

Road Subcommittee Meeting
Minutes
April 15, 2010

Attendees:

Marty McKee, Thrift Development Corp.
Stacey Black, Satterfield Construction
Casey Schwager, Sloan Construction
Greg Ashmore, Ashmore Bros. Inc.
Chris Davis, Sanders Bros.
Sally Paul, SPC, Inc.
Stephanie Jackson-Amell, SCDOT
Jamie Kendall, SCDOT
Todd Steagall, SCDOT
Brian Parnell, SCDOT
Charles Eleazer, SCDOT
Sammy Hendrix, CAGC

The meeting was called to order with introductions.

Old Business

Update on Short Term Project CPM Schedule

Charles Eleazer reported Patty continues to work on the resurfacing projects and the dollar limit. She is getting input from the schedulers. The dollar limit will probably be in the \$2M to \$3M range. Contractors agree with the dollar amount.

Update on Seeding Spec

Charles Eleazer reviewed the draft, made comments, and sent it back. Jamie Kendall added they are looking at the I-385 project to address issues learned from this project. What is being proposed should work for everyone.

Update on Extranet Survey

Charles Eleazer reported using the Extranet for Prime Contractors and DBE's to solicit or provide quotes. SCDOT agrees there is a need to look into adding some things and better training for the DBE's. Brian Parnell provided a handout of the proposed survey. This will be available electronically. Send any suggestions for the survey directly to Brian. He continues to work with adding

fields, etc. so forms can be updated on extranet. A new version of Sharepoint will be available in a few weeks and should help this process.

Update on Recycling/Reclamation Curing Options

Todd Steagall reported some progress is being made toward finalizing this spec. Todd will meet with Andy Johnson for approval and then it goes to FHWA for review. The District will have three options or curing and they will specify on the strip map which one for each road.

Update on Utility Legislation

Sammy Hendrix reported we are in the process of negotiations between the utilities and contractors. Both will provide input, see what can be agreed on and will start again January 2011. The Legislature needs by November to pre-file. A staff attorney will moderate the process to make sure it does not stall.

Closeout on SCDOT Engineers Conference

Marty McKee acknowledged appreciation for the invitation for contractors to attend the conference and hope we will be able to attend next year.

Ed Eargle asked Marty if CAGC would write a letter again about digital plans and send to John Walsh. Marty will handle this.

New Business

Highway Division Meeting

The registration for the meeting June 24-27, 2010 at Myrtle Beach is on the CAGC web site along with information about the meeting. SCDOT will have speakers at the meeting. Potential topics for discussion are:

- Storm water – Ray Vaughn
- Reclamation – Todd Steagall
- Bridge – Charles Matthews

There will also be a panel discussion.

Sammy Hendrix would like the contractors to give him names of sub contractors you would like to see attend and we will try to encourage their attendance.

North Carolina DOT will have 5 or 6 attendees along with the head of their DHEC.

Other Business

Charles Eleazer provided a handout for AASHTO about awards for Best Transportation Projects in 2009. Projects were required to be finished in 2009. There are four categories. Projects must be submitted by April 20 so it is a short deadline.

Bonds and Insurance - DOT is considering changing the schedule to pay contractors earlier. This will help contractors who have to pay the bond and may not start the work until much later. This is an expense that can be large on some projects, and cumulative if a contractor has several projects at the same time with delayed start times. This is mainly with paving projects due to the timing of when weather allows you to start.

Charles Eleazer – DOT activates contracts when we receive bond/insurance and signed contract. Will address any implemented changes in special provisions for now. We will need to get FHWA approval on this.

Contractors asked about viewing bids and if this is a possibility (before we started using bidx contractors could see an actual bid.) The reason is a contractor may have questions and want to protest a bid.

Charles answered that with the electronic bid system, there are safeguards in the system that will show errors in a bid. The Contract Administrator must review this info and determine if a bid should be declared irregular.

Marty asked about set asides and if a bid can be blocked.

At the letting Susie Lominick has a list of who cannot bid, etc.

Another example would be a low bidder not meeting the DBE goals. Then the project is awarded to the second bidder.

Mary McKee asked if there is any update on MSE wall backfill. Jamie Kendall stated the new spec is still in the works. It is not a high priority at this time.

Todd Steagall - Sub contractors have asked how they can know if they are selected. They want to see DBE committal sheets. When do the primes notify the subs?

Chris Davis – we wait until the job is awarded before confirming to a sub or DBE.

The next meeting is June 17, 2010.