



Meeting Summary

ACEC-VT / VTrans Quarterly Meeting

Location: Microsoft Teams – Virtual Meeting

Date: September 8, 2021

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

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

General Meeting

A. VTrans Operations Updates – *Rob White*

- VTrans starting to return to the office. By choice until Nov. 1.
- Updates – Org Positional Changes
 - Updated org chart is on the VTrans website.
 - Highlights:
 - Erin Parizo – Deputy Chief Engineer
 - Wayne Gammell – Director of Maintenance and Fleet Division (includes all District offices)
 - Jayna Guilford – Director of Finance and Administration
 - Drilling crew moved from Materials to Maintenance/Fleet
- Updates – Funding / Budget
 - Lots still up in the air regarding increase in Federal funding
 - Potential for Approx. \$150 M additional funds in the federal authorization, per year of the 5-year authorization (not a separate one-time stimulus package). Same rules apply for State match. Flexibility being discussed on allowing funds to be spent beyond the fiscal year (remaining tied to the per-year authorization).
- Performance
 - On-time Delivery for 2021 – 74%
- Alternative Project Delivery – CMGC and Design Build Project Forecasting
 - Potential for a handful of DB projects coming (large culverts, complicated roadway projects). VTrans will outreach to consultants in October for assistance with getting these out.

B. Contract Administration – Maureen Parker/Doreen Carminati

- Subcontractor Invoicing
 - New process to assure that subconsultants are formally approved before invoicing. Also need to check and update the firm contacts where needed. Need approval for ALL subs, regardless of size or type.
- Audited OH Rates – Invoicing Process / Notification



No change to process. Pay attention to billing period dates vs dates of OH change.
Transition to new OH rates when updated rates are submitted. Consultants only notified by VTrans when there is a question in the updated rates.

- Upcoming RFP's
 - AWOS (automated weather systems at airports)
 - Public Information Services – PPAID
 - Statewide Travel Demand Modelling Services
 - ...more currently posted on the website...

C. Committee Updates

VTrans Committees – ACECVT Appointees

- David Hoyne – VTrans Specifications Committee
 - New General Special Provisions dated July 27, 2021.
 - Preparing for the new 2023 Spec Book – 513, 551, 602 being incorporated. Lump Unit (LU) being converted to Dollar.
- Evan Detrick – VTrans Standard Details Committee
 - Meeting next month.
 - Box beam rail to be addressed.
- Dave Youlen – VTrans Work Zone Committee
 - No updates.

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D. Updates from Matt DiGiovanni

- VTrans received funding for managing utility conflicts. Some is going toward a new Utilities Manual.
- Contaminated soils/hazardous materials process review is underway. If you have topics/questions/concerns/suggestions from a federally funded project, please discuss with Matt.

Events - Recent and Scheduled

E. Today!! – VTrans Innovation Symposium (Emily Parkany) - virtual

F. ACECVT BOD Meetings

- August 25, 2021 – Virtual Meeting
- Next meeting September 22, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

G. March 2022 VTrans – ACECVT Transportation Workshop – Call for submissions in October.

Future Meetings - Potential Topics

Next meeting: December 8, 2021



Future Meeting Topics (December Qtly)

- H. E-delivery: General Overview - Molly
- I. E-delivery: Open Bridge Modeler – Pilot projects, Status/Plans for long term implementation (Aaron / Jon Griffin)
- J. CMS Estimator Updates – Project Implementation – Case Study (challenges & resolve) – Design Phase Transition
- K. VTrans Bicycle & Pedestrian Design Guidance (recent updates and retiring of 2002 manual)
- L. CADD Committee Need – OBM & Open Roads MS CONNECT – Workspace, e-delivery
- M. *Other future agenda items? Please forward*

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

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