



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF OREGON

MEETING MINUTES

ODOT/ACEC Liaison Committee

Location: HR Training Center, 2775 - 19th ST SE, Salem, Conference A
Meeting Date: September 12, 2008
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM
Next Meeting Date: November 14, 2008

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1.0 Welcome/Introductions – Karen Tatman

The meeting started off with a welcome from Karen Tatman and Tom Lauer, followed by round table introductions.

2.0 Federal Funding – John Baker

- o Congress passed an \$8B bill covering the Federal Trust Fund through 2008.

- Expenditures have exceeded revenues which lead to the negative balance of the Highway Trust Fund.
- Transportation Funding in Oregon is expected to decrease with the next Reauthorization. Factoring in the cost of inflation, the 2010 buying power may only be 50%-60% of 2003 levels.
- Within SAFETEA-LU:
 - 1.269% of transportation funding goes to Oregon
 - 25% goes to or is shared with local agencies
 - Receive at least 92% of trust fund contributions
- Potential concepts for Reauthorization Bill include:
 - Removal of Federal gas tax and let states set gas tax.
 - 95% guarantee
 - National weight mile revenue concept
 - User-based fees and national weight-mile fees for trucks
- See additional funding graphs at:
http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/MPB/docs/acec/liaison/2008_Sep/federal_funding_091208.pdf
- Oregon 2009 Legislative session
 - The Governor is encouraging a large, green transportation bill.
 - ODOT expects a difficult session. However, transportation will be looked at as jobs bill and OTIA has been effective in creating jobs.
 - The Gas tax in Oregon hasn't increased since 1993.
 - If successful, the program may start immediately or on 1/1/10.

3.0 OBDP – Matt Stennes

See OBDP Program update at:

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/MPB/docs/acec/liaison/2008_Sep/obdp_report_091208.PDF

4.0 ACEC Steering Committee – Tom Lauer / Karen Tatman

- The Steering Committee is having quarterly meetings with Matt Garrett and Doug Tindall
- ODOT would like to add 50 positions primarily to regions to ensure core technical competency within ODOT. The positions are not dependent upon work volume. The positions include:
 - 27 “One-Deep” Positions
 - 22 Graduate Entry Program (GEP) positions
 - 1 HR position
- Additional data may be found at:
http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/MPB/docs/acec/liaison/2008_Sep/one_deep_industry_benefits_091208.pdf
- ACEC response is requested to provide feedback for the proposal.
- Alison will email request to participate in committees.
- Gayle Harley will be replaced by Troy Bowers as the co-chair starting in November.
- Andy Perry will be new Steering Committee member

5.0 Procurement & Contracts Standing Committee

- ACEC is preparing a white-paper on subcontractor mark-up for ODOT

- ACEC is gathering comments to ODOT's revised "Profit-Fee Worksheet".
- ODOT is preparing an RFP for statewide transportation, land-use, and environmental services. The RFP should be out approximately September 30th with new Price Agreements in place by the end of the year. A mandatory pre-bid will be held.

6.0 Training Subcommittee

- The 2009 ODOT/ACEC Conference will be held either April 14th or April 15th at Holiday Inn in Wilsonville. Send committee themes, topics, and ideas. The cost of the conference will be \$75/pp.
- The APWA conference will be 4/28 in Seaside.

7.0 ODOT updates

- Dick Upton is joining ODOT to be a Mega-PM on the Willamette River Bridge.
- John Osborne, ODOT's lead on the Columbia River Crossing Project, has joined WHPacific. ODOT has not determined how they will replace John on the project.
- The Columbia River Crossing has been designated a national priority project for the Corridors of the Future.
- ODOT will implement hard DBE goals as a result of the recent Disparity Study. The goals will be focused on providing more opportunities for Asian and Black construction firms within a three-county area around Portland. It is not clear whether the study applies to A&E industry where hard goals will not be immediately implemented.
- Diana Foster has joined the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) as the head of Human Resources. ODOT is currently recruiting for the Procurement Chief.