

**AASHTO SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSTRUCTION  
CONFERENCE CALL  
November 16, 2016  
11:00 AM EASTERN TIME**

The conference call started at 11:00 AM EST.

Roll Call – David Hoyne

<b>Administration</b>	Malcolm Dougherty – SOC Chair (Caltrans) <b>David Hoyne – SOC Vice-Chair (Vermont AOT)</b> <b>Rob Elliott – SOC Secretary (FHWA, RC C&amp;PM TST)</b> <b>Matthew DiGiovanni – Asst. to Secretary (FHWA-VT)</b>
<b>Integrated Construction Technologies</b>	Greg Mulder- Section Chair (Iowa DOT) <b>Joe Squire (Oregon DOT)</b> <b>John Haynes – Section Secretary (FHWA-UT/RC C&amp;PM)</b>
<b>Contract Administration</b>	<b>Gary Angles – Section Chair (Ohio DOT)</b> Andy Long (Wyoming DOT) Susan Eiseman (Kansas DOT) <b>Gerald Yakowenko – Section Secretary (FHWA-HQ)</b>
<b>Safety, Environment &amp; Workforce Development</b>	<b>Rob Wight – Section Chair (Utah DOT)</b> <b>Tracy Cain (Texas DOT)</b> <b>Jeff Lewis – Section Secretary (FHWA-RC C&amp;PM TST)</b>
<b>Roadways &amp; Structures</b>	<b>Marc Mastronardi – Section Chair (Georgia DOT)</b> Kevin Christensen (Montana DOT) John Stayton (Caltrans) Anthony Sarhan – Section Secretary (FHWA-WA)
<b>Research Steering Committee</b>	Charlie Bauer – Committee Chair (Wyoming DOT) Katherine Petros – Committee Secretary (FHWA, HRDI-20) Richard Duval (FHWA, HRDI-20)
<b>Host State</b>	Claudette Durham (Ohio DOT)
<b>Others</b>	<b>Evan Rothblatt (AASHTO)</b> <b>Keith Platte (AASHTO)</b> Patricia Bush (AASHTO) Greg Doyle (FHWA)

SOC Chair – Malcolm Dougherty (Caltrans) - Reported by David Hoyne

- Uncertainty for President-elect and transportation

- AASHTO approved committee reorganization. Don't expect a big difference for SOC. Possibly a more active strategic planning committee.
- Caltrans is currently wrestling with their smoothness spec.

#### SOC Secretary – Rob Elliott (FHWA)

- Comment period closes 12/2/2016 for the 10/18/2016 Federal Register Notice and Request for Comments on a proposed nationwide waiver of the Buy America requirements.
- CM/GC final rule publication is expected by the end of the calendar year.
- 3/7 EDC4 Summits were held (Baltimore, Minneapolis, Albany); remaining four (Portland, Sacramento, Austin and Orlando) will take place in late November, early December.

#### SOC Vice-Chair—David Hoyne (VTrans)

- Buy America NPRM
  - Keith: ten states have provided comments. Would like to go back to 2012 interpretation that was overturned by the courts. Most states feel utilities should not apply to Buy America. A finalized letter will be sent out to various committees.
- Guide Specifications Update
  - Consultants have been provided with NTP on 11/15/16.
  - Updates will be sent out to a panel, which includes David Hoyne. Review process will be determined with the first work package.
  - \$150k allocated for project. Stratification of spec reviews.
  - Timeframes for the
- SOC Montana
  - Currently finalizing numbers from Montana meeting and working on sending seed money to Ohio.
  - Ohio has not received seed money.

#### Section Reports

##### A. Integrated Construction and Technologies- Greg Mulder (Iowa)

- a. Nothing to report.

##### B. Contract Administration- Gary Angles (Ohio)

- a. Work plans:
  - i. Guide spec- reviewing 100 section
  - ii. Survey of state practices for processing payments or reviewing contractor invoices.
  - iii. Survey on unsatisfactory contractor performance
    1. Keith is working with AGC and ARTBA for involvement.

##### C. Safety, Environmental and Workforce Development- Rob Wight (Utah)

- a. Workforce development continues to be a hot topic
  - i. Plan to report out on inspection competence and training
  - ii. NCHRP 813, 685- Best practice review
- b. Safety will continue to be a focus
  - i. Portable rumble strips
  - ii. Enforcement of speed limits in work zones.
- c. Environmental
  - i. EPA to present on storm water audits.

##### D. Roadways and Structures- Marc Mastronardi (Georgia)

- a. Plan to address major construction specs.
- b. Risk based inspection will be a larger topic next year

##### E. Research Steering Committee- Charlie Bauer (Wyoming)

- a. No updates.

#### Discuss Plans for the 2017 Annual Meeting- Gary Angles (Ohio)

- Hyatt Hotel finalized as accommodations.
- Monday night at the Cincinnati Reds Ballpark
- Tuesday night boat trip
- Roebling bridge technical tour
- Send any suggestions for events, tours or conference themes to Gary.
- Themes for the annual meeting?
  - e-Construction crossover
  - e-Construction panel discussion
  - Roundtable discussion of human element of e-Construction
  - TC3- e-Construction

Call ended at 11:44 AM EST