

Transportation Committee (Roads, Highway, Ports, Airports, Rail, Multimodal)

Purpose: To inform and educate the ACEC/L membership and the public about the Transportation Program while also working in coordination with LADOTD and other stakeholder groups to protect and advance the Transportation Program as an effective and efficient public service program.

Goals/Objectives:

1. Advocate for Long-Term Transportation Funding (Federal, Local, and State), Stabilizing Systems, and Highway Trust Fund Health. Collect and Disseminate Best Practices and Legislative Language to Elected Officials resulting in High Functional Transportation systems for the Public
 - a. Protect and advocate for “Mega-Projects” as identified in Act 505 of the 2022 Legislative Session.
 - b. Help identify and support innovative efforts to increase funding for transportation infrastructure.
2. Work with Louisiana Department of Transportation (and AASHTO and FHWA when necessary) to advance the following priorities by Participation in four (4) Consultant Outreach Group (COG) meetings per year.
 - a. Seek a response to the July 15, 2020 Compensation Position Paper.
 - i. Draft a response to DOTD’s response to the position paper to include the need for adjusted/increased rates as a result of inflation and the highly competitive engineering jobs market.
 - b. In coordination with DOTD, and possibly other stakeholder groups, organize bi-annual workshops that address pertinent issues mutually important to the Department and the consultant community.
 - c. Advocate for a final Negotiation Document and subsequent lunch & learn educate consultants.
 - i. Continue to evolve the conversation on negotiation process, specifically, how both DOTD staff and consultants are being trained to follow established policies.

- d. Advance Technology Trends discussion including the future of plan deliver, BIM, and Model as Legal Document (MALD).
 - e. Continue working with LTRC to update and improve their internal and external processes for Inspector Certification training.
- 3. Encourage, advocate, and promote successful outcomes for Alternative Delivery Transportation Systems including CMAR, Design-Build, and Public-Private Partnership.
 - a. Recommend that the ACECL BOG create a subcommittee to research how alternative delivery system are working by comparing recent alternative delivery projects to those using the traditional design bid build method.
 - b. Through said research, discern best practices as it relates to alternative delivery transportation systems and provide findings report to the Department.
- 4. Conduct two (2) Semi-Annual Roundtable Forums with the Chief Engineer and/or Secretary.
- 5. Conduct five (5) Transportation Committee Meetings per year (Jan, March (at the Critical Issues Summit), May, Nov (Fall Conference)).
- 6. Defeat efforts to restrict outsourcing and promote/strengthen outsourcing provisions in legislation and program guidance.
- 7. Work with DOTD to implement best practices related to staff augmentation necessary to support the recent increased investment in infrastructure programs.

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