

**ACEC-INDOT LIAISON COMMITTEE 2015-'16
AGENDA**

August 19, 2015 - 10:00 AM–Noon

LOCATION:

State Library - Authors Room 203

1. Welcome/Introductions/Opening Comments (**Starting 10:00am**) (**Attendees noted on last page**)
2. HOT TOPICS!
 - Funding!!
 - ✓ **INDOT and the Governor's Office have funding issues; the I-65 Tippecanoe County bridge has elevated the situation in public visibility; INDOT is conducting a funding study may be available for update at next Board meeting.**
 - ✓ **At the national level ARTBA stating current climate is renewed opportunity for gas tax increase.**
 - ✓ **Beth and Scott met with Congressman Buschon, indications are 50/50 on long term solution; if no long term solution, then opportunity for gas tax may increase....other discussion was gas tax increase not possible.**
 - ✓ **Build Indiana Council will be involved with the ACEC to support additional transportation funding efforts.**
 - ✓ **Commissioner and Governor are prepared to provide \$200M in funding from reserves.**
 - ✓ **Governor is prepared to address transportation for 2017 funding.**
 - ✓ **Funding Committee elevating funding urgency with billboards, social media, website...messaging to hi-lite the investment needs for infrastructure funding.**
 - Meetings with Brandye
 - ✓ **ACEC formally requested thru the Commissioner that the workload capacity (SAA) be assessed.....amend the short-listing sheet to remove capacity for on-call....not likely to happen on this RFQ.....may happen going forward.**
 - ✓ **Jim Stark no longer involved with LPAs; ACEC needs to re-engage LPA sub-committee.**
 - ✓ **OH caps on inspection services.**
 - ✓ **ACEC needs more engagement from Scott Adams....invite Scott to every ACEC meeting to facilitate dialogue.**
 - ✓ **Discussion specific to duration that poor evaluation scores stay in the evaluation consideration....Commissioner inquired is 4 years too punitive?**
 - ✓ **ACEC would propose modification to score sheet and involvement with an SAA oversight committee...SAA points are subjective and discretionary.**
 - ✓ **Scott met with Sam Sarvis over breakfast.....INDOT previously took too much work in-house; Sam and Scott Adams indicated more work will be sent to consultants.**
 - ✓ **Each District will move up \$10M into FY16 in response to the urgent investment needs.**

- ✓ **INDOT needs to get more projects “shelf ready” so that when funding is available INDOT can maximize the benefit.**
- ✓ **Next call for project....nothing scheduled.**
- **Capacity Task Group discussion – Gary Mroczka**
 - ✓ **SAA update from July 7 meeting....consensus is that SAA points are too arbitrary**
 - ✓ **Questions raised by the committee in 2015 have not been answered...d/b?, recent selections?, P3 status?, LPA projects?.....Task Group may formalize request.**
 - ✓ **Jeff Clanton attended the last “CAN DO” meeting.....raise questions with Scott Adams.**
- **Pre-Qual Manual Updates – Beth Bauer**
 - ✓ **Mark Tidd indicated that updates have been incorporated....comments have been sent back to staff....then will be sent to FHWA for review.**
 - ✓ **PAC**
 - ✓ **will distribute previous “red line” reviews.....members are encouraged to do a review of the “red lines” and respond back to ACEC by Wednesday, August 26 for conclusion by Beth on Friday, August 28.**
 - **Submit comments to kurt@eri.consulting**
 - ✓ **Overall the feedback has been positive on the updates.**
- **Utility Certification form – Trent Newport**
 - ✓ **Members have concerns with the certification process...conflicting terms related to liability**
 - ✓ **ACEC sent a revised certification statement to INDOT’s Kenny Franklin for review and consideration.**
 - ✓ **The discussion involved the “gray areas” because the utilities have obligations....the Utility Coordinator’s responsibility is a “reasonable effort”.....a clearer definition of “reasonable effort” is warranted.**
 - ✓ **Utility certification course is available on-line.**
- **Mileage/Expenses Update**
 - ✓ **From INDOT feedback to ACEC, increases in reimbursements will not be considered by the Governor. ACEC may likely have more success in revising the arbitrary mileage radius or the overnight provisions.**
 - ✓ **Mileage/expanses is not a policy, it is in the RFQ and the Agreements**
 - ✓ **No reimbursements within 50 miles.**

3. Team Indiana

- ✓ **Handouts will be sent out by end of that week.**
- ✓ **Funding discussion....\$200M more for 2016**
- ✓ **Illiana/no status change**
- ✓ **QBS selections are intended to be negotiated based upon hours....not dollars or % of construction.**
- ✓ **Louis Feagans is working with INDOT PM’s to better define scopes of services**
- ✓ **Discussion about the Columbia City RFQ whereby the discussion centered on the concerns that the RFQ respondents provided innovative ideas which were used by INDOT after cancellation of the RFQ.**
- ✓ **Funding Study Update...there are internal briefing going on specific to the Cambridge Systematics Study**
- ✓ **Indications are funding levels needs to be \$1.8B -\$2B per year....that includes \$500M for locals...the funding will be allocated into three primary buckets...”preservation of existing infrastructure”, “new infrastructure” and “preservation of new infrastructure”.....the need**

to identify “preservation of new infrastructure” became apparent as an outcome of Major Moves.

- ✓ **INDOT is “getting their arms around the needs”...the Cambridge Systematics Study is due in the fall and will provide a financial plan.**
- ✓ **INDOT has a substantial problem with deficient pavement resulting from the problematic INDOT specification...there are major long term maintenance funding issues for INDOT as the problems apply to LPA’s.**

4. CAN-DO

- ✓ **Invite Chris Keifer and Bob Tally to CAN-DO meetings.**
- ✓ **INDOT is required to update the Consultant Manual; will include any input from FHWA.**

5. Sub-Committee Updates

a. FAR – Beth Bauer

- ✓ **Nothing to report.**

b. LPA – Laurie Johnson

- ✓ **No updates.**

c. INDOT Prequalification

- ✓ **Planning activities, traffic counts, bridge inspection do not lead to construction, therefore FHWA does not require QBS selection.**

d. Bridge Inspection – Scott/Beth

- ✓ **Discussion regarding what other states are doing as it relates to non-QBS selections?**

6. 11:15 AM Jeff Clanton (in attendance)/Scott Adams (not in attendance)

- ✓ **INDOT is engaged in internal committee meetings for Consultant Performance Evaluations...the new INDOT process shows weightings of each performance type. Performance criteria is populated into the score sheets at the time of the LOI, therefore the scorers see the performance scores.**
- ✓ **Jeff stated that the performance evaluations should not affect the objectivity of the RFQ response review.....summed up as “don’t ignore, but don’t let it direct”.**
- ✓ **Any questions can be directed to Jeff Clanton.**
- ✓ **Increasing the volume of INDOT PM’s conducting more evaluations is helping to “wash off” or “dilute” the lasting effects of old evaluations.**
- ✓ **Consultant PM’s need to be proactive with INDOT PM’s to get evaluations done properly and accurately.**
- ✓ **The appeal date is defined.**
- ✓ **INDOT strives to get the most relevant and qualified scorer’s for specific subject matters.**
- ✓ **ACEC requested thought the Commissioner to remove the SAA scoring due to inconsistency.**
 - **INDOT did keep this form for August RFP. Review for upcoming RFPs.**
- ✓ **Jeff Clanton stated that SAA training was a significant component and focus of INDOT training...appears to be recognized by INDOT as an issue that needs to be assessed.**

- ✓ **Consideration of a Pass/Fail criteria for small projects.**
- ✓ **INDOT has strived to include SAA for large projects and large on-calls.**

7. Next Committee Meeting

- *October 15th at 10 am to noon – State Library Author's Room 203*

