

MCA - MDT Highway Technical Meeting
February 15, 2023 – via in Person and Video Conference

JOINT MEETING – 2:00 PM

Participants:

MDT:

Rebecca Neergaard
Joe Green
Shane Clary
Clarissa Martin
Clay Blackwell
Jay Fleming
Paul Bushnell
TJ Ramaeker
Chris Trautmann
Kathleen Terrio
Paul Rieger
Jeff Jackson
Doug McBroom
Patrick Lane
Matt Strizich: FHWA
Jim Davies
Jerry Garcia
Josh Heck
Mike Dodge
Ted Thronson
Geno Liva
Fredrick Beal
Stephen McEvoy
Oak Metcalf
John McMillan
Megan Handle
Dustin Rouse
Matt Needham
Jake Geottle
Meghan Strachman

MCA:

Jodie Tooley: MT Lines
Brad Meyer: Highmark Traffic
Colton Dean: Century Companies
Cale Fisher: Riverside Contracting
Anthony Butcher: Century Companies
Russ Robertson: Sletten
Lexie Acker: CHS
Craig Alanen: McAsphalt
Clint Habel: Riverside Contracting
Keith Johnston: MT West Holdings
Aaron Gray: HIS
Mike Sharp: Prince
Brad Newcomb: Calumet
Soloman Refdforn: Helena S&G
Kevin Helling: L&J
Pat Bombardner: MT Lines
David Smith: MCA
Nicole Hann: MCA

Specifications

The Department has no proposed supplemental revisions for the February meeting.

MCA New Business

1. No current items

MDT New Business

1. AASHTOWare – Contractor Access
 - Jake discussed a request for Contractor Access to AASHTOWare. There is a submitted enhancement, but states have to prioritize. Once voted, will move through process, which might take 12 months.
 - Oak discussed upgradeto online web application on public facing website that will allow access to test results. Should be available before construction season starts. Follow up with MDT end of season.
2. Concrete Suppliers
 - a. Oak discussed a poll of concrete suppliers to see what kind of information can be gathered on items such as availability of supply and concrete. Rural areas are seeing issues more often. MDT is working on putting together a survey to figure out we can partner and sort concrete issues out.
3. New Construction PDF's
 - a. Pat Lane discussed shift of design area. Moved to Autodesk platform for design and delivery. Starting in May. First design through Autodesk done. Will look different. If you see plans that look different, reach out through Q&A process. Implementation is finished with preconstruction. Working statewide next. More information will be provided when available. Moving away from Bentley to Autodesk over the next 3-5 years. Design process takes a lot of time. With construction, primary product will still be tremble business center.
4. VE Proposals – Simplifying process.
 - a. Jake discussed upcoming meeting on 28th internally to look at process and specs. Looking at ways to make easy improvements. Send ideas to Jake, John, or Joe.
5. CPM Scheduling
 - a. Joe discussed Matneys research with other states and comparing it to our requirements. Intent to improve clarity and statewide consistency.
6. Partnering

- a. Clarissa discussed finished training for 2022 season with a total of 65 people trained. The last class of the year was all contractors and no MDT. Working on dates of 2023 summit with survey. Also discussed plans to travel state and visit individual contractors.

7. 2023 Legislative Session

- Jake discussed the Alternative Contracting Bill process through legislature.
- Dustin: SB 57 passed on Senate Side. MDT will go through rule-making process and will include MCA in discussions.
- Safer Act: \$200MM interest used to matching give back money. Good news.
- CDL Bill 47 which died. Maybe turn to rulemaking to address issue.
- Work zone Safety added Highway workers. IF on side of road with yellow lights, you can be sighted for speeding.

Old Business

1. DBE – Updates

- a. Megan Handle discussed new goal submitted to FHWA, which been approved. Should be around the past years goal, 6%.
- b. Big Fork project in August, close to Summer Outing. Promised to short fall analysis promised to FHWA. Malta South prebid meeting was a success.
- c. Training ideas for DBE includes Design Build classes.

2. MSCR

- a. Oak discussed MSCR materials. Josh Heck is new MDT materials specialist and has experience with MSCR.
- b. MDT PowerPoint discussed MSCR implementation. Intent is to compile data throughout this year to determine next steps. Josh will share with the group.
- c. Oak: Paving past Three Forks cracked in the Nov cold snap, and it was done at -28. Elk Park was paved at -28 also, but it didn't crack. MDT is trying to add this extra level to long term durability to help eliminate thermal cracking. Oak discussed Construction Memo in progress to help MDT implement.

Ad-Hoc

1. Federal Wage Decision

- a. Kathy Terrio discussed new wage decision not being effect just yet. More to come.

Oak: MT LTAP Conference and Plant Mix Meeting registration is out.

Meeting adjourned at 3:23 pm.