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AGC/NCDOT Roadway Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2026

The meeting was held in the Riverwood Conference Room at NCDOT Century Center on April 16, 2026, at 10:00 am. Microsoft Teams was available for virtual attendance. The following were discussed:

Estimated Quantities Update (AGC)

AGC detailed concerns about estimated quantities on line items that routinely result in significant underruns or overruns. An area where this commonly happens is erosion control items. The Department is going to review line items where this is a common occurrence and see if adjustments can be made in the estimating process to have more accurate estimated quantities. The Department is also investigating noting which line items on a contract are a contingency.

Drainage Detailing (AGC)

Industry is often running into storm drain issues on projects where the design depths are not meeting the required minimum depths in the Specifications. Mr. Steve Brumblelow with Blythe detailed three projects (Union, Guilford and Forsyth) as examples of these situations via Teams. It is taking a significant amount of time for contractors to work up the storm drain at the beginning of the project because of the necessary changes. Often this can entail changing slopes of pipes and thus altering the hydraulic design of the network. AGC is going to provide a summary of common issues, and the Department will review them with the Hydraulics Unit. AGC requested that there be more consistent review of storm drain submittals by the Department.

Ramp/Loop Paving (AGC)

The revision to 610-8 was shown during the meeting. This will allow contractors to sequence mill and fill resurfacing operations in any order provided the sequence does not adversely affect longitudinal joint construction, density, surface smoothness and all contract requirements are met. This language is expected to start showing up in contracts being let in June as a revision to the Standard Specification. This revision is for mill and fill resurfacing operations. Overlays will still need to be sequenced where intersections, auxiliary lanes, ramps, loops and other irregular areas are paved after the main line roadway.

Construction Ready Electronic Files/Modeling (NCDOT)

Currently designs are being done in a 3D environment in OpenRoads Designer and then flattened to 2D before being provided to contractors. Contractors are then using modelers to create the 3D construction model. The Department preference is to transition away from flattening to prevent loss of information from the design model. The Department would like to review the model with industry and provide compensation for this review. The proposed method of compensation was discussed and if it would be better to be a stipend rather than a bid item. AGC's preference was for this to be a stipend, and the Department is open to this. The Department would like to know how the modelers are compensated to help determine the stipend amount. Industry believed that compensation is based on lane miles and will confirm this. The review meetings are expected to last 3 to 4 hours with some preparation hours needed in advance of the review meeting. Currently there are two pilot projects that are post-let that the Department will try to implement a model review through supplemental agreements. The Department will provide the special provision to AGC for their review once Department determines method of measurement and payment. The Department noted that presently the signed and sealed plans will dictate as the legality of the model is not completely defined.

Electronic Certified Payrolls (NCDOT)

The Department provided a timeline update on the process of moving to electronic certified payrolls. The Department will host a webinar on the process on May 6, 2026. Mrs. Michelle Gaddy will send the information on the webinar to Mr. Victor Barbour so he can distribute to industry. The Department would like for company's IT staff to attend the webinar in addition to the payroll staff. Testing for electronic certified payrolls is expected to start in June 2026. Mrs. Michelle Gaddy is going to send the electronic certified payroll special provision that will be included in some pilot projects at the end of the year to Mr. Victor Barbour for AGC review. Presently there are 15 to 20 states that are using AASHTOWare including Virginia and Tennessee. South Carolina is looking at moving to AASHTOWare but is currently behind North Carolina in this process. The Department noted that most of the contractors that are going to help pilot electronic certified payrolls have already been doing this in other states.

2026 Meeting Dates

June 18

August 20

October 15

December 17