



## Project Development subcommittee

June 27, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

See attached list

Meeting began with introductions.

### Old Business:

#### **Special Construction Notes on Strip Map Plans**

**Discussion:** Several districts are putting special notes in the maintenance contracts without including pay items to cover this work. Keith Frick will be meeting with all the districts and develop standardized notes to be included in the general construction notes. Also pay items will be included for work where pay items are available in lieu of making them incidental items.

#### **Thin Lift vs Micro Surfacing**

**Discussion:** Preventative Maintenance Thin Lift Seal Course verses Micro Surfacing. Are there applications being compared on an equal basis. A rate of application may need to be specified in lieu of depth measurements. Also, SCDOT may want to make the decision of which application should be applied and not bid as an alternate. The South Carolina Asphalt Pavement Association will be addressing this issue at the Hot Mix Asphalt Quality Improvement Committee meeting on July 30, 2012. An update will be given at our next meeting.

### New Business

#### **Engineer of Record Response Time to Issues**

**Discussion:** On some projects, resolution to some issues or problems have been delayed waiting on a response from the Engineer of Record (EOR). Some issues could be addressed by the Resident Construction Engineer but the issues are being referred back to the EOR for a decision. SCDOT is trying to keep the EOR under contract during the construction phase to allow for responses to issues. Ben will discuss with the Regional Production Groups and stress the importance of timely responses to construction issues. Some suggested that the EOR attend the preconstruction conferences to answer questions and be part of the team continuing into construction. Also it was suggested that the Request for Information (RFI) process be implemented in other to track construction issues and response times.

## **General Plan Preparation Issues**

**Discussion:** On some plans, the NPDES lines are being shown based on an offset from the cut or fill distances. In some cases, this does not include special features or structures such as pipes, culverts, rip-rap or utilities which may be outside the calculated NPDES lines. This will be reviewed by the RPGs and make sure special structures etc. are properly addressed with the NPDES lines. In some cases, the entire Right of Way may need to be permitted and included in the NPDES lines. It was also noted that some more information should be included on the plans concerning details for intersections and radius returns etc. It is difficult to determine some of the grades and how the SCDOT intends for tie-ends to occur without additional information. Another issue is the accuracy of the survey control points on projects. Some of the control points are not accurate enough to establish line and grade and be within the tolerances for construction depending on which control point is used to check line and grade.

## **Other BUSINESS**

### **Question Period for Lettings**

**Discussion:** On resurfacing projects, can the question period be extended to a date closer to the letting date? Most contractors can't develop all their questions for resurfacing projects until after all the roads have been inspected. Ben was going to discuss with Jamie and Mark and we will put on the agenda for next meeting.

Next Meeting: August 22, 2012

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