



CAGC/SCDOT Joint Committee Meeting

November 5, 2025

SCDOT HQ – 955 Park St – Room 308

Agenda

10:00 A.M. Contractors/11:00 A.M. Joint

I. CALL TO ORDER

Introductions

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. BidX Demo
- B. SASHTO 2026

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Blue Light Trailer Rollout Status

The new fleet of work-zone speed trailers is nearing deployment. After correcting manufacturer errors with strobe lights, units are expected to begin field installation within weeks. Deployment will begin in the Upstate and Midlands, with contractors encouraged to identify candidate locations and coordinate through their RCEs. Trailers collect speed and GPS data, which will support traffic engineering analyses. Contractors were reminded not to move or modify the units and to protect them with barrels if necessary.

B. Damage Claim Status

SCDOT Legal provided an extensive overview of the updated construction-zone claims process. The revised procedure aligns with the 2025 Standard Specifications and is 90% complete. Key elements include:

- All third-party claims within construction zones must be filed directly with SCDOT's claims office for documentation and routing.
- Contractors are given 15 business days to accept or deny claims, with 30 days to issue payment if accepted.
- Claimants may appeal denials to SCDOT Chief Counsel.
- Before withholding progress payment for unresolved claims, SCDOT will now issue a formal notice to contractors—an addition made in response to industry feedback.

SCDOT emphasized that the intent is improved public transparency and timely resolution, not shifting liability unfairly to contractors.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update on the Off Duty Worker's Comp Mandate

Participants discussed expanding the use of orange pavement markings in work zones and exploring pilot projects pending approval. Hot-weather safety protocols were reviewed, with reminders on hydration, heat-illness awareness, and cooling resources.

B. Extended Time for Questions on Proposals

Supplemental specifications are now being released on a fixed cycle—July and January lettings only. Specs not finalized in time for FHWA review or industry comment will shift to the next cycle. The CPM spec and erosion control updates will move to January. Pat McKenzie distributed the current list of specifications effective for the August letting.

C. DBE Program Status

The new e-ticketing platform goes live in **August**. Additional details and training materials will follow.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Road Subcommittee

Key discussions involved:

- Digital site boxes for required federal posters (pending FHWA approval).
- Mobilization for subcontractors and potential adjustments to when the pay item is added.
- Retainage release timing for subs (SCDOT reviewing CFR guidance).
- Challenges obtaining quotes from preferred utility contractors, with utilities and preconstruction reviewing the issue.
- MOT phasing issues when joints fail; SCDOT will support joint patching to reduce potholes and claims.

B. Bridge Subcommittee

Topics included workload balancing, potential reduction of pile-pin requirements in seawalls, maintenance consistency, and need-based prioritization of emergency work.

C. Alternative Delivery Subcommittee

Multiple projects are in procurement, including I-95 Lake Marion and additional bridge bundles. Future planning includes larger multidistrict packages and continued refinement of emergency procurement processes. Ongoing work includes contract commitments, differing site conditions, and insurance requirement compliance.

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