



## SCDOT/CAGC Road Subcommittee Meeting

August 15, 2012 Minutes

Attendees: See attached list

Chris Davis opened meeting and had introductions.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Update on Holiday Restrictions**

Joe Sease is working on a draft revision of the specification. Revisions will be clearer on the number of days and will indicate whether it applies to interstate, primary or secondary based on traffic counts. This special provision should be discussed at all preconstruction conferences.

#### **Update on 60 day ad for projects with CPS score**

The Letting preparation schedule and guidelines do not allow for changing a letting date at this stage of the letting preparation. The items on the checklist for determining a minimum CPS score are not determined until 30 days prior to letting and this does not allow time for a 60 day ad without delaying the project. FHWA is reviewing this process to determine if a project can be delayed by having a 60 day ad if a minimum CPS score is assigned to the project. May consider a dollar amount to trigger the minimum CPS score since an estimate is known early in the process.

#### **Update on clarification for borrow on shoulders**

Excavation for shoulder paving can be used for borrow on shoulders but change specification to eliminate rocks and millings in borrow material for grassing. Todd will provide draft specification for AGC review.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **General NPDES Permit Changes**

Current permit has expired but DOT will be operating under the current permit until the new one is in place. Public comments are due on the new permit August 29<sup>th</sup>. The new permit is projected to be incorporated with the November Letting. Some of the Changes include: Definitions – Owner (SCDOT), Operator (RCE), Secondary Operator (Contractor), No Co-permittee agreements, Utilities operate under the DOT permit, Comprehensive plans – designs and calculations, 30 foot buffer within surface waters,

designed settlement basins cannot use perforated risers, manage water volumes, minimize steepness of slopes, preserve top soil, rain gauge on project, record start work activities and end work activities ( no work within 14 days has to be stabilized within 7 days), records kept in construction trailer if on site or in RCE's office if no trailer, Permit only applies to projects let by SCDOT.

### **Watering Quantities in Contracts**

This item cannot be used to count toward the DBE goal. The districts are not using this pay item to help establish a stand of grass. This can be a large quantity and may affect the bids. The seeding specification is being revisited and contactors will be included in the review process.

### **CSX RR Coordination Issues**

At the April meeting, a CSX representative explained the process and how they were going to cooperate with SCDOT to get flagman and paperwork done in a timely manner. Field personnel are not making any progress in obtaining flagmen or getting insurance for working on RR right of way. AGC needs to compile a list of problems with the RR and submit to John Walsh and Leland Colvin. Contractors, please submit RR issues to Chris Davis and Danny Shealy and they will prepare the letter to John and Leland.

### **Asphalt leveling mixes on Widening projects**

On 2 to 5 lane widening projects, Type B is being specified for leveling and it ends up dragging and raveling when trying to place to thin of lifts. A finer mix needs to be specified such as Type C, CM or E to allow thinner lifts and the ability to tie down the edges. This issue needs to be discussed at the preconstruction conferences and the RCEs can issue a zero dollar change order to change mix types. This will be discussed at the joint committee meeting in September.

### **Statewide Uniformity**

The interpretation of specifications among the different offices throughout the state has created some concerns. Some districts create their own special notes and consider these items incidental to the project. Some notes are added to project to help contractors better prepare their bids. If contractors think there are conflicting notes and provisions, it needs to be discussed with the DOT.

### **Issue Escalation**

Contractors and DOT need to follow the escalation process as established in the preconstruction conference. No one needs to call headquarters office prior to notifying the district personnel. A lot of times calls are made to DOT or the contractors company without the proper chain of command being followed.

### **Letting Update**

The projected lettings are posted on the SCDOT website through November 2013. There are placeholders for the resurfacing projects where roads have not been identified.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

SCDOT is considering having all the districts estimate cut-off dates be the end of the month in lieu of some districts on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the others at the end of the month. This will help with reporting and cash management issues.

**Next Meeting:                    October 17, 2012**