



MINUTES

ICI/INDOT SOUTHERN REGION JOINT COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2020



ATTENDEES

INDOT – Co-Chair Mark Fligor, (District Construction Director Vincennes), Brad Bailiff (Vincennes), Patrick Craig (Area Engineer, Vincennes), Bart Mueller (District Construction Director, Vincennes), Andrew Pinkstaff, (Area Engineer Vincennes), and Clint Scherzer, (Area Engineer Vincennes).

Industry – Co-Chair Kimberly Arndt, P.E. (Lutgring Bros., Inc.), Jamie Baehl (American Structurepoint, Inc.), Landon Blume (E & B Paving, Inc.), A.J. Chandler (Milestone Contractors, L.P.), Steven Goins (E & B Paving, Inc.), Garret Gough (E & B Paving, Inc.), William Heuring (E & B Paving, Inc.), Justin Martin (Lutgring Bros., Inc.), Andrew Meeks (3M), Keith Mullens II (The Hoosier Company, Inc.), and Bobby Steele (E & B Paving, Inc.).

ICI Staff – Dan Osborn

INTRODUCTIONS

Committee leadership introduction

Mr. Osborn introduced the new committee Co-Chair Kimberly Arndt, Owner at Lutgring Bros., Inc. along with current INDOT Co-Chair Mark Fligor, Vincennes District. He announced that ICI Vice-Chair position is open.

Recognition of Leadership Service

Mr. Osborn recognized Corey Baugh, past ICI Co-Chair, for his service to the Committee.

COMMITTEE CHARTER

Mr. Osborn stated the Statewide Committee leadership suggested that parts of the committee charter be read and discussed as needed at each meeting going forward. Mr. Osborn read the current “Purpose Statement”.

ICI member and INDOT staff collaborate to develop solutions to challenges and share knowledge involved in performing the administration, construction, and inspection of INDOT and Local Public Assistance highway and bridge contracts.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

Law Enforcement Officers – Revised recurring special provision [801-R-672](#)

Mr. Osborn stated that the INDOT Standards Committee has approved a revised RSP 801-R-672 that includes reimbursement of \$25 for training, a training part 2 requirement, and an increase to the LEO pay item unit from \$34 to \$60 per hour.

The committee agreed that utilization is positive but has challenges including LEO direction, positioning, availability, and estimating the needed hours. Protection of the queuing motorists and worker protection are two main focus areas for LEO positioning. Public education was also mentioned as a key contributor to increased safety.

2020 proposed legislation

Mr. Osborn reviewed three bills proposed during the 2020 Indiana Legislative Session.

Automated Speed Enforcement, Senate Bill [268](#): The bill gained support from ICI, INDOT, and was not opposed by the Indiana State Police for the first time. It passed Senate Homeland Security and Transportation Committee, but Senator Ford, the bill's author, withdrew the bill on the Senate floor due to lack of support.

Distracted Driving, House Bill [1070](#): The bill states that a person may not hold a mobile device while operating a moving motor vehicle. The bill was ordered engrossed on 2nd reading in Senate meaning that it continues to move forward toward becoming a law.

Locating Underground Utilities, House Bill [1218](#): The bill amends the current 811 law and requires that material installed shall be detectable from above ground or a detectable material is installed with the new facilities after June 30, 2020. The bill has passed both the House and Senate houses and has been sent back to the House as amended by Senate for a final vote.

UPDATES

360 Industry Engagement update

Mr. Osborn provided a brief history and explanation of the 2019 INDOT/ICI/ACEC 360 Engagement study and subsequent formation of the Indiana Transportation Team (ITT). The ITT is led by statewide and district leadership groups. Any entity working for or with INDOT is welcome to participate. He stated that all things may be found at INTransportationTeam.org.

Mr. Osborn explained that the ITT statewide leadership group has tasked the district groups, including Vincennes and Seymour, to discuss engagement of industry to provide constructability reviews on projects in the design pipeline. INDOT is currently looking at providing access to contracts at the "stage two" level of design. Groups are also discussing partnering and contractor and consultant evaluations.

The committee discussed contractor performance evaluations (CPE) in depth. Industry expressed concern about evaluations including only "0" scores without associated comments. It was stated that it is common for Project Supervisors (PS) and contractors to think that receiving a "0" is good while others may rate the same performance level a score of "1" or even a "2". INDOT stated that Area Engineers review the CPEs and are able to improve consistency by working with PSs to communicate with contractors about performance issues and positive performance prior to completing a CPE. Discussion also included mention of INDOT's Prequalification division's review of CPEs during contractor prequalification consideration. Multiple negative scores in the same CPE area raises a red flag as does consistent negative scores from a specific PS or AE.

INDOT Storm Water Management Task Group

Mr. Osborn provided a brief overview of recent action regarding storm water management specifications. He stated that Recurring Special Provision (RSP) 205-R-636 was incorporated into the 2020 INDOT Standard

Specifications book. He stated a new RSP, [205-R-706](#), including updated pre-priced temporary storm water pay items was approved in November 2019 and will be effective on June 1, 2020. He added that the INDOT Standards Committee already approved a revised [version](#) of RSP 205-R-706 last week including several updates. The updated RSP is scheduled to become effective June 1, 2020. He did not read all the updates but agreed to include in these minutes. See updates below.

Work Force Effort

Ms. Arndt explained that ICI is involved in a work force development effort named Work in Roads (<https://workinroads.org/>). ICI has joined forces with other government entities, associations, and private industry to educate and inform Indiana citizens about career paths available in the road construction industry.

CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT TOPICS

Letting/Bidding

Mr. Fligor presented that the INDOT Contracts Division began posting “DES” number line item information on the [Lettings](#) web page in the “[Notice to Bidder](#)” table. Mr. Osborn added that this information was added as a result of Region Joint Cooperative Committees’ efforts in 2019.

Temporary Pavement Markings

Mr. Osborn stated that INDOT released a draft special provision (SP) on Jan. 31 for ICI review and comment. The SP contains a requirement for contractors to place continuous pavement marking edge lines, temporary or permanent, within 14 days of pavement placed for use under normal public traffic. The SP allows for a single pass application of temporary line marking. INDOT plans to direct designers to include temporary pavement marking pay items in contracts that include this SP. This SP is planned for inclusion on select contracts after approval.

Subgrade Treatment Type IC Paid as IB

Ms. Arndt reviewed the challenges for industry and inspection staff associated with current standard specification (207.04) language. Issues such as bidding undistributed quantities, encountering rock, unit cost fluctuation, and design quantification have been discussed at previous meetings. Ms. Arndt explained that contractors effectively do not have a choice in situations where unknown utilities, obstructions, or other are uncovered or realized during construction. She suggested longer design phase plan and increased site visit scrutiny should reduce construction time decisions. Industry agreed that type IB (14 in. chemical modification) is not suitable for most urban projects.

NEW TOPICS

Temporary Signs – Bid Quantities & Measurement & Payment Issues with Specific Focus on Bundled Contracts

Mr. Osborn summarized the topic and challenges with the current language in 801.18 which states the following: *Each construction sign, barricade, temporary worksite speed limit sign assembly, road closure sign assembly, or flashing arrow sign will be **paid for only once regardless of how many times each is***

moved, replaced, or how many times each is altered to change the sign message. Payment will not be made for signs or barricades used for the convenience of the Contractor.

Mr. Mueller stated that one issue is that temporary signs remain in place during extended non-work periods. The committee discussed how this matter relates to another Joint Cooperative topic of “partial acceptance”. Mr. Osborn stated that the majority of feedback on this topic is related to bundled contracts that contain multiple separate locations. He asked , in light of bidders’ desire to submit the lowest total bid, should the Committee suggest that temporary sign quantities for each location are included in bundled contracts. The issue with that suggestion could be that a contractor might install all signs at once in an effort to be paid earlier.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Osborn stated that the INDOT Program Delivery division would like feedback about adding scheduled letting dates possibly beginning in fiscal year 2021 (beginning July, 2020). They would also like to know if there is additional information that contractors would like to see corresponding to the 18 month letting list.