

NEBPP MEETING MINUTES

September 1, 2020



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PREVIOUS TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

- Motion for August meeting minutes approved.

RESEARCH

- There are 41 university transportation centers (UTC) established under the Fast Act with funding through FY23. There are 6 theme or subject areas covered by these centers. Two of these themes, improving durability and extending life of transportation infrastructure and preserving the existing transportation system, appear appropriate to house research on bridge

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preservation. Tripp had students do a scan of research work the UTC are performing and found there are 215 completed/on-going projects. Tripp scanned through these projects and found 15 bridge preservation related projects based on a first scan. Tripp has compiled spreadsheet and will send it out to the partnership.

- There was discussion of approaching UTC to partner in completing partnership priority research projects. Dick offered to approach Rutgers, which is a UTC.

2021 REGIONAL MEETINGS AND 2020 LIVE VIRTUAL EVENTS

- 2021 NEBPP meeting will be held Oct 12-14 in Harrisburg, PA. no penalty for postponing the meeting from 2020 to 2021.
- Times and locations for other 2021 Regional meetings have been finalized. Save the date flyers will be sent out once contracts are signed.
- Four national webinars and four panel session devoted to specific topics are planned from September through December.
- 120 minutes total for each webinar, panel sessions will be about 90 minutes.
- Each webinar will include three to four 25-minute presentations. Most presentation and panel slots have been filled.
- Questions to be submitted to a moderator
- John will be sending out agenda/matrix of topics, panels, etc.
- There will be a planning meeting prior to each session.

LOCAL AGENCY/BRIDGE PRESERVATION FUNDING TASK GROUP

- Bridge preservation expert task group is looking at how to increase local agency funding for bridge preservation
- Brief survey on funding sources for bridge preservation sent to local agencies in late August. To date, 280 responses have been received. 85% of responses came from only 1/3 of the states.
- Rod suggest providing Local County Engineer's Association contact information to John to increase survey participation.
- Paul Schwartz suggested approach National Association of City Engineers.

OFFICES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Partnership voted to maintain current officers and board in existing positions for another year.

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TREASURY

- Current Balance – No change (Last update \$75,819.09)
- Volunteer Contributions – Discussion of reaching out to states not currently participating.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

- No new items posted. Continuing to work on making user friendly.

WORKING GROUP REPORT OUTS

- **Bridge Management**-Working on summarizing recently collected survey data.

TRAINING:

- No updates.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING & ADJOURN:

- Topic for Next Meeting – Ben and Rod working presentation focused on PPE.
- September planning call is cancelled.
- Next monthly conference call meeting scheduled on **October 6, 2020 at 10 AM**