

District Construction Engineers' Meeting
August 31, 2020
2:00 – 3:30 PM
Agenda

New/Recurring Business:

1) Attendees Present:

Summary Notes: Attendees Present were:

D1 - Jon Sands, Brian Penny, Brian Blair

D2 – Travis Humphries, Michael Sandow, Kevin Rogers

D3 – Ed Hudec, Kevin Fussell

D4 - Deb Ihsan, Matt Carlock

D5 – Jennifer Smith, Todd Womick

D6 – Mario Cabrera, Heidi Solaun-Dominguez

D7 – Conrad Campbell, Megan Arasteh

TP – Albert Salas, Yveins Jean-Pierre

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

FHWA – Chad Thompson

2) QCRR Upload Percentages (Scott Arnold/Rich Hewitt)

There are still a significant percentage of projects (43%) where the QC Roadway Report (QCRR) has not been e-mailed to the SMO after final acceptance.

At final acceptance, project personnel should e-mail the final QCRR to Curtis Curl of the SMO (curtis.curl@dot.state.fl.us).

Why Do We Want the QCRR e-mailed to the State Materials Office?

Having QCRR data in MAC provides the vital link allowing the Department to tie construction acceptance materials testing data to the long-term pavement performance data.

Analysis of how materials test results obtained during construction affect long-term pavement performance ensures we set appropriate materials test targets and tolerances for construction acceptance to ensure quality, long-lasting pavements at reasonable bid prices.

Summary Notes: Rich provided an update to the group. Most districts were up to 100% of the QC Roadway Reports. The numbers have improved but we haven't been receiving the QCRR upload. Districts were reminded to make sure the data is saved. The trigger date is now at final acceptance plus 60 days to get the notice out to the DCEs or PAs.

Action: Rich will send out the project list. Districts are asked to email this information to Curtis.

3) Escalation Process (Dan Hurtado)

Dan to discuss the escalation process.

Summary Notes: The group discussed the escalation process, how it is currently working, and how effective it is. The escalation process is established at the preconstruction meetings. The smaller projects may not have the escalation matrix, but it is known the process goes to the next level. Districts are partnering virtually during the pandemic.

4) Election Signs (Dan Hurtado)

Dan to discuss election signs.

Summary Notes: Dan informed the group if election signs are in the jobsite ROW, have them removed, store somewhere, and contact the person to have them pick the signs up.

5) Liquidated Damages and Retainage (Dan Hurtado)

Dan to discuss liquidated damages and retainage.

Summary Notes: The group discussed liquidated damages and retainage. All districts follow the specifications and CPAM.

6) CEI Cost Savings Measures (Dan Hurtado)

Dan to discuss CEI cost saving measures.

Summary Notes: Dan discussed CEI cost savings and the effort from the CEI task team. With regard to budget requests, the need is to get a couple of ideas. Acceptance by contractor certification on small state funded projects with minimal CEI presence and materials sampling and workmanship.

7) FHP Hire Back Contracts (Matt Carlock)

Matt to discuss the difficulties with accurately tracking FHP Hire Back hours at the project level until an invoice is received. How are other districts handling this?

Summary Notes: Matt expressed the difficulties D4 is having with FHP Hire Backs. They are scheduling and are showing up whenever they want. D5 and D6 have not been able to get officers at all.

Action: Districts to send to Jenn data for their district. Jenn to get with Dan on changes for local law enforcement.

8) COVID Impacts – are others seeing rise in cases? (Matt Carlock)

Matt to discuss the rise in contractor cases over the last 6 weeks and is expecting more time extension and bonus date adjustments requests.

Summary Notes: Matt asked the group if anyone has seen an increase in production time for mast arms and technicians for inspection due to COVID. A few time extensions have come through due to manufacturing processes.

9) FHWA Focused Reviews (Reference Document Attached) (Chad Thompson)

Chad to discuss the draft FHWA Focus Reviews for the upcoming year.

Summary Notes: Chad went over the FHWA focus reviews for the upcoming year and will space the reviews out as much as possible. Chad showed a graph of federal dollars amounts for each district showing how much each has for next year. Chad went over the FY 21 project delivery plan with the group for focused review.

Walk-On Items:

1) Docusign (Dan Hurtado)

Summary Notes: Dan informed the group the Department will have an unlimited Docusign license. Dan working with Kristin Tadlock to start transitioning forms to Docusign.

2) Spec 415 (Dan Hurtado)

Summary Notes: Dan informed the group Tybot has presented a change to spec 415, but it can't do double ties. This was tried on a D5 project but it can only do single tie. The spec is not tied to Tybot.

3) New Electronic Support System (Ed Hudec)

Summary Notes: Ed asked about the new electronic support system. Dan let the group know that SMO came up with sample testing information directly in the system.

Next DCE Meeting – September 28, 2020

Submit agenda items to Suzannah Ray by Friday, September 18, 2020.