

District Construction Engineers' Meeting

April 26, 2021

2:00 – 3:10 PM

Agenda

New/Recurring Business:

1) Attendees Present:

Summary Notes: Attendees Present were:

D1 – Jon Sands, Brian Penny

D2 – Scott Lent, Michael Sandow, Travis Humphries

D3 – Ranae Sanders

D4 - Deb Ihsan, Matt Carlock

D5 – Jennifer Smith, John Hatfield

D6 – Mario Cabrera, Heidi Solaun

D7 – Conrad Campbell, Heward Humes

TP – Albert Salas, Yveins Jean-Pierre

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

FHWA – Chad Thompson, Rafiq Darji

2) Reduced Frequency Evaluations (Reference Documents Attached) (Scott Lent)

The group to discuss reduced frequency evaluations proposal.

Summary Notes: Scott discussed reducing frequency evaluations to once per year. Design would be increased from yearly to biannual. Interim evaluations can be conducted anytime.

Action: Scott will send proposed wording to Olivia Townsend.

3) Crosswalk Request for Phase 66 (Scott Lent)

D2 Work Program has established the following phases that will be included on CCEI contracts when UWHCA are part of the construction contract:

Phase 66-01 Established for tracking CEI costs of COMPENSABLE utility work

Phase 66-02 Established for tracking CEI costs of NON-compensable utility work (relocation type utility work that we have to do anyway to complete project)

Our Work Program Office is attempting to better identify the amount of funding to provide oversight of COMPENSABLE utility work done under Utility Work by Highway Contractor Agreement (UWHCA). This is when an outside agency with facilities on our Right of Way review plans and request to add their utility work as part of our construction contract to ultimately save them on costs such as MOT, mobilization, etc. When we enter into these agreements, the outside agency puts the estimated amount of LF Funding on deposit and the D2 Utility Office requires a 5% administrative fee from the agency which they in turn program onto Phase 62-01 to assist in the overall Consultant CEI contract amount.

According to our Work Program Office, establishment of the Phase 66 codes have been adopted and will become part of the Work Program Instructions which will be used for future programming statewide. Establishing the new work activity code will better capture the type of work being performed for future data collection and ultimately a potential increase in the funding that is requested as the administrative fee for compensable utility work.

Summary Notes: District 2 discussed UWHCA, fees/funding, and the efforts Department staff have encountered to make sure other agency utilities do not conflict with Department utilities. D2 will start tracking.

4) Upcoming Contractor's meetings in July (Conrad Campbell)

Update on the format and content for the upcoming Contractor's meetings. Also, expectations for the Compliance meeting being held in conjunction with the Contractor's meeting.

Summary Notes: Dan provided an update for upcoming Contractor meetings. This round will be virtual, but the fall meetings will likely be face-to-face.

5) Follow Up Complex Lap Bridge Projects (Conrad Campbell)

Follow-up from January 25th DCE Meeting regarding Department expectations for complex LAP bridge projects (e.g. FDOT providing the CCEI, Department personnel versus Consultant personnel, etc.)

Summary Notes: Conrad requested an update on expectations for complex LAP projects. Scott Arnold provided guidance to the group on LAP CEI inspection.

Next DCE Meeting – May 24, 2021

Submit agenda items to Suzannah Ray by Friday, May 14, 2021.