

DISTRICT 6 ACEC-FL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Virtual Meeting via MS Teams
Dates & Time: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM to 11:25 AM
Facilitator: FDOT District 6 Transportation Support Division

Meeting Attendance

Representative Name	Agency/Company	Title
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
Karina Fuentes	Florida Department of Transportation	District Design Engineer
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
Monserrat Sierra	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 October 21, 2021. Outstanding issues were discussed throughout this meeting.
3. Upcoming ACEC-FL Event(s): ACEC-FL FES Lunch Session in April 2021. Stacy Miller and Daniel Iglesias will attend in representation of District 6.
4. District Leadership provided an update on the Consultant Acquisition Plan:
 - a. District 6 finalized and adopted Tentative Work Program
 - b. The Work Program was balanced based on the budget reduction – PE contracts were targeted due to no programmed big capacity projects. This is a short-term issue and Work Program Office will provide more detailed information when available.
 - c. There will be a more positive projection for revenue moving forward – Fiscal Year 2022 has programmed 49 new professional services contracts, 8 of which are BDI to total \$42 million. Projects include all disciplines: resurfacing, CEI, Bridge Inspection, etc.
 - d. Department is expecting to receive a federal stimulus package (COVID Federal Relief Bill) for infrastructure development (\$470 million); however, it is yet to be determined how funds will be allocated to the Districts – more information to follow by April 2021.
 - e. The State of Florida looks in good position of getting back to business compared to other states.
 - f. The Department is shifting focus to transit related projects (SMART Plan in partnership with Miami Dade County) – on a 10- to 15-year outlook, it is becoming less feasible to only concentrate on traditional widening and adding capacity to existing infrastructure.
 - i) Department will continue planning for highway capacity and expansion projects (e.g., express lanes).
 - ii) On-going discussion on State funding structure
 - iii) Working on getting approvals of preferred alternative transportation modes with the Transportation Planning Organization, Miami Dade County
 - g. Discussion on how industry can prepare themselves in response to more focus on transit projects
 - i) Transit is different to roadway engineering – FDOT has acquired TSM&O engineer for arterials and looking to continue diversifying the workforce
 - ii) Innovation to congestion relief and leveraging technology – shifting towards more operational types of solutions, rather than traditional capacity solutions (enhancing mobility)
 - iii) Train staff to think in improving safety and more emphasis on bicycle and pedestrians, not only motor vehicles.
 - iv) Transit projects/jobs will be small at first and will develop to larger projects through time
 - v) FDOT will respond to the needs of the community and will not stop capacity improvement projects, rather incorporate transit in the scope
5. “Single Point Selection” Method in Professional Services Procurements

- a. It is not a regular practice in District 6, in fact, the mindset is opposite to this method and diversified Technical Review Committees are utilized to provide the best selection.
 - b. This method is considered in the procedure; however, District 6 has only applied this method in very specific situations (e.g., pre-event contracts and minimum number of letters have been received, and there has been a need to expedite the procurement process)
6. Discuss on Procurement Timeline
 - a. More time should be allocated for Consultants to prepare for presentations and allow for innovation in their proposals
 - b. District 6 should consider Q&A session after presentation to vet any innovative proposals
 - c. Based on FY 2020, average days between Consultant Presentations and Final Selection should be reduced
 7. CEI General Service Assignments negotiations and Contract Duration Adjustment Factor (CDAF)
 - a. Committee Chair will reach out to Procurement to discuss specifics and provide guidance on procedure.
 8. Voluntary acceleration of projects
 - a. District Construction Office is aware and currently looking for candidates.
 9. Gus Quesada's term as the District's Committee Liaison Chair will end on April 6th. Walfry Pevida will be replacing him in his duty.
 10. The District 6 Consultant Forum will be taking place on mid to end of May 2021. It will be set up virtually and broken down in various sessions. A survey will be sent out to consultants regarding discussion topics. A draft agenda was provided to the ACEC-FL Liaison Committee.
 11. Closing Remarks
 12. Adjournment

To-Do List

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Schedule next Liaison Meeting when new District Secretary is available	Gus Quesada/Daniel Kong	Schedule for late May or early June, 2021	Complete
Provide Talking Points for next Liaison Meeting	Gus Quesada/Walfry Pevida	1 week prior to next meeting	Complete
Clarifications regarding CEI contracts	Gus Quesada/Daniel Kong	TBD	Complete