



NEBPP Conference Call Minutes

December 6, 2022

1. Roll Call

- Attendees: Al Kenz, Allen Scarborough, Aslam Siddiqui, Barritt Lovelace, Ben Foster, Casey Rafter, Cecil Kincaid, Christopher Seman, Daniel Myers, Darlene Lane, David Hiscox, Drew Garceau, Gerald Oliveto, Greg Heilman, Gregg Freeman, Jake B, James H. Flynn, Jason Arndt, Jen Hawkins, Jeremy Salvatori, Jonathan Sirianni, Karim Naji, Kevin Hussain, Levi Byers, Mary Baker, Naeem Qureshi, Nancy Huether, Paul Schwartz, Raj Ailaney, Rich Van Allen, Tim Boodey, Tim Woolery, Todd Shields, Tom Collins, Tom McAndrews, Tripp Shenton, Stephen Ritcher

2. Motion to Approve Previous Teleconference Minutes

- Motion – Tim Boodey
- Second – Tripp Shenton
- No discussion
- Passed unanimously

3. Discussion Topic: Asset Management – Ben Foster/Paul Schwartz

- Asset Management Peer Exchange
 - Where in the organization is asset management housed and who is responsible
 - ME DOT – Results and Information Office (RIO) – right next door to main office. Used to be in the office of planning, but RIO marries bridge and highway management and is fast to respond. Other assets are housed in the multi-modal or traffic offices. Bridge management engineer with a staff of 2 and lead to develop work plan. Ben is responsible for the maintenance work plan for bridges. Use AssetWise software – maintenance and capital work is housed there.
 - PA DOT – BridgeCare bridge management system. Needs a lot of data to make it run, but is very powerful; gives suggestions but need to override at times. Deck condition rating doesn't reflect condition of the deck well; so hard to program off that data without element data. Asset Management Division in Harrisburg; collecting more data than what Feds need. Can capture every bit of preservation and maintenance on a bridge (can pull from capital projects).
 - Del DOT – Bridge maintenance engineer, Jason, decides and overviews what bridges and what projects are needed. Mostly based on year and time of last treatment and then inspections to confirm. Understanding which bridges don't have any redundancy. Don't usually have condition states or NBIs that push a project forward unless there's a real issue. Based on time and access and concurrent projects. Bundle whenever possible.



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1. WA – use backlog report to sell to legislature. How far behind are we on our maintenance.
2. ME – every 7 years, e.g. inspections; scour. Show good/fair/poor to legislature
3. Trade-off analysis is a popular term; perhaps stealing from pavements.
4. NYCDOT- if poor condition it is in the capital plan
- Short term vs Long term analysis
 1. Indiana – entered into agreement with FHWA for maintenance and preservation work. Popular in the Midwest for maintenance and preservation work in the TIP. Deck sealing, overlays, painting
 2. WA – prefers money goes to major projects.
 3. General capital work.

4. Update on National/Regional Meeting:

- Regional Meeting
 - Call for presentations being sent to state agencies in January
- NDE Meeting
- National Meeting

5. NCPP Update:

- Evaluating the Industry Fee amount

6. Treasury:

- Current treasury balance (\$75,319.09).
 - Awaiting a few expense reimbursements to be submitted
 - Update coming for next meeting

7. Volunteer Contributions:

- On TSP2 website
- 2023 request being sent in July

8. Partnership Business Topics/List of Action items:

- Topics for Future Calls
- Jan 2 Off? Change Agenda Call time for January?
 - Hold call on January 5th
- Any other items/issues that someone would like to discuss?



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9. Working Group Report Outs:

- Inspection Working Group

10. Possible Future Presentations or Discussion Topics:

- Date TBD - Paul Schwartz, NYC DOT, and Gerald Oliveto, NJ DOT, - Use of Space Under Bridge Spans
- Issues with Performing Inspections over Amtrak
- How are States dealing with MASH requirements?
- States managing budget cuts due to COVID-19.
- Depth of Shear Key in concrete planks
- Discuss the revisions to the standards for the NBIS.
- What evaluation process do States use to determine which decks to selected for replacement?
- Policies/procedures for repairing impact damage to bridges.
- Share experiences with the usage of Unmanned Aircraft Systems for inspection.
- Discuss the new FHWA Interim Final Rule for Indefinite Delivery and Indefinite Quantity contraction for Federal-Aid Construction
- Stimulus Funding
- Have any states tried using Federally funded contracts to perform maintenance repairs to bridges? Possible options that I know of:
 - Indefinite Delivery and Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) construction contracts
 - Special Experimental Projects No. 14 (SEP-14) innovative contracting to perform construction activities under a Time and Material (T&M) contract – Maryland has used recently since the pandemic occurred.
- How are states planning to use the future stimulus funding from the federal government? How will the state get local bridge owners to participate? This topic could be later in the year once more guidance is provided from FHWA.
- CSX Working over Railroads – January
- New Deck Cracking-EDC 7 – February
- Lane Closures and Police Protection – March
- Recruitment and Retention – April
- BIL Funding and RAYS Grant - May

Next Meeting & Adjourn:

- Next Planning Meeting conference call is tentatively scheduled for **January 5, 2023 at 10:00 PM.**
- Next Monthly Conference Call is tentatively scheduled for **January 3, 2023 at 10:00 AM.**