

## Minutes of Meeting

Recorded by: Allen Pope  
Meeting date: November 18, 2021, at 3 pm  
Meeting location: Raleigh, NC (Virtual Zoom Meeting)  
Subject/project name: ACEC/NC Transportation Committee Meeting

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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks, Davis Diggs
2. Meeting Sponsor Remarks, Durisol, Justin Holton
3. Jason Schronce, NCDOT Strategic Prioritization Office, Manager. Presentation on the development of the upcoming STIP/IIJA update.
  - a. Projects 21-23 have the needed cash to continue moving to construction.
  - b. General review of Project Prioritization (Scoring) and STIP Development.
  - c. Current 10-year STIP = \$33B of projects, but with a \$22B available funds. Thus, STIP is \$11.5B over programmed.
  - d. Board halted P 6.0. Working with work group for the next STIP.
  - e. Jobs Act (IIJA). \$7.2 B over 5 years to NCDOT. \$5.2 B was reauthorization, resulting in \$2 B in new revenue. Potential new projects in the Bridge program.
  - f. New State Budget passed.
  - g. New 2024-2033 STIP will include a 3% inflation rate (BOT recommendation). Goal June 2023.
    - i. Remove non-committed projects (rear of STIP). Remove overprogramming.
    - ii. Identify 'Delivery Projects'. Last in, first out.
    - iii. Transition projects (was 2-years) will go to 3-years to lessen the significant cash balance increases.
4. Other Business (Legislative Update/NCDOT update.)
  - a. Federal Update. Jim Smith.
    - i. IIJA will help, but not solve the funding issues.
    - ii. IIJA (the traditional infrastructure bill) & Social Infrastructure bill are different.
    - iii. PPP Farr overhead fix update.
    - iv. Vaccine mandate lawsuits update. Presidents' ability to mandate Federal mandates on private industry that does Federal work.
  - b. State Update. David Ferrell.
    - i. Passed State budget to Governor for signage. Governor anticipated to sign it. (1<sup>st</sup> budget in 4-years).

- ii. Short term rental tax being transferred from General Funds to Transportation included in this budget.
- iii. Other items still have work to be done. (Tires etc. sales taxes, EV/Hybrid registration fees, Uber fees, Delivery fees, etc.)
- iv. House Bill 165, Study of how DOT will handle RW condemnation.
- v. Lot of money flowing to local infrastructure.
- vi. Modify spending cap on Map Act issues.

#### 5. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Design/Build. David Gourley
  - i. ATC improvements updates.
  - ii. Technical proposal evaluation, potential revaluation for scoring of the teams.
  - iii. AGC and NCDOT steel price index/adjustments discussions.
- b. Project Delivery. Paul Garrett
  - i. Chief Engineers update. PE assigned thru 2027 (STIP), Division lets thru 2025, 2022—2023 on-hold projects restarted (70% thru 2024 & 25% of the 2025—2026, & remainder by the end of the year).
  - ii. Efforts to spread Division Bridge work. Talk with local Divisions.
  - iii. Grant type work that DOT is seeking.
  - iv. Value assessment goal to complete by year end.
  - v. Pre-Construction Workshops.
  - vi. Second persons now allowed to update CRS rates per firm.
  - vii. Eastern On-Call next big ad. Very similar to Western On-Call,
  - viii. CEI four big projects are anticipated for next year.
  - ix. Complete Streets guidance hopefully coming in February.
- c. Construction & Materials. Mike Davis
  - i. NCDOT and Industry meeting updates.
  - ii. M&T classes right sized for those that have signed up and to look for upcoming classes.
  - iii. POs for upcoming to stay for a 12-month POs.
  - iv. Update on Fixed Billable rates.
  - v. Engineers' reimbursement rates (not using CRS rates).
  - vi. Engineering Training rates overlap. Changes forth coming.
  - vii. Workload forecasting. Asked for region basis forecasting, cause DOT was not wanting to go to a Division level forecasting
  - viii. High level financial status report on a quarterly basis. Goal to look at long term CEI need for the state.
  - ix. NCDOT asking for techs at a lower level to save money at the Division level. Rather than asking for the appropriate skill level technicians staffing.
  - x. New subconsultant payment documentation starting next year. On the connect site.
  - xi. Vehicle reimbursement rates. Adjustment of rate being considered if contract goes past the original contract commitments.

- d. Structures, Jake Sherman
    - i. Training opportunity—Bridge Workshop in February 2022, DCI Bridge in March 2022 & Steel Bridge Forum in Fall 2022.
    - ii. Division opportunities. 800 Bridge total thru 2026. 200 Central managed (12 not assigned yet), 600 Division managed (200 not assigned yet).
    - iii. SMU is expected to have a better handle on program 2027 in the spring.
    - iv. PEF asking to take on more schedule and management roles with project.
    - v. FIB girder standards are under review.
    - vi. Link Slab standards have been released.
    - vii. Anticipating Emergency Vehicle added to LFR load ratings changes.
    - viii. Anticipating a Wall Chapter added to the design manual.
    - ix. Research projects on-going: Traffic Barrier rails, Corrosion policy, Integral Abutment usage, Strut and Tie designs, and Carbon Fiber Repairs procedures.
    - x. Change to Open Bridge discussion. NCDOT starting January 1, 2022 (only SMU).
    - xi. ProjectWise discussion.
  - e. Joint Transportation Conference. Jay Watson
    - i. Moved to Dec 13-14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Raleigh Convention Center.
    - ii. Registration deadline, December 26, 2021.
    - iii. Attendance committed to from NCDOT is 269. Industry registrations is 665.
    - iv. Agenda discussion.
6. Open Discussion, Davis Diggs
- a. Get your organizations involved in ACEC/NC Subcommittees. Discussion to have the future leaders join subcommittees in a nonvoting fashion.
7. Next Meeting: February 2022. Look for meeting date to be announced.