MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting  
June 26, 2019  
Montana Contractors’ Association office

**MDT New Business**

1. **Traffic Control Barrels – 6-inch/Fluorescent Orange** – current option is 4” or 6”. MDT intends to change to 6” by start of 2021 construction. MDT: no published study, but visual difference is drastic. MCA: change is very costly, there has to be a way to make the change more gradual, a barrel lasts 10 years.

2. **Truck Speed Limit change (65 to 70)** – effective Oct. 1 on interstate; 2-lane roads going to 65 mph, nighttime 55 mph goes away.

3. **Construction Engineer Position** – Kevin Christensen new position as Chief Operating Officer and will oversee majority of external activities. Darin Reynolds and John MacMillan are new POC for HTC.

4. **Electronic Subcontracts (DocuSign)** – Need the names of each subcontractor. First DocuSign for contracts just went out. Not yet implemented for subs, but it will be soon.

5. **Surface Resistivity testing** – MDT will quit doing testing as a way of transition. 1 firm does testing now.

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1. **MDT protected PDF files** – MDT will unprotect. PlanGrid for verticals. HCSS for plans, BlueBeam, Adobe. MDT will probably use Adobe mostly. Request MDT to send upon request current bid documents. Can MDT use Google Earth KMZ files? MDT will check, should be easy.

2. **Legislative audit** – Pavement Management System. MDT has met the requirements.

3. **Air Quality permits** – this affects gravel producers. Change from sliding scale to flat permit fee, DEQ would like some contractors to provide feedback.

**Old Business**

1. **DBE Usage/Update** 5.4% June 15; MDT proposing increase to 6.5%. MCA is very concerned meeting a higher percentage when we’re not meeting as exists.

2. **Materials Cert and Finalization Process/Buy America** – reminder to get paperwork in ASAP for quicker payment. ASHTO software is very robust in withholding payments. FHWA requirement. What about when manufacturer won’t disclose contents? MDT recently became aware and is working on getting variances on their specs without violating state law. Will probably require a legislative change.

3. **Centerline Striping** – memo came out last week, MCA happy with change.
4. **Rolled Erosion Control** – no answer yet – YEC has large projects coming in August and September, don’t want to do stakes, want to do metal stakes. Metal stakes are biodegradable and can be buried 6” deep. MDT will have discussion at standards committee next week. (see above)

5. **Form for DocuSign** – see previous

6. **2020 Spec Book** – in the works now. These changes will be among the last additions. Doing quarterly updates going forward. Only doing electronic version.