

DISTRICT 6 ACEC-FL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Procurement Conf. Room, 1000 NW 111th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172

Dates & Time: Wednesday, January 26, 2021 at 11:02 AM to 12:10 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
Mario Cabrera	Florida Department of Transportation	District Construction Engineer
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
Heidi Solaun	Florida Department of Transportation	Assistant District Construction Engineer
Dat Huynh	Florida Department of Transportation	District Planning and Environmental Administrator
Daniel Kong	Florida Department of Transportation	District Procurement Manager
Montserrat Sierra	Florida Department of Transportation	Professional Services Unit Supervisor
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	Team Chair, Representing SBE Engineering Firms
Enrique Tamayo	RK&K	Representing CE&I Firms

Agenda Items (New Business)

1. Welcoming remarks
2. Approval of Meeting Notes from October 26, 2021. No outstanding issues.
3. District confirms no changes or updates to Work Program's Consultant Acquisition Plan (CAP).
 - a. Communications on-going with County & TPO for next Tentative Work Program.
 - b. GGI project will come through Governor's Office funding.
 - c. No IIJA allocations until next Work Program.
4. IIJA provided additional \$500M yearly in Work Program; \$245M to bridge program; Department has not been successful at obtaining funds from discretionary (grant) programs. Discretionary program funds may go directly to local agencies; fund management to be determined by corresponding Federal agency. More information to come.
5. Staffing capacity to delivery a larger Work Program
 - a. Consultant industry offering more telework options to retain and raising salaries. Also, not focusing solely on civil engineering, but other engineering disciplines, and project manager skills (e.g., PMP)
 - b. FDOT has a hybrid telework program; raising salaries is not an option. Employee retention is a hot topic at FDOT as there are not enough engineers in the industry. Internship programs at high school and college level.
 - c. Secretary states that the "goal is to grow the industry together".
6. Cost increases to contractors
 - a. Result in some projects above budget
 - b. Department states that this trend is not consistent due to D6 being a competitive District.
7. CEI and 3D/AMG Projects
 - a. All design projects in 3D; District has 1 pilot project for streamlining plans
 - b. CEI scope is not clear regarding 3D expectations
8. Progressive Design Build
 - a. District has no experience using this procurement method; however if it becomes available Leadership will consider applying this method, where appropriate.
 - b. FDOT may already be beyond this methodology and current FDOT Adjusted Score Design Build method is superior to Progressive Design Build.
9. Closing Remarks
10. Adjournment

To-Do List

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Schedule next Liaison Meeting	Walfrido Pevida/Daniel Kong	Schedule for May/June 2022	Complete
Provide Talking Points for next Liaison Meeting	Walfrido Pevida	1 week prior to next meeting	Complete