

DISTRICT 6 ACEC-FL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Executive Conference Room, 1000 NW 111th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172

Dates & Time: Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Facilitator: FDOT District 6 Transportation Support Division

Meeting Attendance

Representative Name	Agency/Company	Title
Stacy L. Miller	Florida Department of Transportation	District Secretary
Daniel Iglesias	Florida Department of Transportation	Director of Transportation Development
Rudy Garcia	Florida Department of Transportation	Director of Transportation Operations
Cindy Capdevila	Florida Department of Transportation	Transportation Support Manager
Mario Cabrera	Florida Department of Transportation	District Construction Engineer
Judy Solaun-Gonzalez	Florida Department of Transportation	District Consultant Project Management Engineer
Dat Huynh	Florida Department of Transportation	District Planning and Environmental Administrator
Daniel Kong	Florida Department of Transportation	District Procurement Manager
Monserrat Sierra	Florida Department of Transportation	Professional Services Supervisor
Shelley Ortiz	Highway Studio	Team Chair, Representing SBE Engineering Firms
Enrique Tamayo	RK&K	Representing CE&I Firms
Anthony Jorges	BCC Engineering	Representing Mid-Sized Engineering Firms
Edwin Mojena	Atkins Realis	Representing Mid-to-Large-Sized Engineering Firms
Silva Beltre	Ardurra	Representing SBE Engineering Firms

Meeting Minutes

1. Opening remarks
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2023.
3. Action Items from Previous Meeting: No actions pending from previous meeting.
4. Standing Agenda Item – District Updates (District 6 to share relevant updates affecting consultants within the District):
 - a) Update on the work program as a result of funding, construction costs, or any other developments:
 - Internal meetings with all FDOT PMs to review project descriptions, phases, funding, and updated costs.
 - Projects not funded now include costs for all phases to track progress.
 - Collaborative efforts in the Program Management war room to update the work program.
 - Costs are stabilizing around \$250M, with independent project costing being conducted (one in D6 was spot on).
 - Development of a Program and Resource Plan, covering all program areas (maintenance, major projects, ITS, etc.) and resource allocation.
 - Last month, the resurfacing program was discussed, with D6's 3R program achieving 80% of facilities at certain standards (FDOT goal).
 - D6 is highest statewide at 90%, looking to reduce to 85% to accommodate other districts. This recalibration means a reduction in the resurfacing program compared to last year.
 - Two years forecasted for higher reduction, requiring projects to be bumped, rolled, and rebalanced in outer years to meet higher targets.
 - Other districts (e.g., D4) are also adjusting, while northern districts will see an increase.
 - Overall, D6 will reduce the number of projects rolled.
 - FY 2025 CAP shows reduced lane miles based on reduced allocations, needing adjustments in the work program for design and 3R projects.
 - b) How is resiliency being considered in projects?
 - Considerations include raising profiles for projects like 79th Street, with community input for higher vertical clearance.
 - High cost per lane mile for raising urban roadways; many improvements cannot be achieved within the 3R program.
 - Opportunities for local coordination or separate future standalone projects are being explored.

- More due diligence is being done to determine what should be included in the 3R project.
 - Federal grant received for Alton Road and some PD&E projects (e.g., 79th Street).
 - The mindset is shifting towards "live within our means," considering scope and cost for improvements to areas prone to tidal effects and urban development impacts.
 - Competing for such improvements through the Central Office and figuring out solutions outside the 3R program.
- c) Non-discretionary side – PROTECT funding
- PROTECT funding might be available, with annual proposals for improvements sent to the Central Office.
- d) Update on IJA/Stimulus projects/Moving Florida Forward funding
- MFF funding is winding down; FDOT aims to take a more active federal role in the future.
 - No current updates on stimulus; only one MFF project in District 6, which is active.
- e) Member projects update
- No current updates; internal discussions are ongoing, awaiting the Governor's receipt of the General Appropriations Act. Further updates expected once more information is available.
 - GAA includes additional funding for MFF projects but it doesn't affect D6
 - FDOT does internal review but hasn't occurred because of above

5. Career Fair Planning - Lessons learned and set target planning date

- a) Presentations:
- Avoid requiring students to attend at a specific time.
 - Reduce the duration and simplify the content of presentations.
 - Use videos and monitors to showcase projects, then discuss at booths.
 - Showcase interesting projects related to students (design, PDE, CEI, structures).
 - Visual cues resonate more with students than panels or Q&A sessions.
 - Feedback indicates presentations should be shorter and simpler.
- b) Student Engagement:
- Capture students earlier in the year or their career.
 - Engage students from all civil engineering disciplines.
 - Consider involving students from other disciplines as well.

- No need for pre-registration; allow students to come freely.
- FIU student body involvement can aid in promoting the event.
- Students are interested in companies with current job postings. Companies should update job postings prior to the event.

c) Event Improvement:

- Try the current format one or two more times; if unsuccessful, focus on Construction Career Days.
- Investigate if there are separate STEM-related career fairs like STEMCON.
- Ensure smaller companies are represented and can participate.

d) Planning and Coordination:

- Target Date for Planning: Shelley will coordinate with Cindy to set a target planning date.

e) Construction Career Days:

- Adding a third date focused on a transportation career fair.
- Cannot be scheduled for this fall; working on a different date with D4 and industry partners.
- Plan to mix career fair with consultants and construction.

6. Staff hour Guidelines – Modeling effort for new construction/reconstruction, RRR projects that will not be modeled in 3D, and conversions from SS10 to ORD

- D6 did bring it up to Central Office, next step to meet internally with Karina and others from folks who do it all the time. Meet with ACEC and agree and then follow up with Central Office
- Central office was open to input.
- D6 continues to focus on 11 x 17 plans.
- New construction – preference is for large format plans.
- May be appropriate to meet separately – Shelley to coordinate date with Judy.

7. STEM MDCPS Advisory Board Participation – AASHTO initiative Update

- Allison Stetner – FELI Class Project – goal to make this happen in all districts.
- ACEC D6 Liaison committed to funding this perpetually.
- Setting up meeting Allison and Sonia to coordinate logistics – currently only one Miami-Dade County teacher registered.
- June 10 – Shadow Event with Miami Dade County public school teachers – ACEC D6 Liaison committed to funding lunch as well, currently more focused on teachers interested in IT.

- Cindy – working on agenda. Too much IT and not a great mix of teachers. Tour of OIT and TMC will be included.
- a. ACEC – Statewide Liaison and Transportation Committee Items:
- Mutual Gains Training Update - coming up, roll out expected early 2025. Central Office leading this. District Secretaries mentioned at Statewide Secretary meetings that this is a need.
 - Procurement Schedule: CO is relaxing the 4–5-month mandate – ACEC still in favor of 6 months. D6 is still targeting this timeframe and not aware there is relaxing. D6 looks like it to meet this timeframe as an average – some simpler ones will be done sooner, others take longer. Other Districts look at it from competing to meet or exceed – do it in less time
 - Procurement Presentations: Varying requirements across districts for advance presentation copies. Discuss District 6 policy – Due day before presentation at 3 pm. They print as three slides per page with notes, they also check presentation and make sure it is working correctly – no bugs. TRC does not get it ahead of time. Do not allow USB sticks to be inserted into any FDOT device. They check it is loaded and working correctly.
 - CDAF: Inconsistent application across districts. Discuss District 6 policy – Post design is not included to consider CDAF. Only consider design – most projects take 2 years. In the case of time extensions – if extended to point that passes 24 months – then get CDAF. D6 to research this.
 - Lump Sum CEI: CO leading the discussion. Discuss District 6 view – State will be doing more lump sum CEI – defer to next meeting
 - Staff Availability: Confirm District 6’s shortlisting and selection policy – no too subjective to include it in PD&E or design – only need to know for CEI

8. Closing Remarks

9. Adjournment

To-Do List

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Schedule next Liaison Meeting	Shelley Ortiz/Daniel Kong	Scheduled for September 10, 2024	Complete
Provide Talking Points for next Liaison Meeting	Shelley Ortiz	1 week prior to next meeting	Pending