

District Construction Engineers' Meeting

April 27, 2020

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Agenda

New/Recurring Business:

1) Attendees Present:

Summary Notes:

Attendees Present Were:

D1 - Jon Sands, Brian Penny

D2 – Travis Humphries

D3 – Ed Hudec, Kevin Fussell

D4 - Deb Ihsan, Matt Carlock

D5 – Todd Womick, Jennifer Smith

D6 – Mario Cabrera, Heidi Solaun-Dominguez

D7 – Megan Arasteh

TP – Albert Salas

CO – Art Berger, Tim Lattner, Dan Hurtado, Scott Arnold, Rich Hewitt, Larry Ritchie, Latashi Kitchen, Suzannah Ray

FHWA – Chad Thompson

2) COVID-19 (Dan Hurtado)

The group to discuss COVID-19.

Summary Notes: Dan discussed phase 2 and 3 lane closures, additional work windows, and the number of claims related to Covid-19. Most claims are putting the Department on notice. Districts were polled. A few districts have contractors/subs who cannot work due to the virus and quarantining while some are having trouble getting materials. The group also discussed acceleration measures which have been based on reduced traffic rates. More traffic is on the road and some jobs are reverting back to regular MOT.

Action: Districts were asked to let Dan know if there is any push back on seeing more traffic.

3) Specification Updates (Dan Hurtado)

SCO will provide an overview of recent Specification changes. Districts may bring forward any proposed specification changes.

<http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/programmanagement/Development/IndustryReview.aspx>

Summary Notes: Nothing to discuss at this time.

4) Temporary Detection, spec 102-9.16 (Matt Carlock)

Matt to discuss temporary detection. The difficulty of maintaining detection on resurfacing projects has been brought up by several contractors in our District.

any roadways meet the requirements in 102-9.16.

102-9.16 Temporary Traffic Detection and Maintenance: Provide temporary traffic detection and maintenance at existing, temporary, and new signalized intersections. Provide temporary traffic detection equipment listed on the APL. Restore any loss of detection within 12 hours. Ensure 90% accuracy per signal phase, measured at the initial installation and after any lane shifts, by comparing sample data collected from the detection system with ground truth data collected by human observation. Collect the sample and ground truth data for a minimum of five minutes during a peak and five minutes during an off-peak period with a minimum three detections for each signal phase. Perform the test in the presence of the Engineer.

102-9.17 Truck Mounted Attenuators and Trailer Mounted Attenuators: Furnish

Summary Notes: The group discussed temporary detection and how the spec is currently written. There are concerns with a 12-hour turn around and loops not being cost effective. Districts were polled. Some are enforcing the spec in the field while others have not had issues and are using video detection.

Action: Tim Lattner will look into this. Dan to get with Missy Hollis to check statewide prices and will add this topic to the next LESS committee meeting.

5) Contactless Ticketing (Dan Hurtado/Rich Hewitt)

Dan to discuss contactless ticketing.

Summary Notes: Dan informed the group the Secretary moderated a contactless ticketing podcast which was broadcast on the Florida channel. A DCE memo was also issued. Rich gave an update to the group. 9 out of 12 contractors are using e-ticketing. Most are doing well, and some are having minor issues. Rich is trying to look for ways to make digital data a competitive advantage and hoping contractors will want to keep using it.

Walk-On Items:

1) QC Testing Firm Concerns (Conrad Campbell)

Conrad to discuss a concern/request from a QC Testing Firm – We [QC Testing Firms] are losing people due to attrition and are unable to get new folks CTQP certified (due to the current COVID19 situation) to perform QC testing for our contractors/clients. Given these circumstances, would FDOT allow the use of an unqualified technician working under the supervision of a qualified technician to perform QC testing?

Summary Notes: Megan discussed a question that came in to D7 regarding QC testing during Covid-19. Dan is not in favor of this. Current requirements for QC testing are in accordance with FHWA.

Action: Dan to discuss with Chad Thompson.

2) Third Party Damages (Deb Ihsan)

Deb to discuss third party damages.

Summary Notes: Deb discussed installed items being hit and damaged at the end of the project.

3) Essential Letters (Matt Carlock)

Summary Notes: Matt inquired about essential letters. Dan informed the group it is a great idea to run in 2-week cycles and upon request.

Next DCE Meeting – May 18, 2020

Submit agenda items to Suzannah Ray by Friday, May 8, 2020.