

DISTRICT 6 ACEC-FL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Virtual Meeting via MS Teams
Dates & Time: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Facilitator: FDOT District 6 Transportation Support Division

Meeting Attendance

Representative Name	Agency/Company	Title
James Wolfe	Florida Department of Transportation	District Secretary
Rudy Garcia	Florida Department of Transportation	Director of Transportation Operations
Daniel Iglesias	Florida Department of Transportation	Director of Transportation Development
Cindy Capdevila	Florida Department of Transportation	Transportation Support Manager
Judy Solaun-Gonzalez	Florida Department of Transportation	District Consultant Project Management Engineer
Mario Cabrera	Florida Department of Transportation	District Construction Engineer
Daniel Kong	Florida Department of Transportation	District Procurement Manager
Arturo Duharte	Florida Department of Transportation	Professional Services Unit Supervisor
Gus Quesada	New Millennium Engineering, Inc.	Representing ACEC-FL Region 7 and CE&I Firms
Naldo Gonzalez	Gannett Fleming, Inc.	Representing Mid-to-Large-Sized Engineering Firms
Rick Crooks	EAC Consulting, Inc.	Representing Mid-Sized Engineering Firms
Walfrido Pevida	Pevida Highway Designers, LLC	Representing SBE Engineering Firms

Agenda Items (New Business)

1. Welcoming remarks
2. Approval of Meeting Notes from May 27, 2020. No pending business from previous meeting.
3. District Leadership discussed budget status, changes to work program, revenue shortages and how this will affect District projects:
 - a. Projects will not be eliminated, they will be shifted to absorb shortfalls
 - b. Safety projects will not be deferred
 - c. No big capacity projects scheduled in District 6 to absorb potential shortfalls
 - d. Consultant Acquisition Plan has been adjusted according to budget reductions
 - e. Private financing is not a preferred option, not a District decision.
4. Discussion based on Relations Committee Talking Points:
 - a. Topics on Vital Few Initiative – District 6 is interested in ideas to innovate/improve.
 - i) Streamline design plans in the long run
 - ii) Reward innovation is the goal
 - iii) Propose in-house task team to better support innovation, especially for big capacity projects and bring larger benefits to the public
 - iv) Bridge the gap between design-bid-build and design build projects
 - b. Procurement Timelines – Summary
 - i) District 6 has aggressive schedules, but reasonable
 - ii) Consultants consider enough time between shortlist of firms and interviews/oral presentations for preparation
5. Post-pandemic expectation:
 - a. Set up routine call-in option when returning to the office's in-person work arrangement
 - b. District 6 has had a good experience so far in working under virtual conditions
6. Settlement Agreements are not an issue at District 6.
7. ACEC Award Presentations for 2020 – Recognition of Mr. Rick Crooks, EAC Consulting, Inc. for receiving the Utilization Award. Congratulations!
8. Closing Remarks
9. Adjournment

To-Do List

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Schedule next Liaison Meeting	Gus Quesada/Daniel Kong	Scheduled on 03/24/2021	Completed
Provide Talking Points for next Liaison Meeting	Gus Quesada	03/15/2021	In progress