



Meeting Minutes Dec 8, 2021

ACEC-VT / VTrans Quarterly Meeting

Location: Microsoft Teams – Virtual Meeting

Date: December 8, 2021

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

Roll Call ACECVT Transportation Committee members: Jon Olin (chair), Patricia Shedd, Greg Goyette (joined later), Ken Robie, Anant Panwalker, and Dale Gozalkowski – ACECVT President

General Meeting

A. VTrans Operations – *Rob White*

- Updates – Funding / Budget
 - Some new programs added with IIJA compared to Fast Act program.
 - Focus is on resiliency. Major focus on bridges and culverts with added funding specifically for off-system bridges
 - Lot grant opportunities – some that every state will get piece of. Other grants are nationally competitive.
 - VTrans is still using Fast Act funding. Appropriation funding for IIJA has not passed yet. Not sure when the funding will be available. Possibly lingering till end of fiscal year.
 - Funding increase / project impact will be light the first year. Then it will ramp up heavily.
 - VTrans is planning to utilize a mix of project types and delivery processes, including Design Build projects and paving projects.
 - Inflation may reduce the amount of available funding.

B. Contract Administration – Maureen Parker/Doreen Carminati

- Upcoming RFP's:
 - Appraisal and Review Services 2022 - Proposals Due 2/1/2022.
 - Roadside Mowing Services 2022 - Proposals Due 1/27/2022.
 - Subsurface Utility Engineering Services 2022 - Proposals Due 1/18/2022.
 - CMB Laboratory Preventive Maintenance Program 2022 – Posting within the next week.
- RFP's PENDING:

It is anticipated that the following solicitations will occur in the first half of 2022:

 - Paratransit Dispatching and Scheduling 2022 – Public Transit Contract Manager is working with ADS to define SOW. This will be a long-term process due to the Information Technology aspect.
 - AWOS System Replacement – We are in the beginning stages of preparing this solicitation through BGS as the system will be considered a commodity.
 - Statewide Travel Demand Modeling Services 2022 – No package received to date.
 - Facilities Engineering Services 2022 – No package received to date.
 - Historic Preservation Services 2022 – No package received to date.
 - Archaeological Services 2022 – No package received to date.



C. Committee Updates

VTrans Committees – ACECVT Appointees

- David Hoyne – VTrans Specifications Committee
 - No Update – preparing for specifications update.
 - Please email David if you have any comments about specifications.

- Evan Detrick – VTrans Standard Details Committee
 - Met over last 2 months and made minor updates to mostly structure drawings to show details correctly.
 - It is top priority to develop culvert standards. In a month or two we will have a draft on box culvert standard details and will look for comments. Our target is to have something for review by end of Feb 2022.

- Dave Youlen – VTrans Work Zone Committee
 - Next meeting is Jan 6, 2022. A new WZ technical committee will be implemented.

- 2022 Annual VTrans – ACECVT Transportation Workshop Update – Patricia Shedd
 - 8 firms have submitted 11 abstracts on a lot of varying topics. We will be meeting next week to reduce the list to 5-6 abstracts. If your firm submitted an abstract and didn't get response from Patricia, please reach out to her. We have not decided if it will be in person or online.

FHWA

D. Updates from Matt DiGiovanni

- Working with VTrans updating QA plans. Vtrans is trying to streamline and has successfully removed some redundant information/pages. It will go into effect mid-January.
- FHWA has seen big risk with contaminated soils on site, and has put together a draft report. Our recommendation is to have more consistency to review early on for site conditions.
- State will have the opportunity to buy turnpike toll credits 2:1 (or market price). States like NJ may elect to exchange their credits.
- Secretary Flynn is providing update tomorrow for VLCT

Events - Recent and Scheduled

E. ACECVT BOD Meetings

- October 27, 2021 – Virtual Meeting
 - Environmental protection workshop was held in fall 2021. We are preparing a BGS training session in the new year. Keep an eye out for email.
 - Transportation workshop is gaining momentum so consider encouraging young professionals to attend.
- Next meeting December 22, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

F. March 2022 VTrans – ACECVT Transportation Workshop which will be the next quarterly meeting.

Future Meetings - Potential Topics

Next meeting: March 2022 VTrans – ACECVT Transportation Workshop



Future Meeting Topics (June Qtly)

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

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