

ACEC-L
Transportation Committee Monthly Report
January 18, 2019

Last Transportation Committee meeting was conducted on 13 Dec 18 (tele conference).

Minutes were published and reported at the last Board meeting on 14 Dec 18.

Board voted to approve the responses back to DOTD concerning indirect costs and new traffic training requirements. Responses were finalized, signed and forwarded to DOTD on 18 Dec 18.

Since the last BOD meeting, Basilica conducted a 2019 coordination meeting with Ed Wedge on 3 Jan 19. Agenda for the meeting was as follows:

- Old Business
 - ACEC response: Indirect costs
 - ACEC response: Traffic training
 - Annual Personnel List (revisions?)
- New Business
 - LTRC Study
 - Profit Calculations
 - Trial Selection Process Measures
- 2019 Calendar
- Committee Goals and Objectives
- Process for Moving Forward

Outcomes from that meeting were as follows:

- **Process for Moving Forward**

There has been some confusion concerning the operating procedures to continue the DOTD/ACEC business improvements initiative. Purpose of the meeting was to clarify and establish a structure and process for future collaboration. The following draft process was established:

1. On an annual basis, ACEC identifies issues specific to the DOTD relationship for consideration as part of the transportation committee's goals and objectives. These issues are subject to DOTD's acceptance and will be jointly prioritized for process improvement.
2. ACEC composes a Position Paper (PP) that describes the issue and outlines specific areas for improvement (what are we trying to fix?). ACEC will develop a template/format for the position paper to promote consistency and transparency.
3. DOTD staff will work the issue in isolation. This is a departure from the previous process whereby a joint DOTD/ACEC working group was formed.
4. DOTD produces a preliminary solution/position for consideration.
5. ACEC/DOTD steering committee will meet to discuss the issue and DOTD's planned approach for improvement. A small number of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) specific to that issue may be invited to this meeting to facilitate detailed understanding.
6. As a result of the meeting/discussion of the preliminary DOTD approach, ACEC responds to DOTD with a formal written Position Statement (PS) as was done for the Indirect Costs and Traffic Training issues.
7. DOTD considers ACEC's position and develops their implementation plan and communicates that plan to ACEC.
8. Progress on each issue will be monitored via a monthly steering committee meeting (see below for further discussion).

- **Old Business**

- **ACEC response: Indirect costs**

Ed Wedge received and further distributed ACEC's letter to appropriate DOTD staff for feedback/comment. DOTD currently has a separate QCIP initiative underway and it will inform their final approach. DOTD staff will meet to develop a final response.

- **ACEC response: Traffic training**

Ed Wedge received and further distributed ACEC's letter to appropriate DOTD staff for feedback/comment. The EDSM is under final review by senior leadership and we must act quickly. Ed agreed to meet with ACEC before the EDSM is published.

Alison conducted internal ACEC meeting of traffic SMEs on 16 Jan 9 to develop consensus on ACEC feedback.

A meeting of the steering committee will be scheduled in late January that will include Jody and 1 or 2 ACEC traffic SMEs. Basilica will schedule the meeting.

DOTD will meet to develop a final response and publish the EDSM.

As a related note, ACEC is aware that a number of developers are contemplating a meeting with the Governor's office/DOTD leadership on this issue.

- **Annual Personnel List (revisions?)**

DOTD is contemplating some revisions to the APL. These revisions have not been published and DOTD has not asked for feedback from ACEC as of yet. It is recommended ACEC produce a position paper concerning this issue consistent with the revised process above.

- **New Business**
 - **LTRC Study**

There were no issues associated with this initiative. Ed Wedge was aware of ACEC's nomination of 4 members of ACEC to participate in the forum with Dye Management (DOTD's consultant) on the study. The forum will be conducted on 29 Jan 19.

- **Profit Calculations**

DOTD has been conducting research on best practices with other state DOTs. They are reviewing/considering a number of processes that comply the latest CFR. Recommend that ACEC develop a position paper on this issue.

- **Trial Selection Process Measures**

DOTD has done some analysis concerning the results from consultant selections in 2018 (first year of implementation). They are reviewing their current performance metrics and plan some revisions. Recommend ACEC develop a position paper on this issue.

- **2019 Calendar**

Ed Wedge agreed to steering committee meetings with ACEC once per month. He recommended 9:00-10:00 am one Friday per month to coincide with his standing meeting he has every Friday with CCS staff. Basilica will schedule.

Basilica suggested the first Roundtable in 2019 be with Chief Engineer in conjunction with Critical Issues in Feb 2019. Wedge was receptive subject to Chris Knotts schedule.

Basilica briefed Reaux and Brasseaux. They are supportive. Basilica will attempt to schedule.

- **Committee Goals and Objectives**

Apparently, Ed Wedge is OK with the Transportation committee's 2019 goals and objectives as evidenced by his proactive work mentioned above (all part of our objectives).

Basilica will revisit list at the next committee meeting (14 Feb 19) and request any additional refinement. Recommend ACEC and DOTD jointly prioritize the list and that ACEC develop position papers for each issue.

- **Other Items**

On 7 Jan 19, Basilica had phone conference with Tom Hunter and Sherri LeBas to discuss the Intermodal component of the Transportation Committee. It was decided that the groups should be fully integrated. Going forward, there will be a single transportation committee meeting. On the agenda for each meeting, there will be a standing item called "intermodal update" and that portion of the meeting will be led by Hunter. ACEC members that have issues concerning other modes should direct them to Hunter and he will be prepared to discuss during that portion of the transportation meeting.

All of the above information was briefed to Reaux, Brasseaux, and Boagni on 11 Jan 19 and approved for consideration by the Board via this report.

Next committee meeting is set for 14 Feb 19.

TRAFFIC TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

A subcommittee of 12 PTOE members of the ACECL Transportation Committee met January 16, 2019 to develop a consensus list of questions for DOTD relative to the department's Traffic Training Requirements and EDSM soon to be released by DOTD. The group identified the following items to submit to DOTD in advance of a meeting to be scheduled with key DOTD staff:

- **Training:**
 - What is planned future training schedule for personnel conducting traffic reviews?
 - Frequency. Location. On-line option
 - What personnel must attend?
 - Will you include the minimum personnel requirement in the advertisement?
 - What will the impact be on private reports for personnel not attending class?
- **Scalability:**
 - Will District staff have authority over required data collection based on the size and scope of each project?
 - Will EDSM include all potential items for each study even if not a necessary item based on size and scope of project?
- **Data Collection:**
 - Will PTOE recommendations be allowed in PTOE reports?
- **Review:**
 - Will DOTD consider quantifying the maximum amount of time for each submittal review?

All above issues to include more specificity in final letter.

Diane Hammonds agreed to attend the meeting on behalf of ACECL as PTOE.

January 2019 report for the Transportation Committee Ports, Airports, Rail & Multimodal

Ports Association of Louisiana monthly meeting

A Ports Association of Louisiana (PAL) meeting was held January 3, 2019 at the Louisiana Associated General Contractors (AGC) Headquarters office in Baton Rouge. Phil Jones with LADOTD provided follow up information to a discussion held at the last PAL meeting regarding the development of an economic impact study/report of ports and the state port priority program in Louisiana. PAL's goal is to have an economic impact study/report developed prior to the 2019 Louisiana legislative session that can be shared with legislative members and staff. Phil met with LADOTD LTRC staff and determined that the turnaround time (4 to 6 weeks) for LADOTD LTRC to participate in the funding to update a previous study prepared by Dr. Richardson would not be possible. Phil suggested that PAL fund this effort without funding participation from LADOTD LTRC. Drew Heaphy and Jennifer Marusak will speak with Jim Richardson.

However, Phil did discuss LADOTD participating in a study of the long term projection of the ports' needs and economic impact. This study could include 3 phases. Phase 1: modeling of the impact of the ports and the priority program; Phase 2: Add other needs over and above what's in the port priority program. Include backlog of port needs; Phase 3: Development of a brochure of the economic impact of ports.

Other topics included:

- PAL's 36th annual conference is scheduled for April 9 and 10 and will be held at Evangeline Downs.
- Jennifer Marusak discussed the proposal for the website re-design. This will be discussed more at the February meeting.
- It is the 20th anniversary of the Port Priority Program
- The next PAL meeting is scheduled for February 7 at 10:00 at the Port of Greater BR.

ACECL Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee consists of Co-Chairs for Roads and Highways & Ports, Airport, Rail, Multimodal.

Transportation Committee conference call meetings will be held every other month as follows:

February 14
April 11
June 13
August 5
October 10
December 12



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PR Committee Updates

- The committee, along with Doreen and Janet, met via teleconference on 1/10/19.
- Attached is a calendar of events for upcoming ACECL events for your use.
- The committee discussed PR attendance to cover major membership events.
- The committee is currently working on the Winter Newsletter and the article for the February LES magazine. These are both due in the next few weeks.
- Also attached is an update on recent Social Media activities.

**ACEC/L Water Resources Committee
January 2019 Report**

1. Members of the Water Resources Committee (Lisa Cookmeyer, Tonja Koob Marking, Iam Tucker) met with Kurt Evans and Doreen Brasseaux to discuss contract and payment issues member companies and others presently experience with the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. Lisa, Iam, and Tonja shared specific experiences and provided feedback to Doreen on next steps to engage additional professional organizations (architecture, Chambers, etc) with ACEC's efforts to provide a united front when approaching the New Orleans administration regarding these issues.
2. CPRA procurement and process review meeting with Maury Chatellier. ACEC's initial meeting will include Lisa, Doreen, Rob Delaune, and Tonja. The committee's ultimate strategy will be to put together a committee of ACEC members to meet with Maury and other appropriate CPRA staff to review the current process to identify what works and what they want to change/improve, then outline the steps to make the changes needed. Doreen will reach out to Johnny Bradberry (now with GEC) to see if he has any insight that would be useful for us going forward.
3. The Louisiana Water Environment Association is partnering with the Louisiana Conference on Water Supply, Sewerage, and Industrial Waste (La Conference) for the 2019 Conference to be held in Alexandria March 11-14, 2019. A call for abstracts came out on January 9, due January 11, but they may still be accepting 500 word abstracts at diana.day@terracon.com.
4. Water Collaborative of Greater New Orleans has the following Lunch and Learns at noon at the RPC:
 - a. Feb 19, Nyloplast Drainage Structures
 - b. Mar 19, Lessons Learned from Sustainable Infrastructure
5. Future Conferences
 - a. LWEA and the Louisiana Conference on Water Supply, Sewerage, and Industrial Wastes (La Conference) have once again partnered for a joint conference. The conference will be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the Crown Plaza Hotel and Convention Center from March 20-24, 2017. Additional information will be posted to the web as it is made available at: <http://www.louisianaconference.org>
 - b. Stormwater Inspector Training. QUALIFIED MS4 STORMWATER COURSE: NEW ORLEANS, LA ON JAN. 28 - 29, 2019 / SHREVEPORT, LA ON JAN. 31 - FEB. 1, 2019. This course is designed for people who perform or manage personnel who perform MS4 stormwater inspections. www.americanstormwaterinstitute.com
 - c. 11th Annual Louisiana Groundwater, Surface Water, and Water Resources Symposium, April 11-12, 2017, Baton Rouge, LA; Louisiana Water Resources Research Institute. <http://lwrrri.lsu.edu/lawater-2017/>
 - d. LAWater 2019: 13th Annual Louisiana Water Conference, April 15-16, 2019, Baton Rouge, LA <https://easychair.org/cfp/LAWater2019>

Facilities Committee Report - January 2019

- I have reached out to members of the Facilities committee to see what items/concerns that they have with Facilities Planning and/or State Fire Marshal.
- Doreen has met with Mark Moses of FPC to see what items FPC would like to discuss. Mark listed the following items:
 - Review the proposed bylaw changes to the engineering selection board. Opinions are due 1/29/2019
 - Review designer fee arrangement
 - Discuss designer fee adjustments for extended construction timeframes

I have sent out the proposed changes to the engineering selection board out to all committee members. AIA will be selecting a new FPC liaison member and will let ACEC know who is selected so that we can align our interests prior to meeting with FPC.

Craig Campbell, P.E.
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