



CAGC/SCDOT Joint Committee Meeting

July 8, 2026

10am Contractors (Room 331)

11am Joint Meeting (Room 306)

SCDOT - HQ Columbia

MINUTES

I. INTRODUCTIONS

- See sign-in sheet

II. SAFETY

CAGC

- Todd Quigg with Reeves presented the safety topic
- Heat-Related Illnesses: Be aware of the signs and symptoms of the different levels.
 - Heat rash (Red clusters of blisters on the skin. Move to a cooler area, keep dry, apply power, do not use ointments and creams.)
 - Sunburn (Painful, red, and warm skin. Stay out of the sun, put cool clothes on sunburned areas or take a cool bath, put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas, do not break blisters)
 - Heat cramps (Muscle pains or spasms, excessive sweating. Drink water, avoid eating salt, seek medical attention if cramps last more than 1 hour.)
 - Heat exhaustion (Excessive sweating, increased body temperature, thirst, weakness, dizziness. Move to a cool area, remove unnecessary clothing, drink cool water, lower body temperature with cold compress.)
 - Heat stroke (High body temperature, hot/dry skin, lack of sweating, loss of consciousness, seizures. Call 911 immediately, move to a shaded/cool area, lower body temperature with cool cloths or a bath, do not drink anything.)

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Legislative/Department Update SCDOT
 - S.831 approved by the legislature, signed by the Governor. Implementation efforts underway in regard to NEPA assignment, new procurement tools (Phased-Design Build, CM/GC), and choice lanes. Establishing the P3 Office and dependent on North Carolina, I-77 could be the first P3 project.
 - Pursuant to the provisions of S.831, the Commission will be abolished January 1, 2027. The department is currently rewriting regulations, policies, directives, etc. which refer to the Commission and there will be a period of transition on project governance.

- FY 26/27 General Appropriations discussions are still underway. Governor McMaster initially proposed \$600 million for interstates, the General Assembly has \$12.5 million allocated. Further discussions during the 2027 legislative session about funding resources and how the state manages growth.
- Kelly Moore recently promoted to Chief of Staff upon Allen Hutto's departure for the Manufactured Housing Institute of South Carolina. A Deputy Chief of Staff will be hired as well.
- Blue Light Trailer Data and Pilot Programs in neighboring states CAGC
 - Traffic engineering is unavailable, however available data indicates an overall 19% reduction in crashes where the trailers are deployed.
 - Speed data unavailable, more information at the next meeting.
 - Moving trailers more frequently would be more impactful and the industry is willing to assist in moving them.
 - SCDPS owns the trailers and has an agreement in place to move them. Recommend working with the DCE for best placement for trailers.
 - Georgia is piloting a program with blue lights on rollers and pavers; more information will be available in the coming weeks.
 - South Carolina Code of Laws reserves the use of blue lights for law enforcement. Depending on GA outcomes, consider asking SCDPS for a similar pilot program or potentially increasing the number of blue light trailers.
 - Construction light laws/rules by state on pages 5-6 of this document
- DBE Program Update CAGC
 - Prior to the IFR, 1144 certified DBE firms (500+ South Carolina based firms).
 - The reevaluation process for South Carolina-based firms is underway, and the department is actively accepting submissions for reevaluation documents. They have received 16% of responses so far.
 - Initial submittals must provide complete personal narratives and personal net worth statement packets, with supporting documentation. Documentation requirements are extensive, making it difficult to receive a complete package.
 - DBE firms located outside of South Carolina must be reevaluated by their original jurisdiction of certification. SCUCP will begin accepting Interstate Certification requests after completing the reevaluation process.
 - The online directory will be updated; a specific date has not been determined.
 - Counting will not begin in Q3
 - USDOT's website includes a UCP Directory and Certification Reevaluation Status by state and additional information.
 - Commitments on projects awarded prior to October 3, 2025 should be honored. If a prime contractor properly terminates a subcontractor that had been certified as a DBE prior to 10/3, it need not undertake good faith efforts to find a DBE replacement during this reevaluation period, as there are no certified DBE firms until that process is complete.

- Timely Approval for Estimates CAGC
 - Timeline and usage of AASHTOware appears inconsistent amongst the districts.
 - Some report a potential software concern that doesn't allow information uploaded into AASHTOware prior to the 1st of each month, which can cause problems due to weekends/holiday schedules.
 - Estimates are due on the 5th business day of each month, then RCE must wait on concurrence from the industry. Assuming best case scenario, the accounting process takes 2-3 weeks (Internally processes at SCDOT before moving externally to the State Treasurer's Office and the Office of the Comptroller General)
 - Emphasis placed on estimates due on the 5th business day of each month (Design-Build projects are handled slightly different)

- New 811 Law SCDOT
 - [H.3571](#) approved by the General Assembly in 2025, effective May 2026.
 - New definition of "large projects" and requires customized coordination agreements for safe, long-term excavation.
 - Recommend reaching out to SC811 to determine if a specific project is deemed to be a large project.
 - Other notable changes include timely status updates so excavators can confirm markings before work begins, new excavation practices in the Tolerance Zone, emergency tickets, and updates fines and penalties.
 - Upcoming [Safety Summit](#) hosted by SC811 – July 22 from 10am-3pm (Virtual option not available at this time.)
 - SC811 [website](#) includes in-person or online training requests, a summary sheet, a breakdown of the new law, and a comparison of the new and previous law.

- Updated Environmental Escalation Policy SCDOT
 - Previous guidance was so strict it was hard to follow. An internal audit finding acknowledged this is an issue.
 - A new process and update to the construction manual is coming in 2-3 weeks
 - A specific flowchart will assist with uniformity and will address what a corrective action plan needs to look like.
 - Effort to shut down specific drainage areas, not an entire project

- SC Bill 4709 – US Iron and Steel SCDOT
 - [H.4709](#) approved by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor
 - Mirrors the federal Buy America requirements but now place the requirements on state projects.
 - Supplemental update forthcoming after legal review

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- Department of Environmental Services/Borrow Pits SCDOT

- SCDES recently provided SCDOT with a list of 60+ contractor borrow pits not closed or reclaimed.
 - The list goes back years, including projects that have been completed. DES experiencing difficulty determining ownership, access to the property, etc.
 - DOT will be reaching out to those on the list provided by SCDES.
 - Project-specific borrow pits operated for SCDOT are exempt from standard Mine Operating Permits
- PR1391 CAGC
 - Annual document typically due to the department by August 1, no information received by the industry as of today
 - SCDOT emailed PR-1391 documents to contractors on Tuesday, July 14

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Road Subcommittee
 - Did not meet
 - Next meeting – August 19, 2026
- Bridge Subcommittee
 - Discussions of current letting information and funding outlooks
 - No major issues with materials/procurement
 - Ongoing issues with CSX and STV review durations
 - Discussions of EEO Compliance reporting requirements – recommend discussion to the Joint Committee
 - Questions of the usage of concurrence forms in AWP – the answer is Yes.
 - Next meeting - August 27, 2026
- Alternative Delivery Subcommittee
 - Bridge Package 22 and Carolina Crossroads 3D in procurement
 - Discussed the new Organizational Chart and general procurement schedules
 - Pursuant to the passage of S.831, writing the manual for the new delivery method CM/GC. Goal is to complete by the end of the calendar year. Will need approval from the internal alternative delivery committee before being sent to the industry subcommittee.
 - Phased-Design Build manual will follow.
 - Template for future RFPs
 - Next meeting – July 15, 2026
- Supplier Subcommittee
 - Did not meet
 - Next meeting – October 7, 2026

VI. NEXT MEETING

- Wednesday, September 9, 2026 – In conflict with the September letting, need an alternative date.

VII. ADJOURN

Construction Light Laws/Rules by State

State	Light Colors Allowed
Alabama	Amber and Yellow
Alaska	Amber and Yellow
Arizona	Amber, Yellow, or White
Arkansas	Amber or White
California	Amber
Colorado	Amber and White
Connecticut	Amber and Yellow
Delaware	White or Red (Dependent on type of vehicle and potential load it carries)
Florida	White
Georgia	Amber
Hawaii	Amber
Idaho	White, Amber, or Yellow
Illinois	Amber
Indiana	Amber
Iowa	Amber
Kansas	Yellow and White
Kentucky	Construction vehicles don't have any specific lighting criteria outlined in Kentucky's state statutes. The vehicles must comply with every regulation for headlights with regular motor vehicles.
Louisiana	Front Lights: Simultaneous Amber; Rear Lights: Simultaneous Amber-to-Red
Maine	Amber
Maryland	Amber or Yellow
Massachusetts	Amber
Michigan	Amber
Minnesota	Amber
Mississippi	Amber
Missouri	White or Yellow
Montana	Yellow or White
Nebraska	Blue and amber rotating or flashing lights may be displayed on (a) vehicles when operated by the Department of Transportation or any local authority for the inspection, construction, repair, or maintenance of highways, roads, or streets or (b) vehicles owned and operated by any public utility for the construction, maintenance, and repair of utility infrastructure on or near any highway.
Nevada	White and Yellow
New Hampshire	Amber, White, and Green
New Jersey	White and Amber
New Mexico	Amber
New York	Amber, White, and Green
North Carolina	Amber
North Dakota	Amber
Ohio	Amber

Oklahoma	47-12-229(D) Rear facing flashing red and blue lights may be used on vehicles or machinery owned or operated by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority, or by any county when engaged in the performance of emergency work or on the construction or maintenance of highways.
Oregon	Amber, Red, and White
Pennsylvania	Amber or Yellow
Rhode Island	Amber
South Carolina	White or Amber
South Dakota	Amber
Tennessee	White or Amber
Texas	Texas Transportation Code 547.105 authorizes the use of warning lights to promote safety and provides an effective means of gaining the travelling public's attention as they drive in areas where construction crews are present. In order to influence the public to move over when high risk construction activities are taking place, minimize the utilization of blue warning lights. These lights must be used only while performing work on or near the travel lanes or shoulder where the travelling public encounters construction crews that are not protected by a standard work zone set up such as a lane closure, shoulder closure, or one-way traffic control. Refrain from leaving the warning lights engaged while travelling from one work location to another or while parked on the right of way away from the pavement or a work zone.
Utah	Amber or White
Vermont	Amber
Virginia	Amber
Washington	Amber
West Virginia	Amber or Yellow
Wisconsin	Front: Amber or Yellow; Rear: Red
Wyoming	White or Yellow