MCA - MDT Highway Technical Meeting

June 14, 2023 – via in Person and Video Conference

**JOINT MEETING – 2:00 PM**

Participants:

**MDT:**

**MCA:**

Russ Gaub - Riverside

Guy Slaybaugh – Century Companies

Jodie Tooley – MT Lines

Brad Newcomb – Calumet

Colton Dean – Century

Hal Fuglevand – Knife River

Kerry Gray – Highway Specialties

David Anderson – United Materials

Aaron Gray – Highway Specialties

Cale Fisher – Riverside Contracting

Keith Johnston – MT West Holdings

Gaylen Baumberger – Poteet Construction

Deb Poteet – Poteen Construction

Mike Newton – Fisher S&G

David Smith – MCA

Dennis Devous – Riverside Contracting

Clinton Habel – Riverside Contracting

Pat Bomgardner – MT Lines

Nicole Hanni – MCA

Solomon Redfern – Helena S&G

Darin Reynolds

Doug McBroom

Shane Pegram

Mike Dodge

Josh Heck

Rich Hibl

Oak Metcalf

Dwane Kailey

John Schmidt

John McMillan

Dustin Rouse

Jayden Manuel

Joe Green

Daniel Osendorf

Jim Davies

John McMillan

Maghan Strachan

Megan Handl

Dakota Marsh

Jake Geottle

Jeremy Wilde

Clarissa Martin

Jim Sullivan

Ki Stoddard

**MCA New Business**

1. Asphalt Binder Content in Rap
   1. Mr. Devous discussed current testing specs based on virgin material. Now that there are wrap designs, requesting spec change. Oak Metcalf with MDT provided an overview of the issue and discussed he is working on solution. Metcalf is working through creating a procedure to address this and will put together something to share with MCA.
   2. Mr. Newton discussed mandatory 25% rap, but no one knew how it would extract.
2. Traffic Actuated Temp Signals
   1. Jeremy Wilde discussed adjustments that will be made to the special provision. The intent of the special provision was to address the issue of the signals malfunctioning. Signals will be paid per day, pilot and flaggers paid by unit. Approval will be through EPM to determine if they are needed. Current jobs will need to use Q & A and MDT will respond. Changes are due next week for August letting. If changes happen, Jeremy will solicit input from contractors.

**MDT New Business**

1. New Definitions
   1. Mr. Reynolds discussed proposed definitions on amendment and addendum process. Rolling out some tweaks to the ASHTO WARE project bid software including revisions to the electronic bid files including added bid items, deleted bid items, or bid item quantities. Bidding acknowledgments are in fine print and in software. Will require a check box acknowledgement on this language change. August or September roll-out is tentative. Need to test internally to ensure functionality.
2. Welding and Fabrication Inspection
   1. Mr. Stoddard discussed the lax onsite inspection and paperwork inspection. If improved, there is no wiggle room if there is an issue with insurance companies. A few changes include not using FMAW and anything structural. Will not be a burden for the contractor with change to flux competitor. Cost will be insignificant. MDT certification cards. Set up to do throughout the state. Working on putting together a welding guide and will update specs on required paperwork and details that haven’t been relevant for some time. Hope to have these out in fall spec changes.
3. MSCR PGAB
   1. Mr. Metcalf discussed using this and the end goal to make switch over to MSCR binders in all situations to prevent writing another special provision. June 29 letting changes posted online.

**Old Business**

1. DBE – Updates
   1. DBE goal has not been approved for 2023, still operating under last year’s goal which was 6.5%. New goal 6.3%. Sitting at 3.6 % so far this year. FHWA pressure. Too many individual meetings for airport projects. Partnering with consultants that set goals for airports. Over 50 airports were presented in meetings over the next 3 years. Encouraging people to participate in person, when possible. The first meeting will be virtual, but subsequent meetings will be in person with lunch to help with partnering. In-person events are better. A flier is provided regarding this provided and will be distributed to the group.

**Ad-Hoc**

1. Avon MT-141 Pilot Project
   1. Pat Lane not present. Mr. Geottle discussed MT 141 culvert in Avon currently advertised. FYI: Will be a pilot project for digital delivery to work with crew behind scenes and how to be successful.

Pat discussed last meeting’s open items.

Project Schedules and red line spec in book. Looking for update from MDT. Matney addressed MCA concerns and waiting until after this season to have a follow up meeting. MDT intends to continue this process to work through these concerns.

Sign Types 11 Sheeting: Withdrawn completely on a temporary side.

Dec 12-13 Partnering Summit.

Ms. Martin discussed Partnering Summit scheduled for Helena at the Delta hotel. Last year there were 77 people in attendance, goal this year is 150.

SB57 Alternative Contracting: Mr. Rouse worked with MCA on this process and developing rules. Out and ready for public comment closes July 7. As part of this bill, the transportation commission still has to approve the MDT processes they intend to use. Progressive Design Build, CMGC, and P3.

4 Pilot Projects have all been award: Trout Creek (completed), Salmon Lake (under way), Johnson Lane/Billings Bypass (60% designed), and MT 200 (Lewistown area bridges).

Next meeting October 18th.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.