

ACEC IL District 8 Liaison Committee Meeting

DATE – October 08, 2019

TIME – 2:00 PM

LOCATION – District 8 Breakroom

Meeting called by: Steve Donahue **Type of meeting:** ACEC Liaison Committee Meeting
Chairperson: Steve Donahue **Note taker:** Brad Riechmann
Attendees: See attached Sign-in Sheet

Minutes

Agenda item: Welcome and Introduction **Presenter:** Steve Donahue

Discussion:

Steve welcomed all attendees to the second District 8 Committee meeting. A brief overview of the planned meeting events was provided. Today's technical session is presented by SCI Engineering, titled "War Games – Evaluating Risk. What are the geologic risks present on a large, active slope failure and how does understanding those hazards aid in risk assessment and mitigation programming?" Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1st quarter 2020.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Call for all member firms to submit future technical sessions.	All At-Large Members	

Agenda item: ACEC-Illinois Update **Presenter:** Kevin Artl

Discussion:

Kevin introduced himself to the group. He presented a list of past transportation qualifications. Most recently he was the Illinois Tollway COO. Kevin stated at this position he interacted with IDOT District 1 on a regular basis, and he is excited to develop a similar relationship downstate. Kevin provided an update on the Capitol Bill. He stated a Mutli-Year Plan announcement is expected in the next two weeks. He noted in addition to the transportation funding, the CDB also has 11 billion dollars included in the Capitol Bill. Kevin stated the infrastructure industry in Illinois is approaching a highpoint. He noted strong construction programs with the Illinois Tollway, O'Hare improvements, CTA, and IDOT. Capitol Bill spending has positioned Illinois to have the largest 10 year investment ever realized. Kevin closed by stating he is excited to continue the industry-wide collaboration he has witnessed at the Tollway, and he is excited to assist IDOT deliver the Capitol Bill program. Kevin announced ACEC plans to host downstate events with CDB and Acting Secretary Osman.

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Agenda item: IDOT District 8 Update

Presenter: Kirk Brown & Keith Roberts

Discussion:

Kirk Brown presented remarks prepared by Keith Roberts. Keith joined the presentation after it started. Kirk announced the Capitol Bill has caused a direct delay to remaining open positions within IDOT. Kirk went on to provide details of the bill. The Capitol Bill is a 6 year investment of \$33.2 billion. Local projects noted were:

- \$211 Million – I-270 Bridge Replacement
- \$146 Million – Rehab of I-255
- \$81 Million – IL 3 Connector to 203
- \$33 Million – I-255 Dupo interchange
- \$35 Million – I-64/I-55 Poplar Street Complex improvements
- \$32 Million – I-64 Third Lane from Green Mount Road East
- \$24 Million – US 67 Delhi By-Pass

Kirk thanked everyone for their patience while the Capitol Bill details are developed. Kirk noted another recent change at IDOT is the TAMP policy. This is a federal mandated asset management program. The program will focus on preservation; not a “worst is first.” Another change is increased maintenance programs and thicker overlays. IDOT is still hopeful that Design-Build legislation is passed. Kirk noted the District’s emphasis on 3D design. Kirk informed the group the District 8 advertisements will grow with the sustainable revenue source. He reminded the group to manage the DBE percentage of their contracts. Meeting the DBE percentage is a point of emphasis within IDOT. He reminded the group to get evaluations completed on finished contracts. Kirk also stated IDOT requires staff is readily available if submitted on pursuits.

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Agenda item: Questions –

Presenter: Steve Donahue on Behalf of the Committee

Discussion:

Steve presented discussion items the consultant group developed through prior coordination.

- Steve asked if Various/Various projects could include additional information that could be provided concerning the type of work expected and if staff will be required to be in the District office. Steve conceded that procurement law requires the District to include multiple items in the advertisement to cover all instances, but if some clue to the expected work would help the consultant community provide better service to IDOT.
 - This was taken under advisement.
- Steve asked how the consultant community could help IDOT deliver the increased program. Lunch and Learns?
 - Kirk Brown stated consultants should continue collaboration and increase awareness on response time during busy periods.
- Bruce Schopp asked about the IDOT Phase III program.
 - Lora Rensing responded that additional information will be available with the release of the MYP. She stated IDOT will have a large demand for Phase III staff. She mentioned that Phase III is using a new documentation program called E-Construction along with a new CMS system. Both tools require construction staff to upgrade their computer equipment in the field. IDOT is considering requiring consultants to provide some computers and iPads for IDOT’s use as part of the Phase III contracts. Lora stated the Phase III documentation class schedule is out now and recommended having staff trained.

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Agenda item: Technical Session

Presenter: Tom Casey

Discussion:

“War Games – Evaluating Risk. What are the geologic risks present on a large, active slope failure and how does understanding those hazards aid in risk assessment and mitigation programming?”

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Other Information
