

Minutes

ODOT / ACEC Steering Committee Meeting

November 4, 2011

Co-Chairs: Cathy Nelson and Kay VanSickel

Attendees: Tonya Finley, Andy Perry, Walt Bartel, Alan Lively, Hal Gard, Dan Oven, Tom Lauer

Guests: Jim Cox

Notetaker: Cathy Nelson

High Speed Rail Corridor

Jim Cox is the ODOT project manager overseeing the development of the EIS for the “higher” speed rail corridor. The EIS will be a high level effort focusing on identifying a corridor for the project. DEA has been hired for the EIS. A Leadership Council has been appointed to define the public process for the EIS. The EIS is currently scheduled for 3 years.

QBS

Walt Bartel raised concerns on a local project in Newburg that the legally required QBS process was not being followed. Dan Oven agreed to look into this project and report back to the group.

ODOT WOC Templates

Walt Bartel raised concerns that with a recent project, the ODOT approved templates had been used for a WOC and a new person at DOJ who was reviewing the WOC was making changes. Dan Oven acknowledged the issue and stated that OPO was working with DOJ on the templates and agreed to follow up and report back to the group.

Future Agendas

The committee brainstormed topics, ideas and issues that the steering committee and/or the sub-committees could be collaboratively working for the benefit of the day to day project work as well as our ongoing business partnership. Ideas included:

- Practical Design
- New materials and technology for infrastructure rehabilitation
- Information technology – how to optimize use of corporate data
- How to achieve multiple program functions from single project applications
 - How to build into our design process a focus on getting the best return on our investment.

- Examples might be:
 - a project that addresses fish passage, capacity and maintainability issues simultaneously
- How to better tie the sub-committees into training efforts such as the annual conference.

The next meeting will be held January 13, 2012 in the HR Center. Future meetings starting March 2012 will be held in the Diamond Conference Room in the ODOT TLC building.