

SCDOT/CAGC Joint Committee Meeting
March 25, 2009
Minutes

Attendees:

Jim Triplett, United Contractors, Inc.
John Jordan, Cherokee, Inc.
Ken Atkinson, Palmetto Corp.
Marty McKee, Thrift Development
Randy Snow, U. S. Constructors
Ben Whetstone, C. R. Jackson/Satterfield
Mark Ashmore, Ashmore Bros. Inc.
Reid Banks, Banks Construction
Sally Paul, SPC, Inc.
Scott Fant, Sloan Construction
Greg Cook, US Group, Inc.
Danny Shealy, SCDOT
Charles Matthews, SCDOT
David Rister, SCDOT
Kyle Berry, SCDOT
Bryan Jones, SCDOT
Milt Fletcher, SCDOT
Christy Hall, SCDOT
Clem Watson, SCDOT
Tony Chapman, SCDOT
Charles Eleazer, SCDOT
Todd Steagall, SCDOT
John Walsh, SCDOT

The meeting was called to order by Danny Shealy .

Old Business

New Pay Item-Borrow Pit Setup

Marty reported that the Road Subcommittee revisited this proposed new pay item at the request of the Joint Committee. The discussion consisted of the 80/20 pay schedule for the item and when the final payment would be made. The Road Subcommittee recommended the 80/20 percentage remain and the Draft Spec. be modified to state that the final 20% payment be made thirty (30) days after the

submission of the NOT for the pit to DHEC, or the closeout of the pit for that project. The Joint Committee approved this recommendation.

New Business

Economic Stimulus Update

Danny stated SCDOT is well underway in getting projects ready for bid. In fact, SCDOT will be having two lettings per month beginning with the April letting and lasting thru at least July and possibly August. The letting dates will be the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. The first letting in April will be the 'regular' letting and the second letting will be a 'stimulus' letting. Approximately \$100M in Resurfacing Projects in the April and May Lettings. All Resurfacing Projects will have intermediate completion dates of November 30, 2009 for everything except Thermoplastic Pavement Markings. Thermoplastic will have a spring completion date due to seasonal restrictions. Stimulus Projects will have the following designations:

SP09- Resurfacing
SPIM- Interstate Maintenance
SPSA- Safety Project
SPBR- Bridge Projects

- No designation has been given for MPO & COG projects yet

The 2nd May and 1st June Lettings will contain the SPIM, SPSA, and SPBR projects.

New Seeding Spec.

Danny stated that SCDOT is still working on the revised draft spec and is close to being ready for review. Once reviewed and approved, training may be provided to get everyone familiar with the revisions. Also, current projects with the 'old' spec will be changed over to the 'revised' spec. once it is approved.

Subcommittee Reports

Road Subcommittee

Marty shared results of the survey of asphalt contractors regarding the reduction/deletion of Full Depth Patching quantities on many resurfacing projects statewide. Also, the possibility of having the patches marked before the letting was discussed. Danny stated due to the massive amount of resurfacing projects about to be let, it would be hard to commit to having all the patches marked before the letting. Mark Ashmore stated it is hard to give a good price on FDP

without knowing how far apart the patches are located. Also, with the current 175-degree lift restrictions the paving train gets spread out and production and traffic control costs can really mount up. Thus, contractors are having to either 'gamble' on these costs, or quote SCDOT higher FDP prices to cover the costs. Danny agreed to look into the survey to assure the FDP quantities are not being used as a 'slush fund' to assure the projects meet or under run the contract price. Danny mentioned that SCDOT is close to approving some firms to film Storm Water Pipe to check installation. He believes this will start in about a month.

Bridge Subcommittee

Charles Matthews reported the Lab has used the new California Profilograph on 32 bridge projects and some contractors are having issues with the testing. SCDOT is going to survey the RCE's to gather more information on these issues. SCDOT is also looking at Geogrid reinforced fill slopes at bridge approach fills to alleviate possible OSHA concerns. This design is similar to the one used by NCDOT.

Project Development and Utilities Subcommittees:

Greg Cook reported the committee discussed 'utility windows' again; using withholding encroachment permits as a 'stick', and using the stimulus projects as a 'push' to get utilities to expedite relocations. Todd reported that many projects already have utility relocation time built into the completion dates. Danny stated the committee may want to include Oscar Rucker from RW in ongoing discussions. Greg stated both committees will have another joint meeting in the near future. John Walsh stated that the committees need to come up with incentives/disincentives for utilities that 1) can't afford to relocate, 2) won't relocate, or 3) will relocate.

Supplier Subcommittee

Did not meet.

Other Business

Charles Eleazer stated SCDOT is beginning to mail out contracts to physical addresses, not PO Boxes. Also, US Dept. of Labor is reviewing wage rates. Next meeting is scheduled for May 28th.

The meeting was adjourned.