

MCA-MDT Highway Technical meeting

April 17, 2019, MCA Office

Members present reviewed and signed the anti-trust policy

- MDT brought 8 proposed spec revisions – in most cases they are already current special provisions, and now would be added to the spec book.

MDT new business

- 2020 Spec Book – MDT wants to get rid of supplemental additions. They would prefer to post an updated PDF on the web, with no print versions. MCA would still like to have some printed copies for use in the field, when internet is not available.
- Docusign – electronic document signatures. MDT did test on a couple of projects and it worked well. MCA wants to know if subs can be added ... MDT will try. All contracts will be done with docusign after the next bid letting.
- Bid item – list of materials, goal is to be consistent and modify big items.
- DBE – in 18 months a mandatory FHWA safety study will be conducted with a new goal next year. This will be the second year that we will likely not meet our goal, so it's probable that there will be project specific DBE goals in the next year. MCA questioned the validity of DBE contractor census, so MCA will work with DBE staff to validate numbers.
- CM/GC workshop on 4/24 – skype available.
- Concrete dispute resolution has been put into place.
- Bridge deck water cure revisions presented

MCA new business:

- Rolled erosion control metal staples. Yellowstone Environmental Contracting presented the case for metal staples in non-404 areas. Costs for wood stakes and labor to install is exorbitantly high vs. metal. Neighboring states allow metal. MDT will review.
- Centerline stripe spacing – Determined by road width, causes excessive changing of nozzles for striping. Would be better to stick with 1 measurement. MDT will review.

Old Business

- DBE update – see above
- Materials cert/buy America
- Electronic Certified payroll – MDT will consider a Special Provision to allow the winning bidder the option to use electronic certified payroll on a project. 100% by November. All primes and subs will use ASHTOWARE
- Legislation – gas tax diversion bill tabled; gravel bill passed; Aviation fuel tax increase could mean more runway/airfield work; cell phones in work zone tabled; centerline rumble strip notification now required.

MDT report

- Kailey: Since 2007 MDT is down 200+ FTE; Montana last state to not have a traffic management center; Federal bill ends in 2020 – calling for rescission, which is not good for MT – received \$50 million in redistribution recently; new DA in Billings and soon in Missoula; 3 new highway commissioners.