
Agenda item: IDOT District 8 Report

Presenter: Jeff Keirn

Discussion:

Changes in IDOT District 8 and 9 leadership were announced. Tiffany Brase was announced as the IDOT District 8 Studies and Plans Engineer, Jim Mollet, Local Roads Engineer, and John Scheibal, Construction Engineer, plan to retire later this year. Charles Stein was announced as the new Studies and Plans Engineer for District 9. Jeff reported both IDOT Districts 8 and 9 are struggling to retain engineers. IDOT District 8 is looking to hire Highway Maintainers for the first time in a long time. IDOT has approximately 5,200 employees with the hopes to increase their numbers with more hires. With the recent number of retirees, IDOT has been doing its best to maintain the number of employees. Jeff noted 35-year employees are a thing of the past due to pensions. You may see some people leave IDOT then come back. IDOT Land Acquisition prepared plats for over 400 parcels in District 8 this year. This number of plats hasn't been prepared since the New Mississippi River Bridge days. Most of the parcels were generated by ADA projects. Nine Phase I projects were noted as active with more possible in the future. New stakeholders, elected officials, and the possibility of a new Secretary of Transportation may shape future projects. Design Build was discussed. Jeff believes it to be a tool in the tool box but not appropriate for all projects. IDOT would need to be selective. Design Build would allow for more flexibility in design. The P3 office in Springfield looked at utilizing a public private partnership on I-270, but the traffic didn't justify it.

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Agenda item: Questions – Jeff Keirn

Presenter: Tim Padgett, Mark Harms

Discussion:

Tim Padgett asked what the advantages of Design Build is for IDOT. Jeff stated IDOT would tap in to Contractor innovations, would provide for a faster overall project, and would force answers, but would also require IDOT to rethink how they do their Phase I clearances. Steve Donahue suggested IDOT limit the number of shortlisted firms to a reasonable number like three. A follow up question was asked whether Jeff knew how the Illinois contractors felt about Design Build. Jeff stated some like it and others don't. Most of the big construction firms like Design Build and the small ones typically do not. Downstate contractors for the most part are resistant to Design Build.

Mark Harms asked if IDOT Central Office is preparing for a large sustainable funding package. An increase of agreements and other documents would be expected with an increased program. Jeff mentioned turnaround times for contracts has been improving greatly over the last few years. He recognized the decrease in turnaround time could be partly due to the lower number of jobs awarded. Jeff also mentioned IDOT has hired additional staff, which has helped improve turnaround time on contracts and put the Agreements group in a position for future success. Dave Bender also commented IDOT Central Office has supported TFIC's sustainable funding plan.

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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?”

Presentation was postponed to the next meeting due to technical difficulties.

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