

AGC/Caltrans Liaison Committee Meeting

March 10, 2015

California Department of Transportation

1120 N Street Sacramento CA 95614

Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Caltrans

Rachel Falsetti	Chief of Construction (acting)
Andy Alvarado	Construction
Angela Shell	OBEO
Chuck Suszko	Construction
Deborah Yost	Construction
Elizabeth Dooher	Construction
John McMillan	DES Office Engineer
John Stayton	Construction
Ken Solak	Construction
Phillina Lyles	Construction
Rob Effinger	Chief Engineer Officer
Rob Stott	Structure Construction
Ron Collins	Construction

FHWA

Mike Duman	California Division
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AGC Representatives

CC Myers	Myers & Sons Construction
Dan Himick	C.C. Myers Inc.
Jim Carter	MCM Construction
John Cooper	AGC
Pete Matheson	Granite Construction
Richard Grabinski	Flatiron
Sam Hassoun	AGC of California
Steve Rados	Steve P. Rados, Inc.
Tim Wilson	Skanska
Tom Foss	Griffith Company

Caltrans Update- Director Dougherty

Legislature looking at new funds for fixing the state infrastructure- \$2B a year for 5 years.

The increase in funding may come from various sources, bonds, user fees, registration. How the funds will be generated and which programs will receive the funds will be determined at a later date. But the focus is on fix it first where we will fix the existing infrastructure before we add to the inventory.

Total Caltrans program needs:

Goal constrained estimated at \$50B

Financially constrained program is currently \$2.3B

Current STIP/SHOPP \$4B

Mega projects:

Gerald Desmond project on going

\$1B 405 project

I-5 North of San Diego

Bay Area Hot lanes

A team was set up to discuss Joint Checks.

There will be follow up on team progress

Subcontractor listing requirements

The group discussed the requirements of listing subcontractors at time of bid. Due to the many questions it was suggested that a group be set up to continue this discussion. AGC requested to be invited to those discussions.

2 part bid submittal

The 2-part submittal concept is not being developed at this time. The vendor is working to replace the current internet bidding system by the end of this year.

Subcontractor List – All information submitted at day of bid, including Bid Item Numbers and Percentages. This eliminates the need for submitting additional information within 24-hours.

In conjunction with complying with the new DIR regulation on bidders and listed subcontractors to be submitted with bid or before award by March 2, 2015, the Department now requires all subcontracted portion of work information with the bid. By law a bidder that makes an error in listing a subcontractor has 2 days to notify the Department of the error and the law establishes the process for correcting the error. The Department will monitor and evaluate this change and the need to make adjustments.

CT will reach out to industry associations inviting them to a meeting with the vendor of the electronic bidding system to discuss modification that the industry would like to see.

Office Engineer Update – John McMillan

On contracts bid opened after March 2, 2015, Public works Contractor Registration (PWCR) numbers are required from the prime and listed subcontractors. All entities doing work that requires prevailing wages will need a PWCR number.

When listing a sub on the DBE form the sub must also be listed on the subcontractors list form at the time of the bid. Businesses doing work on the job site that do not require a contractor's license do not need to be listed at the time of bid.

OE has posted subcontractor listing guidance based on the 2010 Highland court case on the OE website under the Contractor's Corner.

Malcolm has agreed to look again at the subcontractor listing requirements and work with the industry on concerns.

BidX is doing a system upgrade and will be issuing a new software package in approximately one year. Currently BidX does not allow a two part bid submittal and therefore the one part bid submittal requirement. In January 2016 we will revisit the two part bid submittal process.

Specification Update – presented by Chuck Suszko

2015 joint specification task group meets monthly to review and make changes

42 2015 specifications ready to be published

30 section level 5 mandatory concurrence minor correction

12 sections at level 4 making organizational changes

The goal is to get specifications in electronic form by July 2015, hard copies October 2015. Project using 2015 specifications will not be out until at least December.

Putting together specification for Automated Machine Guidance (AMG). Received comments from UCON and SCCA, looking for comments from AGC. AGC was invited to provide names for participation on an AMG task group.

Chuck will attend a kick-off meeting for a value engineering process evaluation of the Caltrans specification change process. If AGC would like to nominate members to the value engineering task group please let Chuck know.

DBE Update – Angela Shell

FFY to date- Race Conscience and Race Neutral Achieved 10.74%

Race Conscience commitment overall is at 7.52%

Race Natural commitment is at 3.22%

12.5% overall goal

Commitment 9.5% race Conscience 2% less than were we need to be.

Out of 121 project advertised out of OE, there were 14 GFE

Regulation changes out in addendum. Angela provided a summary sheet of changes as they apply to contracts.

Caltrans is required to get confirmation from DBE's on commitments from primis as part of participation.

All bidders (not just top three) have to submit DBE information and GFE if applicable, with the 4 day submittal.

Caltrans will evaluate all bidders when looking at commitments and GFE.

Even if you meet goal submit documentation in the event a DBE drops out and CT can look at your effort in meeting goal.

Reporting of monthly payments to DBE's started on federally funded ongoing project on

10/1/2014. Upcoming projects will have addendums and going forward projects will have it in the

contracts.

DBE Participation Committee- two task groups

Task group B – Tracking participation after contract award, increasing participation, Joint checks

Task Group C – How to improve the certification process, identifying barriers to participation

Small business aspirational goal 25%. Currently we are at - 35.1% overall, DVBE 5.9%

Small Business regulations- DGS is looking at amending regulations requiring final utilization of small business and DVBE.

Material Testing Taskforce

Material testing task force kicked off last September- 60 Caltrans and industry members

Two task groups:

1. Joint training / Certification

Caltrans will set aside funds for a contract to develop and give the joint training

The 4 day training will cover:

- A. Soils
- B. Aggregate
- C. Hot mix asphalt
- D. Concrete

2. Testing turnaround time-

As part of a Construction Administration Process Evaluation (CAPE), Caltrans will be looking at the current materials testing process and procedures.

Rock Products Committee Update - Chuck Suszko

Chuck reviewed the handout and the current committee activities.

Asphalt rubber binder quality control requirement- contractor testers will need to be qualified to test viscosity on asphalt binder. There are two training classes on April 8, 9 through RPA.

Currently we have 14 different aggregate gradations in section 37. We are looking at reducing that down to 6 gradations.

Jesse Bhullar is the new state pavement engineer- Jesse will be invited to the next AGC/CT Liaison meeting.

Safety Update – John Stayton

A status of the safety subcommittee will be presented at the next liaison meeting.

Of the 12 safety initiatives identified, 10 items have been implemented in some form and 2 items remain.

Structure Update – Rob Stott

False work collapse at the Willits Bypass- one span collapsed during a stem and soffit pour. Investigation under way. No fatalities, there were some injuries. Collapse similar to two collapses in 2000. Focus will be on the details of the double cap of the false work.

The next CT /Industry bridge contractors liaison meeting is at the Trans lab in Sacramento on March

20 2015.

Agenda – Contractor presentation on recent accelerated bridge construction project
Industry discussion of bar reinforcing cage guying

Updates on:

- Falsework removal specifications
- Clear cure specification for walls
- Traffic windows
- Architectural guidelines

Rob invited anyone interested to participate.

DRB Update – Andy Alvarado

DRB recommendation acceptance rate

CT

36% 2013

30% 2014

Contractor

20% 2013

54% 2014

To further look into issues related to low acceptance rates and other DRB issues the Caltrans Construction Partnering Steering Committee has formed a DRB subcommittee. The subcommittee will be surveying CT, contractors and DRB members what their feeling are about the DRB program.

The hope is to increase the acceptance rate for both parties regardless of the DRB findings.

Andy will be looking into the history of the DRB activities and how the DRB issues end up i.e. are they resolved or do they end up in claims / arbitrations.

In training Andy shares that the DRB members should be writing their recommendations with the non-prevailing side in mind.

One concern with DRB meeting is that hired consultants and lawyers are being brought in to the meetings to make presentations. The DRB presentation should be made by Contractor's project manager/ superintendent and the Caltrans RE. It was recommended that DRB presentation team members should follow the partnering dispute resolution ladder.

It is felt that some DRB members that are not following the process.

Try to encourage veteran DRB members to bring on a younger member as the third DRB member.

One key to improving the success of DRB meeting is write down area of agreement and disagreement prior to the meeting.