

# SCDOT/CAGC Joint Committee Meeting

November 14, 2007

## Minutes

### **Attendees:**

David Fletcher, Rea Contracting,  
Greg Cook, U.S. Group, Inc.  
Ted Geddis, Sloan/Eastern Bridge  
Gene Ellison, Cherokee, Inc.  
Ben Whetstone, C. R. Jackson/Satterfield Construction  
Jim Triplett, United Contractors  
Grady Wicker, Eagle Construction Co., Inc.  
Randy Snow, U.S. Construction Co.  
Scott Fant, Sloan Construction Co.  
Danny Shealy, SCDOT  
Charles Eleazer, SCDOT  
Charles Matthews, SCDOT  
Ed Eargle, SCDOT  
Steve Ikerd, FHWA  
Tim Henderson, SCDOT District 6  
Kevin Harrington, SCDOT  
Doug McClure, SCDOT  
Matthew Shealy, SCDOT District 2  
Al Barwick, SCDOT  
John McCarter, SCDOT District 4  
Jim Porth, SCDOT District 7  
Robert Dickinson, SCDOT District 1  
Clem Watson, SCDOT  
Robert Pratt, SCDOT  
Dennis Townsend, SCDOT District 5  
Charles Smoak, SCDOT  
Jim Feda, SCDOT  
Milt Fletcher, SCD

The meeting was called to order by David Fletcher and Danny Shealy with introductions.

### **Old Business**

#### Contractor Ratings

Danny Shealy reported that both SCDOT and contractors sent comments for consideration. There was a meeting Tuesday to review and some changes will be made to the current rating form. Some of those changes include:

#1 in Part 2 will be just safety and the definition will change. This will include changes on scoring and definition for a fatality.

#2 in Part 2 will be workforce safety, meaning worker injuries.

Randy Snow asked a question concerning fatalities and possible lawsuits. Could this document be used showing the cause for the accident? Scott Fant added that anything in the contractor rating would probably also be in the accident report by the Highway Patrol. Danny is not sure if, or how, this document could be used. Gene Ellison added that all the facts are discoverable and will come out wherever they are. And the form may in fact be favorable information to any lawsuit.

Another change in scoring is in the environmental permit section. The DHEC observation was removed.

In Project Closeout, the punch list will be a separate question.

In Part 3 under the project management and supervisory position, now only two questions.

The new form should be available for use within the month.

### **New Business**

Robert Pratt reported on the tentative list of projects and the statewide bridge replacement contracts.

The Commission met in September and approved a list. Some bridges were approved. In October state programs were approved.

At least half of the approved bridges, no work had begun and this normally takes two years to get ready. \$18 million was approved for projects.

We do have direction for 2008 and 2009 on what to pursue. We are trying to get a handle on all the projects as to when they will be ready to let. Field reviews have not even been done yet for some of these projects. We don't have any time frames at this point.

There will be some interstate rehab work that should be let in 2008.

For bridge replacements federal aid is \$125 million. Fifteen percent of this is for off system bridges. \$104 million is for three bridges – Ben Sawyer, 601 and Great Pee Dee. Of the 14 or 15 approved, nothing has been done yet on project development.

DOT did not know about the off system bridges until October. There are 85 bridge replacements. In District 4 there are 42, but none in District 7. Pre-construction may pursue design build for District 4 for off system bridges and remaining by RPC due to the short turn around time. This may created a trickle effect of 1 or 2 off system bridges a month.

Randy Snow asked about road work such as widenings, interchanges, etc.

Robert said no funds have been identified yet. There is a list for the next Commission meeting showing the ones slated to be built. You can go to the DOT web site and see what was approved in September and October.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### Roadway Subcommittee

Randy Snow provided a handout on the proposed initiative/standard recommendation for longer haul routes that the committee feels is reasonable. The committee determined a standard of:

Overhaul (dirt)	\$.10/Cubic yard half mile
Overhaul (aggregates and Asphalt)	\$.08/Ton half mile

This would not apply to concrete.

Other comments were issues on:

- determining quantity
- not being a bid items as it is outside the bid
- standard apply until units of overhaul double, then negotiate

Danny is okay with the methodology and will review again. If we can agree, it will be put in the contract and that will be the end of negotiation.

#### Bridge Subcommittee

Ted Geddis and Charles Mathews reported on crane certification via the National Center. The change will be adding “CCO or NCCER”. It should be in the December letting.

#### Project Development Subcommittee

David Fletcher reported the committee discussed a lot of what Robert Pratt reported. Also the function of the committee was rewritten.

Also concerning as build plans, Ed Eargle suggested a workshop so everyone knows what is needed. Danny agrees this would be beneficial and will look into scheduling.

Jim Triplett suggested looking into a webx meeting.

#### Utility Subcommittee

Greg Cook reported the committee continues to look at how to improve working with the utilities by reviewing what other states have implemented. We are still considering legislation but need to know what SCDOT will support before writing any proposed legislation.

#### Supplier Subcommittee

The next meeting will be February 14, 2008.

#### Other Business

Minutes from this meeting will be posted on the DOT website in the future.

CAGC has been surveying members to determine how the lack of work has affected the number of employees. Information to date shows 521 employees from 13 companies. This is above regular seasonal layoffs.

Danny Shealy reported on a possible Contractor Engineering conference in January. He is waiting on DOT approval. The contractors suggested having the As Built workshop/information on the agenda for this conference.

Clem Watson added there are a few more projects (safety and bridge) that will be let soon using the "after August" money received. He noted DOT is getting adjusted to the changes in how projects are prioritized.

Scott Fant reported that the new Transportation Council is named SC Alliance to Fix our Roads, or SCFOR. This now includes not only highway contractors, but others who realized the importance of good roads for our state's economy. They will have a banner plane flying before the football game on November 24 which reads "Fix our Roads – SCFOR.org" to hopefully start to get the attention of people in our state.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2008.

The meeting as adjourned.