



LAP Community of Practice Quarterly Meeting

November 17, 2022

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

In-person at Turkey Lake Service Plaza and Via Microsoft TEAMS

1:00pm **Welcome & Introductions – Lorraine Moyle**

- Lazaro Mesa with District 6 Construction Office is replacing Kayla Sapp (D1).
- Derwood Sheppard with CO Design is replacing Gevin McDaniel.
- Precious Lewis with District 5 Local Programs is replacing Mya Williams (D4).

1:15pm **FHWA Update – Daniel Holt and Jose Ortiz**

Emergency Relief program Jose Ortiz.

- Reminders: Hurricane Ian and Nicole hit Florida not too long ago. Keep documentation on the condition of sites. We have to differentiate between damage that happened from the two events Ian and Nicole. *Always take photos of damage prior to repairs.*
- Days have changed from when damaged DDIR had to come within 180 days now it's 270 days to allow project to be eligible for emergency repairs.
 - [March 7, 2022 memo](#), talks about emergency repairs and non-temporary repairs.

Buy America:

- USDOT is not extending its temporary waiver for construction materials, making that requirement applicable effective November 10, 2022.
- Two proposed BABA Buy America waivers.
- Narrow waiver for de minimis costs, small grants, and minor components
<https://www.transportation.gov/office-policy/transportation-policy/made-in-america>
 - (1) Any contract entered into before November 10, 2022; and
 - (2) Any contract entered into before March 10, 2023, if the contract results from a solicitation published prior to May 14, 2022.
- **BABA Training:**
 - [FDOT – Build America, Buy America \(BABA\): Implementation Guidance for Projects with Federal Funding - Florida LTAP Center](#)

Florida Compliance Assessment Program (CAP)

- Statewide and District compliance has improved from 2020 to 2022. 2020 saw 32% non-compliance, 2021 saw 15% non-compliance and 2022 saw 2% non-compliance.

FHWA Focus Review:

FHWA – 1273 Form

- Verification of inclusion of FHWA-1273 Form and prevailing wage rates in construction contracts and associated sub-contracts.
 - FHWA – 1273 Form needs to be physically incorporated in contract and subcontract.
 - Prevailing wage rates – common issues seen with this include, not having wage rates at all, needing updating of rates, having them in bid package but not contract.

BIL: Grants Administration:

USDOT (OST) grants categorized as Tier 1, 2, or 3 based on OST involvement.

- Tier 1 may be administered by other modes.
- FHWA grants recipients will largely work with the FHWA Division Office.
- Agency is looking for ways to streamline the process.

1:45pm FDOT Design Update – Derwood Sheppard and Jacqui Morris

Florida Greenbook

- Subcommittee will start Spring 2023, Vacancies that need filling: District 2, 3 and 7. Ramon Gavarrete from Alachua County would like to be considered for the District 2 spot.

Audible and Vibratory Treatments (AVT's)

- Department has identified and funded approximately 3,085 center lane miles of SHS to retrofit. Design is FY23 and Construction is FY24 and 25. Department did vendor outreach with FTBA and identified three contractors in the state who can do the work.
- The Department will continue to evaluate and coordinate AVTs on Off-System Roadways.
- See attached presentation for information on outstanding questions on noise, streamlined design, cyclist impacts, existing pavement conditions, AADT and crash histories,
- Statewide research and coordination discussion:
 - Retrofit existing roadways that will not be resurfaced within the next 5 years.
 - Targeted roads with roads posted speed of 50 mph or greater, no current audible vibratory treatment.
 - A lot of vetting still needs to be done to figure out how much it would cost to do off-system.
 - If locals want to apply for a bundle, a statewide BCR is approved for rumble strips.
 - Contract bundling will get biggest bang for buck. HSIP application cycle opens up in January.
 - Implementation off-system is up for review in the Florida Greenbook.
 - Ramon G. suggested retrofit SHS first and a few years later require the locals do it. Ramon doesn't want language about sinusoidal being required added to the FL Greenbook.
 - John G. suggested a solution was to incorporate local projects into state projects. Including local roads in contract scopes, so locals could choose to piggyback on state contracts. Local governments have the authority to use other government contracts, but any determination would require Legal review at the local level. Suggests FDOT includes local roads in push button safety contracts, so that a task work order can be issued by a local at the price that FDOT secures.
 - This will be discussed with the new Director of Design, Michael Sheppard.
 - Chad said they haven't been able to get asphalt done in 6 months. A little lead time with getting the sinusoidal done would be helpful. Chad said they have a SCOP project coming up and the estimate was done three years ago, they will have a large cost increase on project. Is there a way to get additional funding or safety grant funding to pay for extra cost.

3:00pm Break

3:15pm Safety Projects with Bids Higher than Budgeted – John Goodknight

- Lake County has experienced higher bids for three safety projects and may need to defer one or more projects to stay within funds available. The county is interested in discussing methods to defer projects without losing HSIP dollars.
 - Limit changes, scope changes, can George with Lake County do two of his projects instead of three. For the Lake County project HSIP funding is used on all projects. So, in this case moving money from one project to another may be an option. Would need approval from the Office of Work Program and Budget. You may be able to defer or delete one project and move the available funds and budget to the projects with cost escalations that you want to keep. Money also has to be compatible with the scope of work you have on project. If you delete a project to re-appropriate money to another project, you will have to re-apply for a grant if that's what's funding the project. Five percent of work program was recently just cut. Precious has been talking with the County on the projects. Xiomara said District 6 sometimes has the locals find the additional money or the district to fund. Sometimes they re-scope projects. Ramon Gavarrete from Alachua County said he experienced something similar where they had to get ride of a want project to re-appropriate money to safety project.

3:45pm Build America Buy America (BABA) and Materials Lead Time Issues – Paul Webb

- District 2 DOT let project in Gainesville with 60-day contract. Contractor placed order right after getting Notice to Proceed (NTP), made order in July of 2022 and received notice controller wouldn't arrive until May of 2023. Some of the issue may have been a proprietary product, a number of bigger cities do the proprietary signal products because of synchronization for all of their current systems. Would BABA requirements create even more issues with getting projects done in a timely matter. What do other local agencies think about this, are they experiencing delays?
- Ramon Gavarrete casting place structures are delayed, and mast arms are delayed two years out.
- Deborah Snyder said Sumter County will bid a job but won't issue the Notice to Proceed for like a traffic signal job until 6 months later so they can give the contractor the lead time to purchase equipment and get what they need for the project and then give them NTP. Contract is already signed, and they are already committed to the project delivery they just hold back the NTP.
 - Alachua County said the Sumter Counties idea is good, or you suspend the contract, so you're not counting days for a long time.
 - Lazaro gives flex time.

4:00pm TSMCA Amendment Discussion - Raj Ponnaluri

- Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement (TSMCA) Amendment – Form 750-010-022

Raj: The Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement is the method which FL DOT enters into a compensation agreement with local agencies for traffic maintenance.

- See presentation for History, proposed expansion, summary of major changes, and damage reimbursement guidance.

John Goodknight – FACERS

- Requested copy of presentation and current TSMCA track change
- Requested meeting with FACERS Signal Committee (after receiving the track change)

Humberto Castellero – Orange County

- Need for training and workforce development (network communications and coordination of traffic signals)
- Consideration for compensation for safety improvements (such as LPIs, backplates, ADA improvements)

Melissa Ackert - Palm Beach County

- Consideration to cover safety improvements (such as backplates) and replacement of CCTV cameras.
- Consideration to cover costs of structure maintenance repairs
- Would like compensation from FDOT to equal maintenance costs spent by the county
- The 30-day repair timeframe for detection is not feasible due to staff shortages (contractors are not held to this timeframe)

George Gadiel - Lake County

- Also considered that the 30-day repair timeframe for detection is not feasible
- County moving to radar detection, not using loops anymore
- Delays to turnaround time for equipment/material

Scott Brunner - Broward County

- Expressed interest to sign the new agreement
- Unclear about liability for painting of mast arms (lot of paint failure in county) – may need clarifications on responsibilities
- Not being compensated for safety related push button work

4:30pm Next Meeting Dates-

- February 2023- virtual
- May 2023- In person; preferred location?
- August 2023- virtual
- November/December 2023- In person; preferred location?

Kathleen will send out an email shortly following the meeting minutes to get the calendar year 2023 meetings scheduled with the group.

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