

**AASHTO SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSTRUCTION  
CONFERENCE CALL  
May 17, 2017  
11:00 AM EASTERN TIME**

**SOC Chair – Malcolm Dougherty (Caltrans)**

- Not present at this meeting, but if you have anything for him work it through David to let him know.

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

- No updates.

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

- Guide Specifications Update
  - Appendix out for review
  - Expecting a meeting in Massachusetts to discuss effort on or about the end of June / early July, therefore comments back by mid-June would be most helpful.
- Research Steering Committee Vacancy
  - Nominees and suggestions are most welcome
  - Speak to your sections and relay to David any nominees

**Section Reports:**

- Integrated Construction and Technologies- Joe Squire (Oregon)
  - a. Work plan: no comment captured
  - b. Finalizing presentations speakers now with only one commitment outstanding – FAA for UAS presentation.
- Contract Administration- Gary Angles (Ohio)
  - a. Work plan: completed, guide spec work continues, survey coming
  - b. Presentations: All set
  - c. Special note: Cal Gendreau, long standing committee member from ND, is retiring after 41 years with DOT on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Safety, Environmental and Workforce Development- Rob Wight (Utah)
  - a. Work Plan: Nearing completion, survey going out
  - b. Presentations: Finalizing list of presenters
- Roadways and Structures- Marc Mastronardi (Georgia)
  - a. Work Plan: One survey out and two more coming out, update to construction specs continues
  - b. Presentations: One more commitment to complete presenters list
- Research Steering Committee
  - No Updates

## **Discuss Plans for the 2017 Annual Meeting- Gary Angles/ Claudette Durham (Ohio)**

- Website and registration is up, 28 registered to date
- \$48k in sponsorship at this time
- Dry run of technical tour was complete: 2 options for technical tours: bridge or tunnel; helmet cam for bridge tour scrapped for pre-recorded video to avoid technical issues.
- With a goal of finalizing the agenda by June 1<sup>st</sup>, various details regarding the conference were discussed to include New Member Orientation. Sections should plan to participate in the breakfast to give brief highlights of section's work plan and example accomplishments.
- Presentations and Bios: Dan Grove, OHDOT, will establish a site to collect both. Details to be emailed out.
- Ohio Chief Engineer has asked to speak on the last day. David shared with Gary that there is time available and an opportunity Thursday afternoon.
- David requested update on hotel rooms booked to room commitment level be reported at the next few meetings.

### **Other:**

- Marc discussed the reopening of the I-85 collapse. 'All the breaks we wanted came our way'. Lanes opened Friday. Schedule management by the contractor was a key factor in the successful delivery of the project. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao and Acting Deputy Administrator Butch Waidelich will be in Atlanta with GDOT officials for a ceremonial ribbon cutting May 18<sup>th</sup>. Managing expectations moving forward: 'Not everywhere, every time' but GDOT was 'excited' with the results under the circumstances.
- Evan shared:
  - ARTBA / FHWA Roundtable Meeting he participated in. Jerry Yakowenko and Chris Schneider presented material. Of specific interest was the discussion on NM's SEP14 effort regarding contractor prequalification, past performance and bid factors.
  - AASHTO Website Update underway: The object is to pare down site content but balance with useful content. A good bit of work to be done in a short window of time.
  - Evan will be sharing a Strategic Plan sample/template from another group (1 page or less is the expectation).
  - AASHTO has moved next year's work plan cycle from spring to fall.

Call ended

NEXT CALL: June 21, 2017 at 11am EST