MEMORANDUM TO: AGC-DOT Joint Cooperative Committee Members
FROM: Rodger Rochelle, PE
SUBJECT: January 21, 2016 Minutes

The Joint Cooperative committee of the AGC – DOT met at 10:00 a.m. on January 21, 2016 in the Chief Engineer’s Conference Room at the NCDOT Equipment and Maintenance Facility on Beryl Road in Raleigh.

AGENDA AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Jenkins welcomed Mr. Walt Gray, the new Chief Deputy Secretary for NCDOT, to the meeting and explained what the committee does and who is involved. This is Mr. Gray’s first time to one of the JCC meetings.

Revenue Update

Mr. Tasaico stated that so far NCDOT is in good shape across the board. They are anticipating a 2% increase over all revenue sources due to higher than expected diesel sales as well as DMV fees via truck registrations.

The Department is currently looking at revenue and funding projections for the next ten years and analyzing how trends in transportation and technology such as autonomous vehicles and teen driving will impact.

On the Federal side, the FAST Reauthorization Bill was passed in December for the next 5 years. The gas tax however at the Federal level has not been increased since 1993, and the financing plan of the FAST bill is “not ideal”.

Mr. Tyeryar stated that the bill will keep us up on inflation.

Over upcoming months, NCDOT will be letting $50 million worth of safety projects and $200 million in bridge projects focusing on High Value Bridges (HVB). NCDOT is still working on spending down the cash balance and telling the Legislature how we will be
doing that. The Board is being updated monthly on the cash balances on projects that are underway (dollars spent vs dollar projections for the project).

**Letting Projections (handout)**

Randy Garris

Mr. Garris provided a handout outlining the proposed Letting Projection Chart and the Let Summary Projection. From February 2016 through January 2017, $1.534 billion in projects are currently scheduled including Design Build, TIP and TIP Bridge Replacement.

Mr. Garris reviewed the ten projects greater than $20 million in the tentative 12-month list, including five Design-Build projects, all totaling $836.9 million. In the same 12 months, there are currently four bridge projects greater than $10 million including one Design Build. These four projects have an estimated cost of $263.7 million.

Mr. Garris mentioned that we now have a 24 month list on the web. The contractors stated that they would like to see 24 month Letting Projection Charts at the next meeting. Mr. Jenkins mentioned that the “mega” projects are still an area of concern.

**Large Bridge Rehab Projects Under Express Design Build Format**

Rodger Rochelle

NCDOT is looking to fast track some HVB projects via Express Design Build around the July/August time frame. There will be four contracts valued between $15 and $45 million with the larger contracts in the east. Each contract will have eight to ten bridges. NCDOT is looking to authorize state funds now to advertise. These contracts will extend the service life of bridges for which funding is currently not available for full replacement.

The scope and nature of the line items of these projects will be the difference from other Express projects. Information on the bridges will be given in a little more detail and contracts will cross division lines. Contractors will need to only respond to one Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for the four contracts, but each contract can have a different team and you do not have to apply for all four. Once the teams are shortlisted, the RFPs for each contract will be staggered and the existing process for the selection of a team will be followed. NCDOT is also considering lessening the amount that contractors will be required to self-perform.

Mr. Rochelle mentioned that there will also be smaller DB projects that will be put out to assist in spending down the cash balances as Mr. Tyeryar mentioned.

Mr. Rochelle mentioned that consultants are being selected to assist the Design Build Unit staff. The selection committee has met and they are expecting two embedded consultants. While these consultants are working for the Design Build Unit, they will be removed from bidding on DB contracts.

**CAGC/NCDOT Joint Winter Training Conferences**

Berry Jenkins / Ron Hancock

The first workshop will be held at Atlantic Beach from February 24 to 25. The theme is project delivery. The conference team is trying to set up the break outs to foster discussion and communication. The private engineering community is also invited but they may be limited to the number that can attend if they are not a member of AGC.
PIP Rail Program Updates
Paul Worley
The priority is grading to turn over the rail beds to NS to build the track. There are two other jobs coming, the Charlotte Maintenance Facility and IT items in the stations.

Railroad Coordination Efforts with NS and CSX
Berry Jenkins
The team has been working for two years on building quality communication with the railroads. The team consisting of members from ACEC and AGC, has come up with a series of questions to work with the railroads towards a better DB process. They have met with CSX and NS and it has been very positive. The questions have been sent to Ms. Teresa Bruton with DB for consideration to get the questions into the process.

Program Delivery Plans of DOT’s Enhanced Funded Program
Mike Holder / Rodger Rochelle
Mr. Jenkins stated that Mr. Holder and Mr. Rochelle have given a presentation to the Legislative Joint Transportation Oversight Committee and the Legislature is looking for NCDOT to do something different than they have been doing.

Mr. Holder stated that the Legislature asked about time metrics on implementation of what we are going to do with the funds. Mr. Holder mentioned that he is going to need AGC’s assistance on how to improve the time line with items such as utility relocation.

Mr. Holder also mentioned that the League of Municipalities has reached out and shares many of our concerns. They have creative ideas on things they are doing and want to do.

Northern Long-Eared Bat Update
Ron Hancock
Mr. Hancock stated that we have been working under the preliminary 4D Rule and have been having issues in Divisions 9-14. The Final Rule has come out and the moratorium is now June 1st through July 31st and is the area is limited to only known sites. From what he has heard there are around 100 known sites and will not be on every project.

The new rule goes into effect February 1st but each office has to approve the process. NCDOT is in the process of setting something up with the Asheville office.

MBE/WBE Goal Setting on State Program for Next 3 Years
Kevin Burns
Mr. Burns stated that there are three shareholders meetings going on statewide on the MBE/WBE triennial goals. Invitees include contractors, DBEs and NCDOT. There was a meeting today and a webinar in Raleigh coming up. There is a concern with the number of MBE firms that may be considered in determining the goal when there is a small portion of those certified that are prequalified to do work with NCDOT. This also applies to the goal that is set on contracts. If the goals are set in taking all the certified firms into consideration, we are artificially inflating the goals and setting ourselves up for failure.

The contractors mentioned that there is also no consideration for capacity of the disadvantaged firms (i.e. if the haulers have only one truck). Mr. Burns asked what the outcome of the capacity survey was that NCDOT’s BOWD did last year and no one had heard the results.
MBE/WBE Goals on Division Let Projects – Banking

Mr. Medlin stated that they are looking into the best way to facilitate the process to the divisions using what is currently in place (i.e. DANES). They also need a way to track the banking and educate on the rules.

Mr. Burns asked if they are looking to tie all the different types of projects together for one bank account (i.e. Division, Central, DB) and Tony said yes.

Other

Mr. Holder mentioned that they had an ACEC / NCDOT joint meeting and there was a discussion on consultant inspectors and the lack there of relative to qualified folks. They are looking at potential solutions including reciprocity if they are ASTM certified and putting them through a “boot camp” for a day and a half or two days. Mr. Hancock is working with Mr. Peoples on this endeavor. The other option is for consultants to bring in CEI folks they have out of state into NC. The problem is that many of them do not have an on-call contract. Ms. Long will look into ways to get them involved. The bottom line is we need to grow the base of qualified inspectors.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chief Engineer’s Conference Room at the NCDOT Equipment and Maintenance Facility on Beryl Road in Raleigh. This meeting however is in the middle of the Winter Conferences and may be cancelled.
NCDOT/CAGC Joint Cooperative Committee Agenda
Chief Engineer’s Conference Room, Beryl Road

January 21, 2016
10:00 am to noon

Agenda Items:

1) Revenue Update
   David Tyeryar / Burt Tasaico

2) Letting Projections
   Randy Garris

3) Large Bridge Rehab Projects Under Express DB Format
   Rodger Rochelle

4) CAGC/NCDOT Joint Winter Training Conferences
   Ron Hancock / Berry Jenkins

5) PIP Update
   Paul Worley

6) Railroad Coordination Efforts with NS and CSX Railroad
   Berry Jenkins

7) Program Delivery Plans of DOT’s Enhanced Funded Program
   Mike Holder / Rodger Rochelle

8) Northern Long-Eared Bat (Update on New Rules)
   Ron Hancock

9) MBE / WBE Goal Setting on State Program for Next 3 Years
   Berry Jenkins / Kevin Burns

10) MBE / WBE Banking on Division Let Projects (Update)
    Tony Medlin
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