

Meeting Summary

Subject: ACEC/NCDOT Multimodal Subcommittee Kickoff Meeting

Date: Friday, October 25, 2024

Location: NCDOT Highway Building Rail Conference Room # 509 / Microsoft Teams Virtual

Attendees	Julie White	Will Letchworth	
	Brennon Fuqua	Allison Anolik	
	Jason Orthner*	Betty White	
	Greg Keel	Emily Poole	
	Cat Peele*	Robbie Kirk*	
	Becca Gallas*	Steve Karnis*	*indicates virtual attendance
		Suzanne Young	

- Introductions
- Recap of ACEC/NC, Transportation Advisory Board (TAB), transportation committee, and subcommittees
- Current industry concerns, challenges, and best practices, cont.
 - Aviation
 - Industry need for additional resources in aviation – small pool of consultants creates potential challenges
 - Increase in innovative technology looking ahead (electric/hybrid/alternative fuel aircrafts and supporting infrastructure) → planning and design projects to come
 - Planning grant open for MPOs/RPOs/municipalities for advanced air mobility planning (Electric Vertical Take-off and Landing Aircraft [eVTOL])
 - Grant intended to be annual reoccurring
 - Potential future of transit (potentially public)
 - ~6–8-person capacity
 - Connecting rural hubs to hospitals/medical care
 - Other states implementing/planning: Florida, California, Washington
 - Launching healthcare consortium this year
 - Ferry
 - Unique work that can vary widely makes it difficult to find expert resources (facilities, marine assets, vessel construction, operations)
 - Working to identify resources for vessel construction with upcoming RFLOI
 - Idea for firms to partner with maritime industry
 - Opportunities to expand maritime network:
 - Passenger Vessel Association, Interferry, Public Ferry Coalition, Transportation Research Board

- Upcoming NCDOT Industry Day
 - Headed towards CMGC for next vessel construction
 - Division recently went through verified claims – potential to pair a consultant with Ferry Division staff
 - Future of service to Ocracoke Island with erosion of NC 12 – serving residents, tourists, and meeting goals of National Park Service
 - Invoice processing
 - IMD to push out invoice expectation guidance, new hires/innovative technology should help speed up processing time
- Contracts Updates
 - Rail Program Delivery selection results should be posted shortly
 - Rail Crossing Safety/Planning RFLOI's posted
 - Webinar scheduled for 10/29
 - Future advertisement for Corridor ID to be posted separately. Step 2 dependent on finding funding matches.
 - Aviation Professional Services LSC - Upcoming
 - Considered a new scope and all firms should apply
 - *Post meeting note: posted on 11/1*
 - Ferry Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering LSC - Upcoming
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 - Ferry - Vessel Construction Oversight On-call - Upcoming
 - IMD General On-call RFLOI - should be posted mid-Nov.
 - Some new work codes
 - Will overlap timing-wise with existing contracts
 - IMD – SPSF posting - Project Management Focus - should be posted mid-Nov.
 - Opportunity for SPSFs to gain experience with IMD as a prime consultant
 - Can be teams but SPSF to complete ~50% of the work
 - How to find/identify new SPSF firms-
 - Office of Civil Rights (OCR) – likely have certification date
 - Potential for NCDOT to post new certified firms online?
- Opportunities Re-Evaluation
 - 2025 Complete Streets ‘tour’ to familiarize project managers and engineers with multimodal facilities
 - Need to identify goals
 - Potential to feature 2024 MOBI award winners (Pollocksville)
 - Engage Division staff to present
 - MPO/RPO and municipality project execution
 - Potential to partner with Piedmont Transportation Professionals – recently held 4 Locally Administered Projects Lunch & Learn Series¹
 - Suggestion for future sessions to include online option or watch later
 - Emily to contact Marta Matthews for additional information and see if she can join for next subcommittee meeting

¹ <https://www.partnc.org/308/Locally-Administered-Projects-Lunch-Learn>

- Opportunity for subcommittee to provide information/resources on more competitive STIP/SPOT submissions
- Post Hurricane Helene relief
 - Press release posted this week – more info to come
 - Anticipated quick timeline on recovery projects to be funded through FEMA reimbursements
 - IMD transit receiving \$1 million reimbursement for emergency services already completed
 - IMD has began outreach to trails

Action Items/Next Steps:

- Emily to coordinate with Denise Byron-Cox to set up the next meeting in the new year
- Emily to contact Marta Matthews (NCDOT Programs Management Office) about LAP Lunch & Learn series and attendance at next subcommittee meeting
- Next subcommittee meeting to be held prior to February 18, 2025 Transportation Committee meeting