



Meeting Notes

ACEC-VT / VTrans Quarterly Meeting

Location: VTrans – Davis Building, 5th Floor Main Conference Room

Date: September 12, 2018

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

1. PPAID Rail and Aviation Bureau Update/Overview – Dan Delabruere

Merged Rail and Aviation one year ago. Organization changes- project delivery headed by Paul Libby and combined staff into one unit to balance workload. Should be more consistent.

Aviation - Own and manage 10 airports. Anticipate issuing a statewide beacon replacement project within the next year or 2.

Funding: State - \$566,000 annually and FAA \$1.35 mil. Typically \$8 to \$18 mil total budget.

Alt Funding / Potential Projects: \$1 bil funding is available for rural airports: VTrans has 4 eligible airports. Looking at Apron rehabs and will likely pursue designs to seek grant. Projects will have design and PM opportunities. FAA does not reimburse for state costs. Grant support from consultants is provided through Policy and Planning contract.

Rail – own 305 miles of active and 174 rail bridges. 399 public crossings. Large portion of budget is bridge related.

Funding: no annual dedicated federal funding. Program Competes for grants in order to complete projects. Typically funding level- \$28-\$38 mil/yr. Pursuing BUILD funding? Have grant application in for 32 bridges - \$34 mil for new Haven to Rutland.

Currently working with VTrans contract admin for construction bids.

2. 2018 VTrans Standard Specifications for Construction – Wendy Ducey

Overview: use important links on website for effective dates for advertising, option for either 2011 or 2018 Specifications for projects being bid prior to January 1, 2019. 2018 Specifications only after January 1. MAB projects have a waiver until June 30, 2019. Note new error reporting form.

A list of major changes is included but it does not include all. Metric has been removed with the exception of certain items that still use (e.g. sieve analysis). If any questions use group email on website. Currently no Supplemental Specifications. All certification references have been removed and put in Material Sampling Manual.

Error Reporting Form: used to track issues. See link on website



VTrans is considering adding an unofficial Specifications to assist using specifications. Includes internal links and will incorporate updates to address errors. There are currently no Supplemental Specifications. There are General Special Provisions.

900 special provisions: working to minimize number of items. Access to 2011 and 2018 special provisions is provided through Sharepoint. May need to request access to Special provisions on Sharepoint site. Includes examples and lists of items.

General Meeting

- National Life Bldg Update – Ken Robie. VTrans staff have occupied 2nd floor on short term basis. In a few weeks – most will return to 3rd floor. VTrans will shift exchange with Department of Education in Barre City Place with space in National Life.
- Contract Administration
 - Upcoming RFP's:
 - i. Statewide environmental services (September)
 - ii. Construction Inspection and Management Services. (October.)
 - iii. Structures retainer is anticipated by end of the year.
 - Presentation on Work Authorization Request procedures will be at the December QTLY meeting.
- 4th Annual Vermont Transportation Technical Transfer Session Update – Anant & Ken
Schedule:
 - Call for Abstracts- going out next week or 2 (before end of September)
 - Tentative Workshop Date: **March 13, 2019**. Venue to be determined.
 - May consider including STIC program overview.

ACECVT - <http://www.acecvt.org/>

Events, recent and scheduled:

- ACECVT BOD Meetings
 - Last held August 22, 2018 at Stantec Office
 - Next meeting September 19, 2018 at Stantec office
- ACECVT Emerging Leaders Forum Next Date - Commerce Secretary, Michael Schirling @ Zero Gravity Brewery 3-5pm followed by Social from 5-7pm – September 13th, 2018
- 2018 ACECVT Golf Tournament – August 29, 2018.
- 2018 STIC Research & Innovation Symposium **Today – 8am – 1pm** at the VT State House.
<http://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/research/2018symposium>

FHWA

- Updates from Larkin Wellborn, FHWA Construction & Materials Engineer (filling in for Matt DiGiovanni)

Future Meetings - Potential Topics

Next meeting: December 12, 2018



- MAB Updates / Initiatives
- CMB Construction Services Update/Overview
- Consultant Contract and Amendment Process
- *Other future agenda items? Please forward*

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

Meeting Summary by: Greg Edwards, Stantec