



## Meeting Summary

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### **ACEC-VT / VTrans Quarterly Meeting**

Location: Microsoft Teams – Virtual Meeting

Date: June 9, 2021

Program discussion and General Meeting 10:00 am – 11:30 am

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No roll call taken for virtual meeting.

### **General Meeting**

Introduced current Transportation Committee members: Jon Olin, Patricia Shedd, Greg Goyette, Ken Robie, Anant Panwalker and Dale Gozalkowski-ACECVT President. (Aaron Guyette was absent)

- A. (Agenda Update) VTrans Innovation Symposium September 8, 2021 - *Emily Parkany* 5<sup>th</sup> year for the Innovation Symposium and will be virtual. Similar to previous years, the ACECVT quarterly meeting will be in the morning and the Innovation Symposium afternoon, MassDOT as guest speaker. Virtual posters, fact sheets will be available before the 8<sup>th</sup>. Multiple concurrent sessions on day one and Thursday will be individual sessions. Presentations will be recorded. Last year it half VTrans and half other resource options.
  - Q. Do presentations require a VTrans co-sponsor?
    - A. Generally no, but must be a Vermont project. Reference 2020 Innovation Symposium [2020 VTrans Research and Innovation Symposium - September | Agency of Transportation \(vermont.gov\)](https://www.vermont.gov/trans/2020-vtrans-research-and-innovation-symposium-september)
- B. (Agenda Update) Standards Committee Update – Reference Committee Updates later in the meeting summary.
- C. VTrans General Updates – *Rob White*
  - o Office / Telework Starting to open up. Through September 1<sup>st</sup> all staff can telework. Opening at Dill and 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Barre City Place is taking place now. From September 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> the staff will be developing telework schedules. Layout of BCP may change, there may be “hotel” shared workspace for part time office/telework schedules.
  - o Budget Update – 2021 and Beyond / Consultant Involvement Reauthorization on October 1<sup>st</sup> \$50M+ to Vermont. Stimulus could be up to \$1B to Vermont. The state is planning on \$250 to \$500M for the time being (with 100% federal – no state match). The Agency is looking to diversify the way they deliver projects and types of projects. Anticipate leaning on consultants for design, construction and project management. Stimulus will be \$100M, 4yrs to obligate and an additional 4yrs to spend the funds.
    - Q. Have there been discussions with AGC about contractor’s capacity, materials, equipment... all are a concern for the northeast.
      - A. Yes, on-going discussion.
    - Q. Considering alternative project delivery?
      - A. Yes, the Agency is considering design/build and will included ROW activities. Will use IDIQ as well.

Comment. Consultants will need to plan for staffing and training to prepare for the potential funding. ACECVT will continue to work with VTrans to think of how we can best prepare and train staff to be able to support upcoming needs.

Q. Is Vermont getting more than the minimum apportionment?

A. Expected as such, but unknown at this time.

Q. Will stimulus provide NHI training?

A. Unsure about the specific details on how the funds can be allocated at this time, but that would seem to fit the goals.

D. MicroStation CONNECT transition – Mike Longstreet

- Workspace is available for MicroStation and InRoads and it's functional but the Agency is still working on finite details. Plans/production is lacking but usable.
- 3D modeling will be used to produce the plans/profile/sections and the model will be used for construction as well.
- Using for both roadway and bridges. Bridge module is more advanced than the roadway module. VTrans website has a training offering on the Cad standards website.
- Training Folder  
[https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/VTRANS/external/CADD/Shared%20Documents/VT\\_TrainingVideos](https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/VTRANS/external/CADD/Shared%20Documents/VT_TrainingVideos)
- OpenRoads Training Videos  
[https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/VTRANS/external/CADD/Shared%20Documents/VT\\_TrainingVideos/OpenRoads%20CE](https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/VTRANS/external/CADD/Shared%20Documents/VT_TrainingVideos/OpenRoads%20CE)
- Horizontal and vertical alignments convert to OpenRoads and you can import dtm's into OpenRoads.
- Projects set to bid in 2021 & 2022 are okay to leave the design in InRoads. Beyond 2022, those projects already started in InRoads, past preliminary, will likely need to be converted as InRoads may not be supported. Check with your Project Manager.
- Is training for the OpenBridge module available? No VTrans is using it "out of the box".
- Will survey be delivered in OpenRoads? The conversion from InRoads to OpenRoads works okay.

E. Contract Administration – Maureen Parker/Doreen Carminati

- WOR form updates – Level of Effort for Best Value Selection (BVS)
  - Lower Level of Effort – less than \$25,000
  - Moderate Level of Effort - between \$25,000 and \$50,000
  - Higher Level of Effort - between \$50,000 and \$100,000
  - Highest Level of Effort – higher than \$100,000
- WOR Process Update
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier, Level 1 Selection for BVS Federal Micro Purchase limit of \$10,000
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier, Level 2 Selection for BVS Federal Small Purchase Method 23CFR172.7(a)(2) over \$10,000 up to \$100,000
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier, Level 3 over \$100,000
  - CA would appreciate feedback on this change
- Award notification procedure updates Maureen
  - Firms not selected will no longer receive a notification letter.
    - Q. Will the RFQ include a date so firms know they were not selected?
    - A. CA will consider adding this information to the RFQ. i.e. If you don't hear



within x weeks of date then you likely weren't selected.

- Upcoming RFP's
  - State highway safety office annual attitude survey.
  - Lab equipment maintenance and calibration services.

F. Committee Updates

VTrans Committees – ACECVT Appointees

- David Hoyne – VTrans Specifications Committee
  - Notice to Bidders updates were released recently, be sure to check the website for updates.
  - Construction management systems is driving changes to how some items are paid for particularly special provision items.
  - The committee is working to ensure the Specification Book and CMS system are integrated.
- Evan Detrick – VTrans Standard Details Committee
  - Met last week and will be meeting monthly through October.
  - Revised rules and procedures for standards committee to reflect changes to VTrans staffing, added ACECVT, changes to the following standards T-30, T-70, T-133. Will identify obsolete and metric standards and revise accordingly.
  - Email [edetrick@vhb.com](mailto:edetrick@vhb.com) with suggestions by mid to end of July so they can be incorporated by October.
- Update by Greg Goyette for Dave Youlen – VTrans Work Zone Committee
  - First meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Transportation Workshop presentation by Erin Parizo and Jenn Conley is on-line. If a firm has not submitted a name for their firms Resource Officer they need to asap to <mailto:dave.youlen@stantec.com>

Events, recent and scheduled:

- ACECVT BOD Meetings
  - May 26, 2021 – Virtual Meeting
  - Next meeting June 23, 2021 – Virtual Meeting
  - EEA – June 17, 2021 – Dale Gozalkowski Presenters will have 30 to 60 seconds to acknowledge Owners, clients, critical team members.

**FHWA**

- Updates from Matt DiGiovanni (by Kevin McAleer)
  - Funding for manual updates is being considered.
  - Stewardship & Oversight - Ensures federal dollars are spent appropriately and structures and utility procedures were reviewed last year
  - Compliance - Ensures VTrans is in compliance with all Federal rules.
  - Projects of Division interest for value added opportunities – e.g. E-ticketing for paving projects.
  - Training resources for LPA
    - Federal Aid Essentials for Local Public Agency's: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials/>
    - Contract Administration Core Curriculum Manual 2014:
    - <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/contracts/coretoc.cfm><https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/contracts/coretoc.cfm>



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### **Future Meetings - Potential Topics**

Next meeting: September 8, 2021 / Coordinated with the VTrans Innovation Symposium (Emily Parkany)

Future Meeting Topics (September Qtly)

- Open Bridge Modeler – Pilot projects, Status/Plans for long term implementation (Aaron)
- CMS Estimator Updates – Project Implementation
- VTrans Bicycle & Pedestrian Design Guidance (recent updates and retiring of 2002 manual)
- *Other future agenda items? Please forward*

Minutes Posted at: <https://www.acec.org/vermont/about-us/meeting-minutes/>

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