

## Minutes of Meeting

Recorded by: Allen Pope  
Meeting date: November 14, 2022, at 3 pm  
Meeting location: McKimmon Center, NCSU, Raleigh, NC  
Subject/project name: ACEC/NC Transportation Committee Meeting

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1. Welcome and Opening Remarks, Meredith Hudson & Greg Purvis
2. Guest Speaker – Dr. Patricia Hendern, Executive Director, Eastern Transportation Coalition
  - a. Decline fuel tax revenue
  - b. VA example. Increase mileage and declining revenue. Improved efficient vehicles.
  - c. Poll results. 71% say we have good highway quality. 84% don't know how much taxes they pay for roads.
  - d. Coalition consists of 18 States, including North Carolina.
  - e. The coalition put out several grants. NC got in the Phase 4 grant program.
    - i. Volunteer program to look at MBUF (Mileage Based User Fees).
    - ii. 838k miles driven, 8% driven outside of state, 149 vehicles
    - iii. 83% chose the GPS option, 42% support the concept
    - iv. NC Phase 4 2022 Pilot ended November 2022.
  - f. What's next.
    - i. More conversation of Transportation Value
    - ii. More comfort level with GPS enabled technology
    - iii. Choice is the key
    - iv. Rural drivers fare better between MBUF annual cost
    - v. Fairness resonates
    - vi. Make it personal--calculator
    - vii. Bring trucking industry voice to the table
    - viii. Leverage technology created solutions
    - ix. EV Owners of do support MBUF
    - x. Eastern US sees significant cross state travel
  - g. Need more Pilots (Phase 5).
    - i. Exploratory work
    - ii. Message testing
    - iii. Legislation
  - h. Questions left to answer.
    - i. Rural. Currently paying higher due to less efficient vehicles
    - ii. Trucks. Will lag due to not causing issue with tax

- iii. Fed & State Tax. 50 programs or Nationwide tax
  - iv. NC Legislature. What education needs are there in NC Legislature
  - v. Revenue maintaining vs. Increase in Revenue
3. Legislative Update / NCDOT Update Jim Smith
- a. MBUF. Heavy lift for the NC Public and Legislature
  - b. Elections
    - i. Federal
      - Reject for Red Wave
      - Added House seat
      - Republican Senate
      - Way to Work
    - ii. State
      - Republican House
      - 1 Seat short of Republican Senate
    - iii. Judge
      - Republican sweep
4. Subcommittee Reports
- a. Design/Build – Nelish Surti (11/1/22 meeting)
    - i. Organizational changes at NCDOT & NCTA
    - ii. R/W Appraisals
    - iii. Utilities responsibility
    - iv. Fuel Usage Charges
    - v. As-Constructed Drawing Responsibility
    - vi. CBW Schedule
    - vii. Steel Price Adjustment
    - viii. Erosion Control Guidelines
    - ix. DBE Outreach (after 2 RFP)
    - x. DB Anticipated
      - R-2829B NC540, 11/15/23
      - R-2829A NC 540, 2/23
      - R-4045 US 74, 12/22
      - I-2513 Asheville Connector, 2023
      - I-5719 & U-5800 I-85, 2023
  - b. Project Delivery – Paul Garrett, PE (11/3/22 meeting)
    - i. Personnel moves at NCDOT
    - ii. Pre-Construction Workshop moved to May 16-17, 2023
    - iii. SPSF Legislation
    - iv. Technical Services
    - v. Standard Scope of Services
    - vi. Project Delivery Newsletter moved

- vii. Preliminary Engineering
  - viii. ORD update Survey coming soon
  - ix. Project Management Unit – LSC coming out in March
  - x. More Advertisement
    - Project Management Training
  - xi. Roadway Design Update
  - xii. Revised 3R Guidelines
  - xiii. Professional Services (get in CRS every 28 days)
  - xiv. LSC Advertisements
  - xv. Workforce Replacements
  - xvi. ACEC/NCDOT Joint Conference November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - xvii. Division Questions
- c. Construction & Materials – Kevin O’Dell
- i. Fix Billable Rates
  - ii. Technician Rate Increase +3.5%
  - iii. Rate Increases for TT1Trainee
  - iv. Truck reimbursement rates (NCDOT is open to look at mid-cycle—Dec 2023)
  - v. Truck mileage rate change 7/1/22 effective date
  - vi. CEI Internship
  - vii. Project Specific for CEI
- d. Structures – Bradley Bell
- i. Fixed Billable Rate – ‘Dead in the Water’ at this point
  - ii. RFQ Non-conformity discussion
  - iii. Anticipated Advertisement list is On-line
  - iv. Workforce Development
  - v. Truck Reimbursement, Annual not Bi-Annual request
  - vi. Long Term Project Specific Truck Reimbursement
    - After the original contract term, then it can go to the new rate.
  - vii. ACEC/NCDOT Joint Conference November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>
- e. Structures – Nicole Brown (11-7-22 meeting)
- i. Workshop
  - ii. Next Forum February 2023
  - iii. PCI Bridge Seminar 2023
  - iv. Structure LSC Summer 2023
- f. The Joint Conference – Jay Watson, PE
- i. ACEC/NCDOT Joint Conference November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - ii. General Session in AM
  - iii. 745 Consultants signed up
  - iv. 260-270 NCDOT signed up

- v. Still have available spaces
  - g. Young ACEC Board
5. Open Discussion (Greg Purvis)
- 6. Next Meeting: February 20, 2023, McKimmon Center & Teams option**  
Future Meetings: McKimmon Center in person and virtual component  
May 15, 2023