

**AASHTO SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSTRUCTION
CONFERENCE CALL
MINUTES
November 18, 2015
11:00 AM EASTERN TIME**

Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008

Conference Room: **809-435-935#**

The conference call started at 11:00 AM EST.

Roll Call – David Hoyne

Administration	Malcolm Dougherty – SOC Chair (Caltrans) David Hoyne – SOC Vice-Chair (Vermont AOT) Rob Elliott – SOC Secretary (FHWA, RC C&PM TST) Matthew DiGiovanni – Asst. to Secretary (FHWA-VT) David Unkefer (FHWA, RC C&PM TST)
Technology	Greg Mulder – Section Chair (Iowa DOT) Don Greuel (Wisconsin DOT) John Haynes – Section Secretary (FHWA-UT/RC C&PM)
Contract Administration	Gary Angles – Section Chair (Ohio DOT) Andy Long (Wyoming DOT) Susan Eiseman (Kansas DOT) Gerald Yakowenko – Section Secretary (FHWA-HQ)
Safety, Environment & Workforce Development	Rob Wight – Section Chair (Utah DOT) Jeff Lewis – Section Secretary (FHWA-RC C&PM TST)
Roadways & Structures	Marc Mastronardi – Section Chair (Georgia DOT) Kevin Christensen (Montana DOT) John Stayton (Caltrans) Anthony Sarhan – Section Secretary (FHWA-WA) Greg Doyle (FHWA-MA/RC C&PM TST)
Research Steering Committee	Charlie Bauer – Committee Chair (Wyoming DOT) Katherine Petros – Committee Secretary (FHWA, HRDI-20) Richard Duval (FHWA, HRDI-20)
Host State	Paul Jagoda (Montana DOT)
Others	Evan Rothblatt (AASHTO) Keith Platte (AASHTO) Joyce Brenner (AASHTO)

SOC Chair – Malcolm Dougherty (Caltrans)

- Spoke to FHWA Administrator Greg Nadeau when he was in CA for a conference. Greg provided an update on reauthorization. Current reauthorization to extend to December 4th. A short term extension points to strong possibility of getting a long term bill. Proposed is a 6 year bill with funding currently for 3 or 4 years.
- **UPDATE: FAST ACT Signed by President on 12/11/15 [LINK](#)**
- Caltrans: Largest pier from the old Bay Bridge was imploded on Saturday(11/14) morning
 - This was accomplished through coordination and by gaining permission from regulatory agencies
 - Took 6 seconds compared to 18 months. CMGC contract. Saved money, saved time and least environmental impact overall. Possibility to save \$100 million if used on remaining piers.
 - [LINK](#)

SOC Secretary – Rob Elliot (FHWA)

Not present today.

SOC Vice Chair – David Hoyne (Vermont)

Format of 2016 Meeting Agenda (theme, work plans)

- Gary- not a big fan of themed conferences
- Rob W- Evaluate timing by concentrating on items of more value. Keep overall format.
- Possibly give more time to more valuable topics
- Using this group to vet topics or a separate group.
- Currently have 4 committees with 3 hours, Research only 1 hour
- Give hot topic presentations more time
- More panel discussions.
- State discussion topics.

Guide Book Update

- David has been unsuccessful in reaching out to Amir Hanna from TRB. **Evan to assist David in reaching out.**

NHI Claims Analysis & Avoidance course; looking for 2 reps.

- Rob Elliot is looking for state representatives with experience and interest with this. **Please respond directly to Rob for more information**
- **Evan to get more information from NTPEP- UPDATE provided in 11/19 email to SOC EC.**

Section Reports

A. Technology – Greg Mulder (Iowa)

- New name is still being discussed. Construction Integrated Technology and Civil Integrated Technology are possibilities.

B. Contract Administration – Gary Angles (Ohio)

- Approximately 5 work plan items. Brenda to participate.
- **Jerry Y. to send out survey on price adjustment clauses for inflation. UPDATE: Sent 11/24/15**
- Section meeting tomorrow (11/19)
- Eight potential presenters lined up

C. Safety, Environment and Workforce Development – Rob Wight (Utah)

- Section met last week and agree with the name change.
- Scan tour team is together and includes CA, UT, MI, WV, RI plus consultants

- First meeting in DC in January prior to TRB.
- Meeting presentation possibilities:
 - Environmental area- programmatic agreements with panel discussion
 - Work zone safety- variable speed and intelligent work zone
 - Update by Oldcastle on AWARE system

D. Roadways and Structures – Marc Mastronardi (Georgia)

- Section plans to kick off next month with the focus on producing presentations for the conference

E. Research Steering Committee – Charlie Bauer (Wyoming)

- Anticipate MDT giving a presentation at the meeting
- Plan on having an overall research summary update
- Looking into prioritization for research proposals

Discuss Plans for the 2016 Annual Meeting- Kevin Christensen (Montana)

- Technical tour planning mostly complete
- Earthquake Lake- earthquake brought mountain down and created this lake. Includes walking tour and presentation
- A golf outing will be made available
- Montana signed a contract with an event planning on Friday. She will work to seek sponsors.
- The event planner plans on getting in touch with Evan
- Evan has spoken to Megan Wozniak-Adams (AASHTO) about the registration site and she is available for assistance
- The meeting's website domain was purchased and the build has started
- Arkansas anticipates transferring the remaining seed money to Montana this week.
- Kevin has the financial spreadsheets dating back to the NH meeting. Plans to follow the same format. **Kevin to send these statements to Evan and Keith.**
- Anticipate providing transportation from the Bozeman airport using five, eight-passenger vans.
- Have MDT Director and MT FHWA Division Administrator for opening speakers.
- Keynote speaker is a retired Yellowstone park ranger

Other Business

- Evan will be attending the ARTBA/AGC/FHWA/AASHTO annual meeting on January 14th and would like items for the hot topics section. **Please send any topic suggestion to Evan prior to the meeting.**

Topics suggested:

- Malcom: Construction management of alternative delivery projects. DBB vs DB vs CMGC.
- David: Workforce development issues with design consultants, contractors and state employees. Wondering if this issue has made it to a national level.

Call ended at 11:35 AM EST

The next conference call is on **December 16, 2015 at 11:00AM EST.**