



ACEC Ohio Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
2:00 pm, Thursday February 13, 2020, ODOT Auditorium

1. Call to order
2. **ODOT Updates, Assistant Director Lloyd MacAdam, Deputy Director Dave Holstein, Office Administrator Mat Mauger (PPT Attached)**
 - Ohio's highway system has an estimated worth of \$115 billion
 - ODOT needed \$0.15/gallon user fee, plus indexing, to maintain and build their infrastructure
 - ODOT proposed \$0.18/gallon plus indexing, did not get all of what was asked for
 - User fee provides ODOT with \$450 million annually (55% of user fee)
 - User fee provides locals with \$350 million annually (45% of user fee)
 - 62.5% increase to cities
 - 67% increase to townships
 - 63.8% increase to counties (\$1.52 million annually to each county)
 - What does this mean for ODOT?
 - Before user fee FY2020 program would have been \$155 million in the red
 - Before user fee FY2021 program would have been \$280 million in the red
 - User fee restored the program
 - \$50 million annually in safety projects
 - \$150 million annually in major new (TRAC)
 - 17% increase in miles of pavement replaced/resurfaced annually
 - 21% increase in number of bridges replaced/rehabilitated annually
 - 52% increase in number of safety projects administered annually
 - Therefore, there are 6 regional safety design contracts being released in February 2020
 - \$287 million in TRAC over the next 2 years, all construction
 - Safety
 - 1,157 fatalities in 2019 and increasing each year due to distracted driving
 - 48% on local network, 52% on ODOT facilities
 - 2,778 fatalities in 1969. Safer cars, seat belt laws, education has led to decrease. See above, fatalities are now on the increase.
 - 300,000 crashed per year, 94% due to driver error
 - Hands free law will, on average, reduce fatalities by 15.3%. See announcement on ODOT's homepage.
 - Programmatic



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- Will be fully populated 10 weeks prior to postings
 - Only exception is safety projects because funding may be sporadic
 - Goal is to fully populate two programmatic out
- ADA
 - Many are non-compliant
 - New guidance: every curb ramp will be compliant, or District Design Engineer will need to approve a waiver
 - With waiver, curb ramp should be designed as close to standards as possible
 - Standards are going to build in construction tolerances, currently there are issues with construction
 - New ADA web page on ORE's website
 - Plan view dimensioning will be required
 - New July 2020 release
- PDP modernization
 - Next 168 most dangerous locations will be addressed and delivered much faster
 - Need to start environmental and right-of-way much faster
 - Get project footprint faster
 - Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) will be implemented to speed Feasibility Studies
 - Identify best safety improvements (maybe top 3)
 - Identify best operational improvements (maybe top 3)
 - Marry these together to select preferred alternative
- Phase 1 paperless implementation
 - New prequalification for ITS, requires a course and test
 - New CFEG will post week of 2/17
 - Automated prequalification in late October of 2020
- Phase 2 paperless implementation
 - SAFe enhancements
 - All projects including task orders will be done in SAFe
 - Automation of agreements with electronic authorizations
 - Automation of online invoices
 - Will capture prompt payment of subconsultants (30 days from when paid by ODOT)

3. Update from ODI, Lauren Purdy, Deputy Director

- 2020 Civil Rights Transportation Symposium
 - Symposium will be held at COSI this year
 - ODOT is excited to be partnering with ACEC for the evening reception on May 20th
 - Evening reception includes:
 - Outside venue overlooking the Columbus skyline and Scioto River
 - Civil Rights Awards Ceremony
 - Live Latin Band, hors d'oeuvres, drinks
 - Special access and tour of the Cuban Exhibit
 - Civil Rights Transportation Symposium all day event on May 21st

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- Keynote will be Joe DeLoss, CEO of Hot Chicken Takeover
 - Will share his passion and successes using second chance hiring business model
- Many other exciting speakers and workshops highlighting Governor DeWine's initiatives related to Diversity and Inclusion
- Developmental Goal Program
 - In the near future, ODI and Consultant Services will be reconvening its Small Business Committee that was responsible for assisting ODOT with establishing the Developmental Goals for DBE and EDGE firms on certain consultant services contracts in the programmatic.
 - Now that there have been a few years since the program was implemented, ODI and Consultant Services plans to re-evaluate the effectiveness of the program
 - Ensure we are getting the results and outcomes that are positively impacting the DBE and EDGE firms, and developing them
 - Could end up in some changes and updates to the Developmental Goal Program
- Commercially Useful Function Monitoring
 - ODOT District personnel will be conducting CUF evaluations for all DBE firms starting as of June 1, 2020 on Consultant Services projects (projects with DBEs toward goals and projects with DBEs not towards goals)
 - This is a part of ODOT's Conciliation Agreement with FWH, and must be fulfilled this year
 - CUF needs to be evaluated in order for DBEs to count toward the DBE Goal
 - CUF Training was held for the Consultant Industry yesterday here at ODOT to provide information on what to expect
 - The CUF Training yesterday was recorded so you can view it that way, if you happened to miss the in-person training
- Prompt Payment Monitoring
 - ODOT must monitor that ALL subconsultants are paid within 30 days of ODOT paying the prime consultant
 - This is a part of ODOT's Conciliation Agreement with FWH, and must be fulfilled this year
 - Consultant Services and ODOT's IT Division are working on a solution for how the prime consultant will report payments to ALL subconsultants
 - More information will be shared on this requirement and expectations from the consultant industry in the near future
- ODOT/ACEC Matchmaker for Consultants



- ODOT and ACEC will be planning its annual matchmaker for August 2020, we hope you all can attend as it's been our one of our most successful matchmakers to date

4. ACEC Federal Transportation Update, Matt Reiffer, VP ACEC (PPT attached)

- *2020 Legislative Outlook*
- FAST Act Reauthorization
- Appropriations for Infrastructure
- Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)
- *Moving Forward Framework – Funding Options*
- User-based mechanisms to support Highway Trust Fund, port projects, airports (increase PFC) and water infrastructure projects (unspecified).
- Reinstatement Superfund tax.
- Expansion and restoration of debt financing tools – Build America Bonds, private activity bonds, advance refunding bonds, tax credit bonds.
- Spend down Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.
- Unspecified tax mechanisms.

5. Updates from working groups

- a. ODOT Liaison Committee –Al Biehl
 - i. Give any topics to Al to bring forward to ODOT.
- b. Construction Inspection Committee—Aric Bennett
 - i. Working on Phase 1 ODOT Performance Audit Response
 - ii. CIWP continues to gain interest, it's up to the consultants to use the intern program reminder to ask the districts to include interns in their contracts.
- c. Alternative Delivery Committee—Todd Bergstrom
 - i. No report
- d. Partnering Conference 2020 – Katie Zehnder
 - i. Moved to May 20, 2020 at COSI in Columbus.

6. PAC Update – PAC Kickoff at the Ohio Statehouse on Feb. 13, 2020.

7. Adjourned at 4:00pm