



**SCDOT/CAGC Joint Committee Meeting
May 24, 2011
Minutes**

Attendees

**Marty McKee, Thrift Development Corp., CAGC Co-Chair
Ben Whetstone, CR Jackson/Satterfield
Leslie Hope, CAGC
Grady Wicker, Eagle Construction Co,
Randy Snow, UIG
Danny Shealy, CAGC Liaison
Lee Barrack, REA Contracting
John Jordon, Cherokee Construction
Benjy Hardee, A. O. Hardee & Son Inc.**

**John Walsh, SCDOT
Leland Colvin, SCDOT Co-Chair
Jason Johnston, SCDOT District #4
Russ Touchberry, SCDOT Construction
Clem Watson, SCDOT
Charles Eleazer, SCDOT
Bryan Jones, SCDOT District #1
Kyle Berry, SCDOT District #5
Jim Porth, SCDOT District #7
Tim Henderson, SCDOT District #6
David Glenn, SCDOT District #6
Stephanie Jackson-Amell, SCDOT District #3
Milt Fletcher, SCDOT OMR
Todd Steagall, SCDOT
Lee Neighbors, SCDOT District 2
Dennis Garber, SCDOT
Merrill Zwanka, SCDOT OMR
David Rister, SCDOT Bridge Construction
Jim Feda, SCDOT Maintenance
Jamie Kendall, SCDOT
Robbie Isgett, SCDOT District #1
Mark Attaway, SCDOT Utilities
Gary Linn, SCDOT DBE
Al Barwick, SCDOT Construction
Claude Ipock, SCDOT Construction**

The meeting was called to order by Leland Colvin with introductions.

Old Business

Update Pipe Spec

Issue: Questions relating to the pipe specification.

Discussion:

- 1) RCP in shallow installations and structural backfill. The DOT will allow structural backfill to the springline in lieu of the three feet in areas outside of the pavement structure.
- 2) Structural backfill for HDPE pipe increased to 12 inch lifts. This criteria will probably not change but there may be some modifications to the specification concerning the type of equipment that may be used.
- 3) Cut and paste errors in the specification (such as spalling of HDPE pipe and aluminum pipe) will be corrected.
- 4) Fill height tables revised to include RCP class III. Right now no changes to the fill height tables.

Action: SCDOT to provide revisions. Also pipe tables are now included in the plans to show what class of pipe is required at each location.

Contractor Status

Issue: The Contractors would like to see a Monthly Status Report at each meeting.

Discussion: Leland Colvin handed out a few graphics which are part of the report provided to SCDOT senior staff every month. Current report showed 350 active projects valued at \$1,533,588.03, with 282 (81%) on time, 25 (7%) projects between 10 and 25 percent behind and 43 (12%) projects greater than 25% behind.

Delinquency letters (11) will be going out this week for lack of schedule submissions.

There are 143 active projects with completion dates of June 30, 20011.

Action: Leland will provide updated handouts at every meeting.

Prompt Payment Issues for Subcontractors

Issue: Because of prompt payment clause, Contractors are required to pay the subs in a timely fashion. SCDOT says the Prime Contractor still has to pay even if the subcontractor walks off the job. Due to Federal and State requirements SCDOT has to include Prompt Payment verbiage in the contracts and don't have much wiggle room.

Discussion: AGC has discussed the specification and will email proposed changes to SCDOT for their review. (Copy of proposed changes is attached)

Action: SCDOT will forward to legal and others for review.

Update on Paving Driveways

Issue: With limited funding, money can best be used to maintain the roadway in lieu of paving driveways.

Discussion: SCDOT has discussed this with the districts and memos have been sent to the districts and the Senate Transportation Committee (copies attached). These memos give guidance on how to tie in driveways. Driveways will be tied down within two to four feet of the edge of roadway, six inches per inch of depth of asphalt, except where safety or drainage may be an issue then it may be paved further. The communications office will be handling inquiries concerning paving driveways.

Action: Memos are attached giving guidance on paving driveways.

SCEIS Accounting System

The implementation was delayed due to some issues with the FHWA reimbursements and site manager. The implementation is scheduled for October 3, 2011 and there will be a two week black-out period during this implementation along with special estimates just as planned before.

As of May 5th, all estimates from the previous black-out period have been sent to the comptroller general for payment and contractors should have received their monies.

Letting (Bid opening)

The letting time will be changed due to a request from the AGC from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. beginning with the June 14th Letting. Also there will be a special letting June 21, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

New Business

Safety Topic

Issues: Highway Work Zones

Discussion: Each year over 100 construction workers are killed and 220,000 injured in work zones. More than half were caused by construction equipment within the work zone. Recommend activity area planning and worker safety training with a safety person.

Action: Will rotate safety topic each meeting. CAGC will address it at the next meeting.

DBE Reporting

Issue: SCDOT did not meet their goal for 2010 and time to set the DBE goal for the next three years.

Discussion: The overall DBE goal consist of race conscience and race neutral goals. The race conscience portion is obtained by the individual contract goals set in each contract and the race neutral is obtained by participation above and beyond the commitments established in the contracts. SCDOT does not believe they are capturing all the race neutral participation. Contractors are reminded that this is a contract requirement and they should submit quarterly reports for all DBE participation, both race conscience (commitments) and race neutral (non-committed) participation. SCDOT is working on capturing DBE participation in professional services contracts. The DBE goal setting process is going out for public comment at the end of this month. The new proposed DBE goal will be 11.5% with 7.8% being race conscience and 3.7% race neutral.

Action: Contractors need to submit quarterly reports on all DBE participation, both race conscience and race neutral. Provide comments on goal setting when it comes out for public comment.

Concrete plant specific mixes

Issue: Duplication of sampling and reporting for concrete mixes being used on multiple projects from the same concrete plants.

Discussion: Can concrete plants be handled similar to the way asphalt plants are handled with plant specific mixes. Concrete plants handle their own QC and have mixes approved in advance so it can be used on any DOT projects. Approved concrete plants are listed on the qualified products list and can be used for any project as long as they are on the list.

Action: Joint committee will refer this to the concrete quality improvement committee (QIC)

Partnering

Issue: Formally partnered meetings, the initial meetings don't seem to be very beneficial.

Discussion: Design-Build projects will continue with the initial and followup meetings as needed. On bid-build projects, it was discussed that it may be more beneficial to have followup meetings to address issues once the project has started. The question is how many partnering sessions and how much should a contractor put in his bid for partnering since this specification is in all contracts. Maybe a bid item or allowance be put into contracts to allow partnering sessions if requested by the contractor or resident.

Action: SCDOT to discuss at the DCE meeting and determine pay item and how to implement.

Additional Traffic Control Signs

Issue: New Standard Drawings showing additional signs.

Discussion: With the distribution of the new standard drawings, some new signs are required to be erected. Couple signs that were mentioned were the grooved pavement sign and the steel plate ahead sign. These are retroactive.

Action: None required, just wanted to inform the contractors of the new requirement.

Subcommittee Reports:

Roadway Subcommittee:

Todd Steagall reported on the meeting. They discussed pipe specification, borrow specification with 60 advertisement, fuel adjustments for milling, driveway paving, emergency and on-call contract items, floating completion dates, nighttime paving, OGFC projects with micro milling with a rideability specification.

Bridge Subcommittee:

David Rister reported on the meeting. They discussed the bridge deck rideability specification, emergency and on-call contracts and electronic submittals for non-project specific information.

Project Development - No report

Utility Subcommittee:

Senate Bill 705 should pass but has some hurdles to overcome. The committee discussed the railroad flagman and insurance issue. Contractors may want to consider using an insurance broker to control cost for this item. Sherri Devereaux handed out the right of entry form and agreement. Fee simple agreements will allow utilities to remain on the property even if DOT abandons the right of way, aerial encroachments will be split 50/50 on the cost to relocate, new accommodations manual will be coming out in July or August of this year, right of entry now allows for utility companies to access property to relocate facilities.

Supplier Subcommittee:

The committee met May 17th and discuss National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP) for reinforcing steel and welded wire, mechanical couplers and butt well splices, thermo plastic availability ok but with price increases, fractionation and blending at quarries, quarry supplies are not an issue, liquid asphalt prices increases, and cement production issue for plants that burn tires for fuel.

Design-Build Subcommittee:

The D-B committee has met twice this period and some members met with North Carolina DOT to discuss their process. Other items of discuss, consider a draft RFP process to allow review by contractors, establish one on one confidential meetings,

established beneficial information to be included in the RFP package, D-B link on the internet showing projects for this year and next year (5 projects this year and 3 next spring).

Other Business:

Highway Heavy Conference in June

John Walsh thanked Jim Feda and District 4 for their efforts on the accident on I-85 for getting the road back open. There will be an abbreviated RFP for the bridge replacement within the next 7 days at this location to be completed within the next 180 days. Major utility companies and the aerial conflicts may become an issue. Paving driveways, please let him know if any problems. I-20 widening and Carolina Bays will be going to contract sooner than later. SCDOT is about to announce the DBE goals for the next three years. SCDOT needs to enforce the DBE reporting that is in the contract documents. FHWA is really reviewing the DBE reporting.

Next meeting July 27, 2011

Adjourn