather Weeks/Jacobs
☐ Chun-Ho Chen/WSDOT WSF	☐ Brad Cooper/HLA	☒ Deepa Mungasavali/Osborn Cons.
☐ Melissa Ambler/WSDOT NWR	☐ Don Sims/HNTB	

** co-chair*

*** new subcommittee member*

1 Welcome and Team Member Updates

- Member welcome

2 Staff Updates

- WSDOT Regions:
    - HQ – Steve Roark promoted to Deputy Secretary under Julie Meredith.
    - OR – MaryLou Shannon is the new Region Administrator
    - SWR – Chase Fester joined Maintenance team, and new PE Nicky Huffman will replace Susan Feil.
    - NCR – No changes in NCR
- Consultant/ACEC:
    - Van Collins (CEO) retired in August. Aaron Adelstein is the new CEO for ACEC Washington.

3 Active Focus Areas / Agenda Items

- Open Roads Work Group update

- Rafael requested subcommittee member join the group to provide higher level insight on process issues. Michael said he is willing to join the team. Julee Trudeau could be another good addition. Jenn to reach out.
- Blake Nelson mentioned there are still several questions about the WSDOT-hosted environment during procurement. Jenn to check and see if Design Build committee is actively working on this issue.
- Tech memos are not being created in favor of Bentley videos for training. This allows teams to utilize Open Roads in the way that Bentley has structured it.
- For any questions regarding bridge or drainage-specific OpenRoads tools ACEC folks can contact:
  - Bridge contact = Cory Churchill, Bridge Office CAD Manager; Drainage tools = WSDOT HQ CAE Help Desk (hqcaehelpdesk@wsdot.wa.gov) - they would be able to determine the right contact for specific tools/questions
- Updates to upcoming Plans Prep Manual?
  - Any changes coming from work group can be implemented in manuals if appropriate, but none currently planned.

- Design Manual Scheduled Update
  - Team is working with FHWA and anticipate an October approval timeframe.
- ESA Consultation - Programmatic agreement with NOAA/NMFS update
  - The NMFS BiOp, which approves the new ESA programmatic agreement, is expected to be finalized within a month. It is moving to signature with FHWA and the NMFS now. Jeff Dreier will finish review and share with regions all relevant changes.

4 New Focus Areas

- No new project delivery focus areas were brought up.

5 Action Items

- Email Julee Trudeau about joining ORD work group (Jenn)
- Email Design Build subcommittee and ask if they are working on any issues with the WSDOT-hosted environment during procurement. (Jenn)