

ACEC / NCDOT Project Delivery Subcommittee Notes
May 2, 2024

Staff Changes:

Nothing new to share

Legislative Update:

Nothing to share

Technical Services Update:

The Department has some issues with Duke Energy on PUE's and some new language. Currently Duke is not using the PUE's that the Department secured over the past several months, but we are working on a solution and expect to resolve this in the coming months.

On the Consultant Service Account Email that has been created, we are looking to add other areas in the DOT, but if we do it will require a subject/category added to the item. We are also in the process of cleaning out all the individual emails in the system and will ONLY be accepting service account emails or one email per firm if a small company but prefer a service account. Emails went out this week to those companies who had individual email addresses telling them that their individual emails will be removed and to submit a service account via the Project Management and Delivery Connect site as shown below.

The PreConstruction Workshop is scheduled for September 30th and October 1st. Registration will open soon. There will be a career fair that will include High School and College students on the 30th from 9am to 1:30pm. We will be looking for sponsors soon. We are working on content and will be doing some outreach soon.

ORD Update

Vasim presented an ORD update and mentioned an OpenX Knowledge Base site is in testing and will be rolled out soon. It will work with your NCID. There is also a plan for Division On-Site ORD Training, which is being developed. We'll keep folks posted on the status. Vasim also mentioned a CADD workgroup that is being formed with folks who understand CADD and NCDOT process. Some things that will be figured out are; How many folks do we want on group? How often do we need to meet?, and Should have good mix of disciplines.

Project Management Unit

SMU is going to begin transitioning all of their bridge planning work to PMU over the next year. PMU began assisting SMU back in October of 2022 and it's been decided that SMU will be focus on design moving forward. SMU began managing more bridges back in 2017 and 2018 when PMU was just getting started, so this is somewhat of a transition back to how it was previously done.

Roadway Updates

An ORD Knowledge base is in the works, more information to come. Roadway Design's Manual updates are complete and now available. Also, a new website is coming soon, which will hopefully be a better resource.

There was a discussion about non-CA lighting and Keith reached out to Duke on this conversation. It seems that in some divisions Duke is already doing this working with contractors, but trying to figure out where does this best fit in the contract. Updates will be provided.

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A discussion was had regarding Location and Survey having some issues with ROW files, affecting recording easements. The Program is not working correctly in certain areas and Oak has sent an email to address concerns. It was recommended that a follow-up on how the tool works be had.

PSMU

Western selection will be later in May and decision by end of month - more than 60 submitted. The PMS Master Schedule being updated currently. There are a few odd ball contracts coming out soon.

- Ferry Div
- Training

Reminder - Please invoice monthly - cash balance is affected by this.

- Also concerns with bottlenecks and going back to find out information, so sooner the better.
- If you've done substantial work, please bill it.

A question was asked about any feedback we can share on PS-1 form? Not yet but seeing some good and bad examples. Robert Stroup wants to look at only PS-1 and replace RS-1...nothing moving at this time.

Some concerns were noted with the level of effort to capture the information were mentioned, Stroup pointed out we are doing this due to subs not getting work. A question was asked if this was due to concerns with teams being notified? Stroup not sure, but OIG is doing an audit.

A comment was made about the lack of consistency from DOT on PM being copied on outreach and there was some discussion on how firms are doing it. Jennifer shared an email from Matt as a reminder of this and it was to be focused on new TO, basically when an expenditure request is done. There was also a concern that not all PM's are following the policy as set and a request for consistency. Stroup reminded everyone that this has been in contracts since 2017, but the contract doesn't say when, so this was a clarification.

Workforce Discussion

A Question was raised about next steps and there was a discussion about the need for a subcommittee. Someone will be looking into this.

Division Comments

No comments

Industry Comments

ORD:

There was a comment about the general struggle with ORD with not a lot of solutions provided, but more hope of improvement as we continue to learn.

SPOT Mobility

A follow-up question was asked about the desire of the Department to ask the Legislative about increasing the cap. Derrick will follow up with Brian Mayhew.

Printing Cost:

It was noted that our printing cost (yes, we are still making some prints) should be increased. Robert Stroup was going to ask about this and see if an increase is warranted.

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Role of GESC

There was a lot of conversation around the role of the GESC and the lack of consistency in how there are used. After some discussion it was noted that we should remind staff of the expectations. Jennifer Evans mentioned some language updates that she was going to share for what was going in new contracts. The biggest question was around how the embedded GESC's are being used. The DOT will look into this and will follow up at the next meeting.