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MEMO TO: Jeff Allen, Michael Alford, Dellon Baker, Carl Barclay, Delacy Bradsher, Chris Byers, Christopher Conerly, Shannon Douglas, Randy Garris, Shanese Green, Ron Hancock, Wiley Jones III, Bruce Hazle, Bo Hemphill, Scott Hidden, Brandon Hill, Ryan Ilg, Berry Jenkins, Ben Johnson, Steve Kite, Ben Lanier, Don Lee, Dan Lieberman, Clark Morrison, Brenda Moore, Dennis O'Connor, Michael O'Shields, Mark Perkins, John Pilipchuk, Glenn Pratt, Byron Sanders, Jeff Saunders, Ian Scott, Lamar Sylvester, Adam Tipton, Kevin Thomas, Dave Tolley, Brian Webb

FROM: R.E. Davenport, Jr., PE
State Contract Officer

SUBJECT: NCDOT-AGC Roadway Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The subject committee met on February 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Riverwood Conference Room at the NCDOT Century Center.

NCDOT Letting Website

Patrick Doran

Mr. Doran provided a mock website for a proposed update to NCDOT Lettings. The existing letting sites will continue to be available and will not change. The proposed letting landing page lists anticipated and advertised lettings for Central, Division, Design Build, and potential other NCDOT lettings. The proposed site has the ability to make certain lettings a user's favorite by allowing selection and deselection of a star. This will place the favorite letting at the top of the page when the user returns to the site. It was requested to have the ability to "favorite" certain division lettings as well so that each advertisement remains at the top of the page. The committee is asked to review the mock site and provide feedback on the information shown on the site and suggest additional information that could be helpful in the future. The site will be available later this year and will be mobile friendly.

Mock Letting Landing page:

<https://xd.adobe.com/view/0de7d3f6-fe68-4aba-64ba-95c7f8baa258-7bd6/>

Please send comments to nroskam@ncdot.gov prior to the next meeting.

Reuse of ABC Trimmings

Chris Conerly

Mr. Conerly noted inconsistencies in how Divisions are allowing or not allowing fine grading ABC waste to be reused on the mainline versus only allowing use on light use bike paths or sidewalks. The committee noted that other Divisions allowed use in the mainline 1,000 feet from the end with clean quarry stone over the trimmings. The committee noted that in the past, there was concerns of segregation; however, the new equipment reduces the opportunity for segregation. A subcommittee formed consisting of Mr. Conerly, Mr. O'Shields, Mr. Ilg and Mr. Sawyer or his designee in Materials and Tests. This subcommittee will identify where trimmings are being used and evaluate the reused ABC trimming.

Utilities

Kevin O'Conner

Mr. O'Conner noted that Blythe Development has a large project with significant utility delays. He noted that Division 9 had a dedicated Utility Coordinator which seems to accelerate projects in that Division. The committee discussed the differences in how NCDOT offices across the state are structured in relation to utility coordinators or technicians.

Mr. Barclay detailed the efforts that his unit implemented to improve communication throughout the state for utility coordination. His team is working with Divisions to identify utility delays and prioritize the efforts for each utility company. The effort to minimize utility conflicts begins at 15% plans versus 25% in previous years. The central utility unit is providing quarterly training to share best practices and encourage Divisions to invite utilities to project meetings early in the project.

Mr. Davenport addressed the concern that projects with utility conflicts are being reviewed prior to letting and delayed if needed. He noted that some projects have been moved. The committee noted that because utilities are being prioritized based on the tentative letting list, it is important that utilities have confidence in the proposed letting dates if possible.

Mr. Barclay asked that if there are utility issues, please involve his unit. If there are reoccurring issues with a utility and warnings have been issued and ignored, the Department is willing to delay issuing new encroachments for that utility until the issues are resolved.

Pipe Repairs

Charles Smith

Mr. Smith provided an overview of pipe repair technology as well as NCDOT's draft guidelines and provision. He provided a presentation (attached) and noted that the guidelines provides full structural replacement, uses ASTM testing, includes inspection and clean out procedures, and allows six categories of treatment.

Mentor-Protégé

Berry Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins asked if companies are solicited to be in a mentor-protégé program by the Office of Civil Rights. He would like to be informed of participation by members in this program.

Legislative Update

Berry Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins informed the committee of potential legislation for the North Carolina home builders which would require at least 8 hours of continuing education for contractors to retain an unclassified license for vertical construction. The requirements will not apply directly to highway construction and will not be effective until 2020.

Pedestrian Access and ADA Compliance Update

Lamar Sylvester

Mr. Sylvester noted that pedestrian access on construction projects is important to the Department and will be a topic in the upcoming Contract Administration Workshops. Projects will have access and ADA compliance requirements based on the existing facilities and the pedestrian traffic estimates. Please contact Work Zone Traffic Control if you have questions regarding pedestrian access during construction and the level of ADA compliance required after construction is complete.

Silica Safety Update

Lamar Sylvester

Mr. Sylvester asked how contractors are complying with the safety requirements for diamond grinding and concrete cutting. The OSHA requirements means that contractors are using wet saws, dust collectors for grinders, and/or personal protective equipment including filter masks.

Construction Factoring

Lamar Sylvester

Mr. Sylvester asked if contractors were familiar with construction factoring. It is a method of providing fast cash to subcontractors by providing cash up front for signing over the rights to the payment of the completed work to the finance company. The Department is investigating this method of financing but until otherwise notified, it is considered a breach of contract if this method of financing is used. The committee discussed concerns with lien law issues, and Mr. Jenkins offered a review by AGC attorneys.

Other

Ron Davenport

The committee discussed having updates on previous topics and asked that the meeting format include an Old Business discussion to help the committee determine the outcome of the previous concerns.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Riverwood Conference Room at NCDOT's Century Center B.

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