



**CAGC/SCDOT Joint Committee Meeting**

**Nov 15, 2023**

**SCDOT HQ – 955 Park St – Room 306**

**Agenda**

**10:00 A.M. Contractors/11:00 A.M. Joint**

**I. Call to Order**

**A. Introductions**

See Attached

A fatality with a King Asphalt employee this morning was announced. A moment of silence was observed for everyone involved and thoughts and prayers were requested.

**II. Old Business**

**A. Permanent Construction Signs**

Updates on the discussion of coverings for the permanent construction signs was requested. Contractors are looking for some guidance on this.

**B. Report from Road Committee**

Clay provided an update from the road committee. It was originally brought up two months ago. The road committee struggled on how to come up with something acceptable for putting in the contract concerning possible 30-, 60-, 90-day windows. Having the signs covered with bags was also discussed as being antiquated and just a not good process. There have been several options suggested for covering these signs. It was agreed that bags were not a good option since they blow off and employees must be sent back out to replace them. It was asked about using temporary signs. However, this poses its own set of problems as they can walk off or pose hazards to the travel way and causes liability issues.

AGC put out a question to the road committee to talk about outlining in the contract that signs be put up three weeks to a month prior to starting work. That question is still being circulated and we have not gotten information back at this point.

There was discussion on possibly changing the payment option for signs. Right now, contractors are paid 100% up front. It was suggested to possibly change that to paying 80% up front and 20% once signs are removed at the end of work. Removal of signs that are no longer necessary is still a major issue.

**C. Spec Book Review Update**

In October, the industry received Division 100 for review. Comments on Division 100 were submitted on November 10, 2023. The comments were received and were distributed to the committee members on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. SCDOT is still working on internal review. Comments on other sections are coming soon to the contractors.

A tentative release date is being driven by Division 100. The original target was the April 2024 letting but that is all dependent on getting agreement on the revisions.

**D. Consultant Cost Per District**

**a. Continue Discussion on report requested from SCDOT**

- i. Consultant Cost, Manhours, & Construction Volume for State**
- ii. Total Consultant Cost, Manhours, & Construction Volume Per District**
- iii. Consultant Cost, Manhours, & Construction Volume Per RCE Office**
- iv. Consultant Cost, Manhours, & Construction Volume Per Project along with Project Type, Duration, Length, County, District, etc.**
- v. Total Consultant Cost, Manhours, & Construction Volume Statewide Per Contract Bid Item**

The first question is why? This information is not readily available in the forms that are requested by the contractors. This would be basically a resource heavy research project. Contractors will report back on what exactly is needed and why. The information provided at the last meeting was basically what is available.

**III. New Business**

**A. Safety Topic (CAGC)**

The safety topic is OSHA Heat Index. There is no official ruling on this from OSHA yet. It can be a game changer. It is proposed that it would be a 75-degree heat index that would go into effect. Plans made need to be set up for rest, shade, water, and acclimation for employees.

**B. Liquidated Damages**

This goes hand in hand with the next item. There is a lack of subcontractor pools in some areas. Multiple contractors are fighting for the same subcontractor and their projects have the same completion dates. Subcontractors are also excluding LDs from their quotes. SCDOT is trying to give fair consideration to this fact on projects. Contractors were asked to let the RCEs and DCEs know what hurdles they encounter as they come up.

Contractors are asking for a more even flow of work per letting regarding bridge projects. On the paving side, SCDOT are following the schedules set up with SCAPA of every other month in the Fall and Winter months. January will see the CMRB increase in the lettings.

Contractors are still getting mixed signals from the cement suppliers. Contractors have heard that they are headed back to allotments by the spring. The contractors have stated

that it is a truck issue as well as a supply issue. These issues will be addressed as needed if a supply issue rears its ugly head again.

**C. Lack of Subcontractors**

See above.

**IV. Subcommittee Reports**

- A. Road Subcommittee** – The biggest conversation was signs. All discussions went back to communicating with the RCE. Escalate it up as appropriate.
- B. Bridge Subcommittee** - Did not meet
- C. Alternative Delivery Subcommittee** - Meeting today
- D. Supplier Subcommittee** – Discussed supply chain issues, MSE wall backfill, etc. Several of these get kicked over to various subcommittees.

Secretary Hall was at a State Chamber function last night. The speaker and Senator Davis both spoke very highly of the amount of road and bridge construction across the state. They were happy with the way the gas tax is being used.

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