



CAGC/SCDOT Joint Committee Meeting

March 12, 2025

10:00 a.m. Contractors

11:00 a.m. Joint Meeting

SCDOT Room 306 – HQ Columbia

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Introductions

See Attached

The current post-bid subcontractor listing process has been accepted by FHWA and will continue until BidX implements new features expected mid-year. Contractors should anticipate ongoing use of the existing process and continued coordination with federal partners.

SCDOT leadership reported encouraging news from the Statehouse:

- \$200M non-recurring bridge funding passed by the House.
- \$50M proposed to cover Hurricane Helene repair reimbursements.
- Procurement exemption cleanup legislation is advancing.
- The agency is actively opposing efforts by broadband companies to be added to water-relocation reimbursement statutes.

SCDOT noted that FHWA staffing and federal regulatory processes are currently strained, affecting project reviews and permitting timelines.

II. OLD BUSINESS

CPM Schedule Spec

The CPM specification remains under review in the Roadway Subcommittee. SCDOT anticipates providing an updated draft for industry comment by July, pending FHWA approvals.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Safety Topic

Safety staff emphasized Work Zone Awareness Week (Apr 21–25) and distributed new posters.

Key safety reminders:

- Flagger and work-zone training must be renewed every five years.
- Minimum 5-ft height requirement for portable work-zone signs begins January 1, 2026.
- Class 2 apparel for daytime; Class 3 with Class E pants for nighttime.
- Enhanced apparel does not meet standards and should not be used.

B. Hurricane Helene Update

Approximately 88% of repair contracts are complete. Nine bridges under three final contracts are scheduled for full completion and open to traffic by September 27, with multiple openings occurring monthly until then.

For contractors seeking time extensions due to Helene impacts, SCDOT directed requests to be handled at the district/RC level with CPM documentation to substantiate impacts. Impacts vary by region and will be evaluated case-by-case.

C. Update on Blue Light Trailer Program

SCDOT has purchased 25 new blue-light safety trailers. Delivery is expected in early May, followed by coordinated statewide deployment planning. Additional guidance will be developed jointly with districts.

D. Temporary Shoring Wall

Contractors raised concerns about long-term monitoring requirements for roadway shoring walls on multi-year projects. SCDOT will move this topic to the Bridge Subcommittee for further review and potential clarification.

E. Damage Claims Process

SCDOT Legal is drafting a more structured damage-claim workflow, including clearer timelines, standardized documentation, and centralized tracking. The draft will be provided to contractors for review before finalization.

F. Form FHWA 1273 for all haulers on Projects

Clarification was provided that:

- All haulers used on a project must be submitted as sub-haulers.
- Form 1273 is required for any subcontractor (including haulers) performing work exceeding \$10,000.
- SCDOT encouraged more complete, responsive package submissions and noted ongoing delays in receiving required documentation.

G. Buy America – Manufactured Products Waiver Phase Out

FHWA has finalized the phase-out of the longstanding manufactured-products waiver:

- **October 2025:** Products must be assembled in the U.S.
- **October 2026:** Assembly + 55% domestic component cost requirement. Contractors expressed concerns about rapidly escalating steel prices. SCDOT will work with FHWA to define documentation procedures and certification requirements.

H. Reflective Sheeting Change for Barrels and Tall Cones

Revisions to Standard Drawings (Sheet 600) are forthcoming. Affected projects will be required to implement the updated Type 4 criteria based on contract execution dates.

The Cement-Modified Reclaimed Base (CMRB) tonnage cap established during the recent cement availability issues remains in effect. SCDOT intends to maintain steady-state production targets unless market conditions change.

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