

Environment and Human Resources Section

Meeting Minutes

AASHTO Subcommittee on Construction

August 12 - August 16, 2012 San Francisco, California

2012 - 2013 Section Leadership

Chairman – Mark Leja, CalTrans (absent)

Vice-Chairman - Frances Hood, Idaho DOT

Secretary – Jeff Lewis, FHWA

Mr. Leja welcomed the Subcommittee members and guests to the 2012 Environment and Human Resources Section (EHR) meeting. The attendees included 17 representatives, including 13 State DOT representatives, 2 academia/consultant representative and 2 FHWA representatives. An attendance list is attached for reference. We then reviewed the status of the 11/12 Workplan items, highlighted the accomplishments and updated them as appropriate. We then discussed the SOC Draft Strategic Plan by reviewing the Goals and identifying what possible actions we should be taking in our 12/13 Workplan that would be in support of these goals. In addition, we identified some specific suggested changes to the Strategic Plan that will be provided to David Hoyne and the Strategic Planning team. This discussion carried over to day 2 where we confirmed the 12/13 Workplan to include the following actions.

In support of the Strategic Plan Goals:

Goal #1: Conduct a survey to promote standardized development of erosion and control sediment products – Lead: TBD

Goal #3: Finalize and share survey results on Recycled Materials and ancillary waste. - Fran Hood (ID)

Goal #3: Conduct a survey thru SOC to identify topics where the gaps in training are and/or what the States may already have available.
- Mark Chaput (MI)

Goal #4: Conduct a survey of best practices for managing environmental commitments (IE; permit conditions) and how to address them in the specs earlier on.
– Skip Powe (AL) with Marie Venner

- Goal #5 a) Conduct a survey to look at Work zone physical barrier types, how implemented and at what point is the decision needed.
- John Obr (TX) with Rob Wight (UT)
- b) Conduct a survey to see what safety training the states require for personnel, if it involves OSHA and types of enforcement used.
- John Obr (TX) with Rob Wight (UT)
- c) Conduct a survey on the effect of ITS technology on work zones and if it is being fully utilized.
- John Obr (TX) with Rob Wight (UT)

Goal #6 Outreach to SCOE to identify mutual areas of guidance, procedures and research. i.e. Stormwater BMP's and permitting conditions.

In addition to the above actions to support the Goals, the following possible presentations were identified for next year's conference.

TCCC Update and training survey results - Mark Chaput (MI)

Leading in Lean Times - Marie Venner

Safety Survey Results- John Orb (TX)

Sustainability Practices with Co-benefits – Marie Venner and Fran Hood (ID)

Finally, we concluded day 2 by confirming our officer assignments and EHR representatives on various efforts as mentioned above.

Mark Leja EHR section chair

Fran Hood EHR section vice-chair

Jeff Lewis Secretary

SOC Strategic Plan, reps Fran Hood and Jeff Shapiro

TCCC, reps Todd Rumbaugh and Mark Chaput

Center for Environmental Excellence, rep Fran Hood

SOC Research Committee, reps Jeff Carpenter and Madhu Reddy Ariz DOT