

DISTRICT 6 ACEC-FL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Procurement Conf. Room, 1000 NW 111th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172
Dates & Time: Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 2:00 PM to 3:00 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
Mario Cabrera	Florida Department of Transportation	Interim 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
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
Monserrat 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
Silvia Beltre	Pevida Highway Designers, LLC	Representing SBE Engineering Firms

Agenda Items (New Business)

1. Welcoming remarks
2. Approval of Meeting Notes from April 12, 2022. No outstanding issues.
3. ACEC D6 Liaison Committee Members:
 - a. Silvia Beltre, new 5th member
 - b. Walfry Pevida terms out in July 2022 (Small Firm Rep.) – replaced by Shelley Ortiz
 - c. Rick Crooks appointed as new Chair of the Committee
4. Visits by Will Watts and Dan Hurtado – Choice, BCC, Pevida, and Gannett Fleming
 - a. Design-Build Projects:
 - i) Increasing risks to designers and contractors. Majority of design-builds have been ending in lawsuits between designers and contractors (causing some companies to steer away from them). Contractors have generally been losing profits, so they try to recover costs through insurances, claims to the designers/FDOT. Changes in utilities/permitting agencies have dampened the relationships.
 - ii) Talks of new format with just one 90 min ATC meeting. District and ACEC-FL not in favor. Proposing alternatives for consultant to receive faster feedback from Department.
 - iii) Technical scoring inconsistency (also applies to traditional design) is discouraging consultants. Progressive Design Build would be a step backwards, although if available would be considered.
 - b. Cost Saving Initiatives/Alternative TTCP:
 - i) Receptiveness to new ideas: “why do it?” vs. “why wouldn’t we do it?”
 - ii) Distribution of funds (applied to other projects)
 - c. “Adopt a Community” initiative similar to “Adopt a Highway” synergizes with Secretary Perdue’s message on focusing on the community. Quarterly events to recruit for the future. Pledge includes 2-year programming phase, community outreach once per quarter to community stakeholders, partner with industry organizations, Target Zero safety message.
 - d. Lack of Standards for Transit Improvements
 - e. Construction Costs
5. D6 Consultant Forum – a lot of information was provided. 4 PDH Credits were given to attendees. Next year potentially splitting AM and PM to allow networking time.
6. Impact of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) on D6 Work Program:
 - a. Does not include Fed funds. There are grants opportunities.
7. January 2023 College Career Fair – highlighting transportation as a career
 - a. Cindy Capdevila is our District lead for “Fostering Talent”
8. Closing Remarks

9. Adjournment

To-Do List

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Schedule next Liaison Meeting	Rick Crooks/Daniel Kong	Schedule for Oct/Nov 2022	Pending
Provide Talking Points for next Liaison Meeting	Rick Crooks	1 week prior to next meeting	Pending