

SCDOT/CAGC Joint Committee Meeting

May 11, 2022

10:00 a.m. Contractors, Rm. 331

11:00 a.m. Joint, Rm. 306

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Introductions
See attached

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Price Escalation Program

Last week, phase one of the price escalation program was released. It covers signal items, pavement marking items, reinforcing steel, cement for CMRB, and guardrail. It covers July 2021 moving forward. It has been sent out to the districts and the District Construction Engineers. SCDOT's finance side has more work to do getting charge codes set up in SiteManager and such. The industry folks expressed appreciation for the work and timely manner of SCDOT setting up the price escalation program. Robbie stated it could take a couple of months to start to see these payments as the details are worked through.

The industry had questions about what kind of information needs to be sent to SCDOT and was a template available for them to use. Residents are going to do the first stab at the spreadsheet for bid build jobs. They will pull a report from SiteManager that shows what items were paid for on the projects each month. Once they fill out the spreadsheet, it will be sent to the contractor for concurrence.

The industry also questioned addressing the design build projects as far as how things had been paid out and how the escalations would be addressed. SCDOT will be relying on the contractors more for the quantities on design build projects. This will require a lot of coordination between the contractors, design build designers, and SCDOT.

The adjustments will be for July through December and January through April. Once the payments are settled through the end of April, the future payments will be

monthly within regular pay requests. As soon as phase one gets up and running, SCDOT will reach out to begin working on phase two.

The phase two items are concrete for structures, steel piles, pipe, and overhead signs. The eligibility and/or deltas will be discussed at that time. Robbie is hoping these discussions will begin within a couple of weeks. At this point, there is insufficient bid data for these four items.

B. Update to Std. Specifications

We are getting very close to having a few of the sections ready for industry review. Next month, it is anticipated that division 300 will be ready for review. The sections will start to follow that one every month to two months. Robbie asked for a point of contact within the industry for coordination of these reviews. SCDOT is shooting for July 2023 or January 2024 for implementation of the new standard specification books.

C. RCP Supply Becoming a Concern? Isolated/Statewide?

Is the shortage more isolated or statewide? SCDOT has heard much about it so far. The industry suggested looking at it geographically. The suppliers are selling to the private sector instead of the state because they can make more money. They cannot hold prices for state work. Class 3 18-to-24-inch pipe (most common) has a current lead time of 24 weeks according to what the industry is seeing.

The contractors asked if there was a specification change so that HTP had more of a market. There are vast instances where this is the case. However, the line was drawn at interstates and evacuation routes.

D. More Blue Lights in Work Zone and Enforcement

SIT team is being dissolved. Off duty law enforcement is being relied on to fill this need more and more. The contractors asked if this will be more of an item included in the contracts. Robbie stated that the possibilities have been expanded. It will take a little bit of time to find the perfect balance. If there are areas where there is consistently limited participation, Robbie asked the contractors to communicate that to SCDOT so it can be taken back to DPS for possible solutions. The contractors thanked the Resident Construction Engineers for their work on this issue as well.

The Secretary went before the Oversight Committee recently and she put the need for blue lights in the work zones and possible blue lights on our vehicles up for discussion by the committee.

E. Work Zone Safety Survey and Event

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RN3PGJD>

Leslie stated that a national work zone survey has gone out. On May 25th, an event is scheduled with AGC National and SCDOT to announce the results of that survey.

Robbie requested that the districts have their residents complete the survey. Kenny Eargle from the Safety Office suggested getting SC OSHA involved as well.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting date – July 13, 2022

July's Joint Committee meeting is cancelled since the AGC Conference is the next week and discussions can be had at that time.

V. ADJOURN

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