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

SUBJECT: DOT-AGC Roadway Subcommittee Meeting Minutes October 20, 2022

The AGC Roadway Subcommittee met in the Riverwood Conference Room at NCDOT Century Center on October 20, 2022, at 10:00 am. Microsoft Teams was available for virtual attendance. The following are items were discussed:

Material Escalation Update (NCDOT)

There were 453 requests submitted. So far NCDOT has responded to 393 requests and still need review approximately 60. Majority of submissions were sent the last 4 days of the deadline. Out the 393 requests, only 101 have been finalized. The remaining ones are in the appeal period. We are giving the industry seven days to provide any details or additional supporting documentation for their request. Feel free to call CCU if you have any questions or have not received a response.

Fuel Adjustment Committee Update (NCDOT)

After historic increase in diesel fuel, the industry requested that the fuel adjustment provision be reviewed. The committee reviewed the fuel usage factors and considered different bid items that are not part of the current special provisions. In the November letting, a few bid items were added into the provisions. These include erosion control stone and rip rap at a 0.55 gallons / ton, ultrathin bonded wearing course at a 0.9 or 2.9 gallons / ton depending on how the aggregates are dried. Lastly is Portland concrete cement which is broken down into three groups depending on the thickness.

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Buy America Update (NCDOT)

The waiver expires on November 10. On letting past November 11 will include the construction materials incorporated into the Buy America. The new special provision include a new section 106-1 that list all the construction materials. There is currently not extension of the waiver. NCDOT reviewed the approved products listing and determined which items were critical for project material certification. NCDOT hopes that we can get a continuation of the waiver so manufacturers can gear up provide more domestic source materials. Nothing has changed for iron and steel. FHWA, EPA, and Federal Rail have been instructed to review all existing waivers considering this new legislation. If there are any questions, feel free to call Mr. Todd Whittington.

Utility Workgroup Update (NCDOT)

We have met with Duke Energy to understand each other issues and make some decisions to find solutions. Currently NCDOT and Duke Energy have established escalation protocols. NCDOT is also providing the 36-month let list to Duke Energy so they can-do long-range planning. Things are going smooth in Division 3 as NCDOT, and Duke Energy try to sync their construction process with the Department's process. The Division Engineer is staying informed with Duke Energy projects so he can be aware of where Duke Energy crews are need.

Early stages of engagement with AT&T and having similar same conversations. It is a little different approach because AT&T is most likely in an encroachment rather than easement since they may not have prior rights.

During the design, the Department identifies facilities that are going to cost a lot of money and/ or take a lot of time. By avoiding these issues during the design, it minimizes impacts or avoids those utilities. This reduces the amount of utility coordination that is needed.

Specification/Standard Drawing Update (NCDOT)

The Team site was available to provide comments and edits to the revised Specifications. There was also an option to send comments directly to Mr. Victor Barbour. The Department is now reverting to the email process in which the industry will receive a summary document in pair with a Division track change word document. The firms will be given a deadline for each Division. Each Division will be given at different times to help avoid overload by giving the entire Specifications. All comments should go through Victor to consolidate and forward to the Department. The first Division shall be going out by the end of the month. Ms. Lisa Penny went over a few changes in Division 1 to illustrate what the industry would receive.

The Standard Drawing committee halfway through reviewing the Roadway Standard Drawings. Majority will not have any changes. Some changes on the Standard Drawing are very minimal.

All Standard Drawings will be sent at once with a memo stating the changes. The

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package will be sent in March 2023 with a 30-day review period. The Standard Drawings cannot be broken into sections like the Standard Specification because they started the process a little behind.

There are other industries asking on commenting on the changes. American Safety Traffic has reached out about reviewing Work Zone Traffic / Pavement Markings Standard Drawings. We see no issues to let people who specialize on these services to review and comment. That would add a lot of value.

Steel Price Index Webinar – October 27, 2022 (NCDOT) –

NCDOT invites everyone to the Steel Price Index Webinar to know how to opt in and answer any questions related to this provision. Use to register use the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4654007746837745165>

2022 Meeting Dates

December 15

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