

The ODOT/OTA/ACEC Working Group for Construction Management met on Thursday, April 4, 2024. In attendance were Shawn Davis, TJ Dill, Will Snipes, Geoff Covalt, Paul Green, and Rick Bond. Items discussed are as follows:

- Director Davis advised that AWP in its entirety is planned to be rolled out for all projects on the October 2024 letting and beyond.
- ACEC asked if there is a standard process for referee testing. Response: The process is addressed in the Spec Book, and allows for utilizing independent labs.
- ACEC asked if there is a goal of a specific percentage of the projects that get outsourced, and if there is an expectation that the percentage will be increased. Response: There is no specific percentage goal. Usage of consultants is based on immediate need. \$40 million per year is budgeted for consultant CM. ODOT is not looking to cut personnel (also not looking to hire additional personnel), or change processes regarding ODOT Residencies. Future increases in project volume should relate to more work being outsourced.
- ACEC stated that some Districts don't want to issue a contract supplement for additional funds until after the work is complete. This leaves the Consultant with funding the inspection for a time. Response: Much like on construction contracts, change orders for additional funds are encouraged before the job ends. ODOT prefers to anticipate, communicate, and supplement before the money runs out.
- ACEC asked if the Digital Delivery push will affect field operations with new tech requirements. Response: Yes, but there are lots of options and unknowns. No decisions have been made yet regarding the technological tools that will be needed by the field personnel that will be administering projects. There may be some pilot projects in 2026.
- ACEC asked, given the use of Aggregate Contract Value on the latest CM contract, if ODOT would still solicit stand alone CM projects. It is ACEC's opinion that stand alone solicitations are not necessary with the current contracting. Response: Director Davis stated that it would be up to the Director of Project Delivery (Daniel) but if the industry isn't pushing for it then ODOT would probably not pursue.
- ACEC asked for an update on the ACCESS schedule. Chief Dill stated that the east portion of the JKT would likely let late summer 2024. The goal for the EWC is to have the portion between I-44 and I-35 open to traffic by the end of 2027. He anticipates turning on more sections of the Turner, JKT, and Will Rogers to design in June 2024. He anticipates soliciting an On-Demand CM Contract for ACCESS in mid 2025.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2024. Please contact Geoff, Paul, or me if you have questions or topics for discussion.