



CAGC/SCDOT Joint Committee Meeting

Nov 20, 2024

10:00 a.m. Contractors

11:00 a.m. Joint Meeting

SCDOT Room 306 – HQ Columbia

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Introductions

See attached

II. OLD BUSINESS

CPM Schedule Spec

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Safety Topic

Safety remained a central focus. DOT's Safety Office highlighted increased holiday-season traffic risks, the importance of proper work-zone warning devices, and the need for amber light compliance. Industry representatives shared a significant near-miss incident underscoring the value of in-vehicle monitoring technology and proactive safety indicators.

B. Hurricane Helene Update

The November SC DOT–Carolina's AGC Joint Committee meeting opened with updates on recent severe weather events affecting multiple South Carolina districts. Hurricane Helene and the early-November Orangeburg flooding generated extensive infrastructure damage, requiring emergency response from both DOT forces and contractors. The DOT reported **170 damaged sites from Helene**, with **107 slated for contract work, 68 already awarded**, and **20 completed**. Three emergency bridge replacement packages are moving forward. For the Orangeburg flooding, **44 sites** were identified, with most repairs being handled in-house and **12 requiring contracts**. Supply chain concerns and competition for contractor resources with neighboring states were noted, though industry partners reaffirmed their commitment to South Carolina work.

C. **Update on Blue Light Trailer Program**

DOT also reported progress on the Blue Light Trailer Program, aimed at enhancing work-zone protection in partnership with DPS, with deployment expected in spring pending agreement execution.

D. **Standard Specifications Publication**

The new spec book has been released, accompanied by a “significant changes” summary. Hard-copy printing is available through A&E with a minimum order of 500 books at ~\$35–\$40 per copy.

E. **Inverse Condemnation Risk**

The committee discussed concerns about inverse condemnation exposure on design-build projects. While D.O.T. believes current language clarifies responsibilities, both parties acknowledged the need for further legal review and potential refinement to more equitably distribute risk. The topic remains active within the Design-Build Subcommittee.

F. **2025 Legislative Priorities**

DOT also announced new federal DBE regulatory requirements beginning with the December letting. All bidders must submit a completed subcontractor bidders-list form—including both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors solicited for quotes—within approximately five days of bid submission. This requirement supports federal goals-setting methodology and will ultimately be incorporated into BidX once system updates allow.

G. **SCDOT Small Claims Process from SCDOT**

Industry reiterated the need for clarity and alignment on small-claims processing, noting customer frustration when claims fall between contractor and DOT workflows. DOT committed to providing documentation on its internal procedures following completion of the spec book rollout.

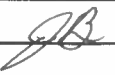
H. **ACPA P.I.P.E. Training**

Members were encouraged to participate in upcoming ACPA Pipe Installation Best Practices Training, with multiple January sessions offered statewide.

V. **ADJOURN**

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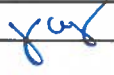
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