



Operations Center Engineers' Meeting

March 27, 2012
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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Introductions/Announcements:

Jon Sands, District Construction Engineer, stated the Construction Services Manager position has not been filled yet.

District Materials' Update:

Sam Joseph, District Materials Engineer, spoke about issues regarding the Engineering Analysis Reports (EAR). The project administrators should ensure that the supporting documents are included on the EAR before sending them to District Materials. The State Materials office is conducting research to determine a device to measure segregation and develop a specification. The Materials SharePoint website has been revamped. Please let Materials know of any suggestions or improvements.

Mark Peronto, Assistant District Materials Engineer, stated the District's Geotechnical needs to be included in any foundation related meetings; pre-drill shaft, pre-pile driver, etc.

Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Issues:

Earl Taylor, District One Quality Assurance/Quality Control Manager, stated the offset Reflective Pavement Marker's (RPM) on the skip line have been corrected. Please ensure this is being kept up, the RPM cannot be offset from the skip line; it must remain centered. If miscellaneous drill shafts are being performed, the mud guns are not allowed for mixing the slurry where the water is shooting straight in the hole when the slurry is added to the hopper. The slurry from a tank has to be pre-tested. The mud gun can mix the slurry going into the tank, but it needs to be mixed before it goes into the drill shaft hole. There will be more Quality Assurance Reviews (QAR) between now and June 2012.

Update on Construction Task Team:

Mr. Sands stated that there has not been an update on the task team. The task team leaders are David Sadler, Director of the Office of Construction, Nick Tsengas, District Director of Transportation Operations, and Jim Moulton, District Director of Operations.

Agency Cost Efficiencies: (Presentation #1)

*Please refer to OCE Meeting Minutes dated March 27, 2012—Presentation #1.

Simplification Measures And Resourceful Techniques (SMART) Plans: (Presentation #2)

*Please refer to OCE Meeting Minutes dated March 27, 2012—Presentation #2.

Practical Design/Solutions: (Presentation #2 continued)

*Please refer to OCE Meeting Minutes dated March 27, 2012—Presentation #2.

Secretary Prasad's Discussion Topics at the FTBA Construction Conference:

Mr. Sands reported that Secretary Prasad stated almost all the terms in the Transportation bill passed. The Department has approval to use shoulders in congestion periods. There will be a limit for landscaping on resurfacing jobs. Work Program amendments over \$500,000 will only need to get a Governor's amendment.

DCE Meeting Items:

Implementation of Electronic Standard Specifications (E-Book) will be available starting fiscal year 2013. You will be able to find the book up on-line, and it can be printed.

Please ensure the Asphalt Pavement Cross Slope Checks are being done.

The Reflective Pavement Marker's (RPM) should be in-line with skip lines and have a 1" offset on solid longitudinal lines.

Lump Sum Projects Numbers in Each District: (Handout #1)

*Please refer to OCE Meeting Minutes dated March 27, 2012—Handout #1.

Anticipated DBE% on Federal Aid Projects in District One: (Handout #2)

*Please refer to OCE Meeting Minutes dated March 27, 2012—Handout #2.

Off-System Projects Without Mowing & Litter Removal and Contingency Pay Item:

There is currently no funding for mowing and litter removal.

Operation Center Escalation Matrix for Project Issues: (Handout #3)

*Please refer to OCE Meeting Minutes dated March 27, 2012—Handout #3.

Other Topics, Questions, Comments, & Feedback:

There were no topics, questions, comments or feedback at this time.

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