

# **2018 ADC50 Mid-Year Meeting**

## **Lakewood, Colorado**

### **Committee Meeting**

**July 15, 2018, 2:00-3:30pm**

#### **Introduction of Committee Members and Guests**

Emily Pettis opened the meeting with thanks to FHWA for the accommodations and a reminder that this year's meeting will be different from previous years as the committee now has to follow TRB rules and restrictions.

#### **Meeting Overview**

Reception this evening will be sponsored by several consultants at Old Chicago at 6:30. The meeting on Monday and Tuesday begins at 8:30 at FHWA headquarters. No tour on Wednesday, but Stephanie put together recommendations for day trips, provided in the bags.

#### **FHWA Updates (David Clarke and Owen Lindauer)**

David welcomed the group to the summer ADC50 meeting and thanked everyone for the collaboration needed to pull it all together.

#### **Announcement**

Mandy Ranslow is the new ACHP FHWA liaison. The position includes special projects and other major endeavors both in backlog and for future projects. More information will be provided about upcoming endeavors at the January meeting. Sarah Stokely is still the point of contact for FHWA and will be as they transition Mandy into her new role. Mandy may be the direct contact for all FHWA projects and Sarah may be direct for NEPA assignment states. A formal decision will be forthcoming.

#### **To the consultants**

David is putting together a project regarding Puerto Rico. Before the hurricane, there was a cultural resources PA in the works, but now there isn't a capacity to draft a new agreement. FHWA will be issuing a new RFP to work with David to draft a new PA. They will be looking for a consultant that has bilingual capacity and experience working in Puerto Rico.

#### **NCHRP 25-25 program changes**

David currently sits on the program committee. Looking forward to hearing about the studies and encourages everyone to keep up with the research coming out.

FAST Act – Section 106, FRA/FTA exemption program comment is completed. Submitted to the ACHP and will be up later this month for vote by council members. It will go in the federal register in the fall, if approved. One prong: similar to a minor project PA with expedited process. Other prong: sponsor-led approach where the sponsor can look at everything in an area once and clear it, similar to how the highway exemption occurred. The latter is intended to help the industry look at full corridors at once. There's a nine-month timeframe to provide guidance after its approved.

If you have questions about NEPA assignment, talk to Owen.

Owen mentioned that he was working with Nebraska DOT about a CE assignment. One strategy they're using is a series of agreements for different kinds of actions that have thresholds (based on project types) but if the tolerances are met, they do no environmental review at all. Now they're being modified under NEPA assignment; this is a broad approach that captures not only 106, but other aspects of the review process. Very short form that indicates they've met certain tolerances. What's different is that it's holistic, not just 106 exemptions. There's a push to do less from the Administration—costs time and money—so the idea of reducing effort may be something that's going to be more common in the future. Tony explained that there are similar efforts in Virginia. Colorado has a program that allows non-cultural to review if a project meets specific criteria but explained that it is often confusing and isn't that efficient.

New chairperson for ACHP was nominated but not confirmed. If there's something going for council comment or signature, David can help make sure things move quickly;— they can still act in the same capacity. But note that there are changes going on in the Council. No changes to e-106 portal yet. Any changes will be announced in the listserv.

### **Regulatory Updates**

NEPA process has been modified; FHWA issued new rulemaking notice to update the provisions but the final rulemaking hasn't come out. Took some time, in part because FRA adopted the process and needed to be included. It's still pending. Changes include some from the FAST Act; others that came out of a process that requested a review of regulations that are out of date or need updating. Changes will come out in 774, including some changes to Section 4(f) (like FRA adopting 4(f)). Few other things have been cleaned up, clarified, or expanded. Not changing the prudent/feasible standards, but the changes are more minor except for the railroad comment.

Owen is working with a consultant on a new NHI seminar about advanced NEPA decision making – from the smallest to the most difficult. Includes some crossovers when weighing impacts, critical thinking, the whole decision-making process, and the importance of being informed. Anticipated to come out 6-10 months from now. Ira pointed out that in the PA, the key is coordination, and that timing and information sharing is important. The balance between the progress of design and not foreclosing decisions is difficult. Owen mentioned that there is a lot of room for design until the design is final, but acknowledged that the lack of information is difficult. There's a lot of corporate knowledge about to retire and the idea of decision making seems basic but people don't get trained in it. And with more states taking on NEPA assignment, there'll be more decisions at the state level than before. Stephanie noted that she sees this helping mid- or late in their career. Not early in their careers. It is different from the other NEPA class.

### **SCOE and NCHRP Updates (Tony Opperman)**

Not much update on SCOE, but name changed: AASHTO Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainability. Their meeting is occurring concurrently in Spokane.

NCHRP 25-25: There are a lot of projects going on at the same time (10 or 11) because there was a large delay in contracting projects. It's a mix of backlog and new projects. The last 25-25 projects are:

- Task 114 – harnessing tribal knowledge
- Task 116 – state DOT recommendations for additional comments and exemptions
- Task 118 – workhorse bridges in rural historic districts

They have subset 25-25. Now it's just NCHRP (no longer any subsets). In the past, task panels for 25-25 were assembled by SCOE. Now, they adhere to the rules for panel nominations for NCHRP, which includes a formal announcement for nominations and then NCHRP decides who they are. David is on all panels as the FHWA liaison but he doesn't pick the panels. Tony is hoping that at least the person who wrote the problem statement is on the panel.

R&I votes on NCHRP project funding; it is made up of DOT executives heads of research units. Not selling environmental project to environmental people. It's a much different audience now. Removing the statements from the stakeholders; have to write the statements differently. November 1, 2018, deadline for submitting proposals. R&I meets in January. Announcements will be announced in April. R&I has made it clear that they're willing to fund small-scope, short-duration projects like the 25-25 projects. There was success in the last round, with R&I funding 4 projects with environmental topics (postwar commercial properties in transportation project development). June 15, 2018 was the deadline for panel applications. Want the panel to be a diverse representative of geography and expertise and academics and experience. Tony has a PowerPoint available with this information.

#### **ADC50 Subcommittee Updates**

- Programs Subcommittee, chaired by Mary Alfson Tinsman
- 2019 Annual Meeting (Theme – *Transportation for a Smart, Sustainable, and Equitable Future*; January 13-17)
  - Workshop – Emergency Undertakings and Historic Properties: Assessing Measures for Dealing with Unanticipated and/or Catastrophic Events
    - Sunday from 9am-noon. Led by Stephanie but looking for help. Stephanie is doing a similar workshop about culturally appropriate tribal communication during catastrophes. There were issues like this in Puerto Rico. Tony mentioned that he and Margaret Buss did a workshop at an annual meeting that may have some information that's helpful. Recommended reaching out to FEMA. Lisa Schoch mentioned that Colorado revised their stipulations after 2015 floods to address this issue. Deepwater Horizon oil spill – TX hired translators to go into non-English-speaking communities. Plan to schedule a call with volunteers in late August to plan the workshop.
  - Sessions : October 1<sup>st</sup> – deadline for submitting session information to TRB.
    - Preservation of Historic Covered Bridges, Christopher Marston

- How Much is Too Much – Historic Bridge Rehabilitation  
Concept – at what point is it not rehabilitation and is replacement. Still looking for someone to step up and lead this, though they do have some names. Kristin Zschomler offered to help if she can attend. David Clarke volunteered. PennDOT will be brought in. Maybe in the winter it should be a Panel discussion, then lead to a summer session with papers/cases. Tony recommended asking a structural engineer to participate. David noted that states do it so differently all over the place – no consistency.
    - Poster Session – plan to try another poster session. Would like a volunteer to take over the poster session. Linda Henderson, TxDOT, volunteered.
  - Future Mid-Year Meeting Venues – discussed TRB parameters and options:
    - Option 1: Space has to be provided at no cost. Absolutely no contracts can be signed.
    - Option 2: TRB to organize. ADC40 had TRB organize their 2018 meeting at TRB headquarters in Washington DC. The registration fee was \$455. The advantage is that TRB did it all.
    - Option 3: On the cheap – do it at one of TRB’s three facilities (California, DC, Cape Cod) or a FHWA facility (Lakewood, Vancouver WA, Virginia, DC).
    - Next year is going to be similar to this model (free) in Richmond, Virginia
    - 2020 is TRB mega meeting planned. Hadn’t selected a location yet but committee has expressed that we do not want to participate.
    - For states interested in future hosting opportunities: Plan for Sunday through Tuesday with two tracks (2 rooms). This year attendance is 60, usually 75-80 but as many as 120. Often depends on location, cost, topics. Plan for 75-100. NO CONTRACTS; only TRB staff can sign anything. A partner organization has to be vetted and approved by TRB. Also try to keep in mind the location – free is great but it may be hard or expensive to get to the free facility. Maybe look at Western Federal Lands in the Pacific NW.
    - Folks are encouraged to contact Christy Gerencher at TRB to voice concerns about the restrictions imposed by TRB. Hoping that there’s a middle-ground.
- Communications Subcommittee, chaired by Hope Luhman
- Website, Twitter (#ADC50CO), LinkedIn, Blog.

- Bob Newbery explained that his part of the Blog contribution is a history of the committee. The goal is to develop a corporate memory – where's the next generation and how are they linked to ADC50. Gradually developing selection criteria for interviewees, plans for passing along institutional information, etc. Seeking volunteers to be interviewed and for interviewers.
- Research Needs Subcommittee, chaired by Tony Opperman (meeting to follow)
- Tribal Archaeology and Historic Preservation Subcommittee, chaired by Stephanie Stoermer
- Stephanie mentioned that there's still interest in the committee. ADE80 is in flux because the T-TAP program has gone away. It's difficult to bring in tribal interest and difficult to bring tribal participation to meetings due to costs. Hopeful that the annual meeting will bring more participation from tribal participants
- Blue Ribbon Committee Update  
No update. Looking for a project to showcase – like the history of the committee project. Will not submit an application in 2018.
- Other Business
  - David recommended getting young committee members actively engaged in programs and projects, including an assignment tied to the membership.
  - Bob recommended a book, *Bending the Future*, a series of essays on Historic Preservation.

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