

Meeting Summary

Subject: ACEC/NCDOT Multimodal Subcommittee Kickoff Meeting

Date: Monday, January 27, 2025

Location: NCDOT Highway Building Rail Conference Room # 509 / Microsoft Teams Virtual

Attendees	Julie White	Allison Anolik	
	Brennon Fuqua	Emily Poole	
	Jason Orthner*	Robbie Kirk*	
	Greg Keel	Steve Karnis*	
	Cat Peele*	Suzanne Young	
	Jeremy Remme*		*indicates virtual attendance
	Nick Short*		
	Lauren Gearhart		

- Introductions
- Recap of Oct. 25 subcommittee meeting
- Current industry concerns, challenges, and best practices, cont.
 - IMD invoice processing
 - IMD has processed a majority of outstanding invoices to date. Expectation to complete backlog by end of February.
 - Multimodal Planning Grants
 - IMD working to match projects with funding sources after planning (advanced design and construction can't be paid for by state funds)
 - Next round of multimodal planning grants coming soon (mid-February)
 - Ferry
 - Firm NC PE license required by NCBELS, however most marine architecture firms are outside of NC and not registered with NCBELS.
 - Several firms qualified for SPSF on Naval Architecture contract but have not completed process.
 - Lisa Wilson (OCR) can assist.
 - Multi-modal Transportation Division continues to work towards goal of engaging SPSF firms
 - Need to encourage more qualified firms to obtain the certification. Remind them it's a straightforward self-certification process.
 - Rail Division safety requirements
 - Safety training required by the Class I railroads has changed over the years
 - J. Pullen can provide guidance
 - Potential for recent NCRRT/ITRE grant to be utilized

- Contracts Updates
 - Rail Crossing Safety/Planning selection results should be posted soon
 - Rail Division Corridor ID to be advertised in spring (tentative)
 - Rail Division Safety Oversight of Fixed Guardrail – Scheduled to expire in 2025, may be extended
 - Aviation UAS Contract - Upcoming
 - IMD General On-call LSC – Posted
 - IMD – SPSF posting (Project Management focus) – Upcoming (spring)
- Opportunities Re-Evaluation
 - LAP Lunch & Learn
 - Piedmont Transportation Professionals (PTP) reached out to NCDOT Programs Management Office (PMO) to restart lunch & learn series which includes topic from prioritization to construction/closeout.
 - Webinars held on last Wed. of every month and serve as required training to gain access to EBS Portal – audience primarily local governments
 - Potential for IMD to assist with vetting/preparing estimates for projects? Need for better screening and assistance with project delivery.
 - Opportunity for ACEC/NC to assist – further conversations with PMO and goal setting needed.
 - Lagging projects in STIP include estimates which are not escalated for current year \$ (to account for inflation or unanticipated complexities, etc).
 - Potential to use scope modifications to adjust lagging projects as needed?
 - Multimodal tour
 - Great Trails State Virtual Workshops launching soon hosted by Great Trails State Coalition.¹

Action Items/Next Steps:

- Emily to coordinate with Denise Byron-Cox to set up the next meeting to be held prior to May 20, 2025 Transportation Committee meeting.
- NCDOT to provide LSC schedule for 2025-2026
- Emily to follow up with M. Matthews (NCDOT PMO) regarding previous workgroup/survey

¹ <https://greattrailsstatecoalition.org/ctct/>