



SC Road SubCommittee Meeting
August 18, 2010
Minutes

Attendees:

Marty McKee, Thrift Development Corp.
Casey Schwager, Sloan Construction
Greg Ashmore, Ashmore Bros. Inc.
Chris Davis, Sanders Bros.
Shawn Godwin, Palmetto Corp.
Sally Paul, SPC, Inc.
Jordan Hinson, King Asphalt
Jamie Kendall, SCDOT
Todd Steagall, SCDOT
Brian Parnell, SCDOT
Jeff Sizemore, SCDOT
Barry Bowers, SCDOT
Dennis Garber, SCDOT
Brian Ison, SCDOT
Charles Eleazer, SCDOT
Leslie Hope, CAGC

The meeting was called to order with introductions.

Marty McKee introduced Leslie Hope with CAGC who is now working with the Highway Contractors and SCDOT. She looks forward to working with everyone for a seamless transition.

Old Business

Update on CMRB Spec

Todd Steagall reported he has received comments from the lab and is completing the spec. Jamie Kendall has finalized the pay items. It now goes to Federal Highway for signature and then it is complete. This will be a supplemental specification.

Update on DBE Goals

Marty McKee reported at the July Joint Committee meeting there was discussion concerning meeting the DBE goals. More race neutral is needed. This can be reported in the quarterly report.

Todd added the goal is to have all truckers/haulers approved so SCDOT can keep track of who is on a project.

Greg Ashmore asked if DBE's are not required and the contractor uses one, does that DBE have to be certified/approval. This has held up payment in some cases. Todd will follow up with DBE office for clarification.

New Business

Right of Way Surveys

Brian Ison reported the State Board of Engineers and Surveyors wants right of way monuments and plats for SCDOT owned Right of Ways. Counter proposals were made in the late 1990's and a few years ago new regulations were added. The House passed these and they have timed in.

The regulation is only two sentences and it is not clear. If a monument is required on the SCDOT right of way after construction is complete, the contractor will be responsible for this. A standard drawing and pay item is being developed along with a supplemental specification to include in contracts.

This will probably start with the January 2011 letting and will be a lump sum pay item. For existing projects, there will be a change order for payment. If it is a new right of way, SCDOT would like to mark the entire section.

If contractors have any comments, please send to isonbd@scdot.org within the next few weeks.

Marty McKee asked if SCDOT will indicate how many markers and what type. Jamie Kendall responded the surveyors will quote linear feet and estimate how many are needed. SCDOT will probably use rebar for most of them.

Borrow Spec (Friction Angle)

Marty McKee reported there was discussion at the Joint Committee meeting on the new spec. Todd added the availability of local borrow meeting the spec is the question.

Jeff Sizemore – Soil samples are tested and the project design is around what is locally available. This is done before the project is let. Samples from lower boundaries, embankments are used for testing.

If contractors cannot find enough soil locally, they need to contact SCDOT.

How do contractors cover the quote if it becomes necessary to buy and haul to the projects? In the past we bid on the high side. SCDOT has waived the borrow spec requirements and taken the best available material on regular borrow material when no other material is available.

Shawn Godwin – The time frame for testing, finding the soil, etc. can sometimes take two weeks to get the results. We need faster testing time. In theory it should work, but concern is finding enough borrow and getting tests back.

SCDOT – Where should the testing results be so the contractor can determine if borrow is readily available? District offices have this for review. Contractor were not aware this information was at the district offices.

Sally Paul suggested putting this information on the extranet by project. Then the testing firm can review SCDOT results. Brian Parnell will coordinate checking into this possibility. Todd stated it can be put in the special provision and guide contractors to the extranet for information.

Contractor – can the spec be performance based?

SCDOT - Material changes over time and it cannot be based on performance. SCDOT is working on research now to establish a statewide data base.

Casey Schwager gave an example of a situation where there was plenty of land in the area of the project, but the owners would not sell any for a borrow pit.

Day/Night Paving Delineation in Contracts

The contractors would like for SCDOT to designate day or night paving and make this much simpler. There are a lot of factors that go into night paving that affects the bid. If it is clear whether to pave day or night and not specific time frames, etc. it will help with

cost, completion, etc. of project. If there are any time restrictions, they should be clearly noted.

Proof Rolling Certification

Contractors are concerned with the time it can take for an inspector and resident to walk the area and then wait for the DCE to walk the area. The time can result in losing the subgrade. Is there a way to clarify who has the authority to allow the contractor to proceed? When we are ready and call the inspector, we know it should be right.

Todd – the spec book calls for the RCE to inspect. They need to coordinate better with inspector and resident. Also, the DCE can delegate the decision. All districts are not handling this in the same way and some allow the inspector/resident to approve. How can SCDOT improve this situation?

Casey Schwager – In an upcoming project for asphalt proof rolling, there can be liquidated damages if not done in seven days. Todd asked for the project information to review. This is not a statewide provision and could come from a problem on a previous project.

Other Business

Brian Parnell reported the Extranet has been updated and is functional. Fillable PDF forms should be out by end of August. Follow the link to construction forms. Also, currently there are some sub hauler requests that have to be complete internally on a typewriter. We would like to put this on extranet in a form for contractors to complete. This will save time. We are working to streamline the process.

Marty noted that this project has turned around quickly from when discussions first started to make the forms available on the extranet.

Contractors have noted that payments are taking longer to receive. It is random - some are on time and others take 30 to 45 days.

Charles Eleazer will check with accounting as the RCE's are getting in on time.

Marty added direct deposit does help save a few days as it eliminates the final step of the Treasurer sending back to SCDOT to be mailed. The disconnect seems to be between the Treasure and SCDOT.

Marty McKee asked if there is an organizational chart for SCDOT so we know who reports to whom –mainly the level versus the actual name. Charles will email something to Marty.

Marty also asked if at the next meeting we can get an update from Ray Vaughan on DHEC requirements for storm water runoff.

The next meeting is October 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned.