Southeast Bridge Preservation Partnership



June 3, 2020, Teleconference (One Hour)

1. Attendees

Name	Organization
Allen Scarborough	AZZ
Brian Mintz	Phoscrete
Chad Robinson	West Virginia DOT
Chris Keegan	Washington DOT
Daniel Jones	Alabama DOT
Darlene Lane	NCPP
David Brodowski	Inventure Group
David Heilman	JET Filter Systems
Ed Welch	NCPP
Graham Bettis	Texas DOT
Greg Heilman	JET Filter Systems
Jeff Milton	Virginia DOT
Jeff Pouliotte	Florida DOT
John Hooks	NCPP
Kyle Bartfay	Phoscrete
Lorella Angelini	Angelini Consulting Services
Michael Hill	Arkansas DOT
Michael Sprinkel	Virginia DOT
Nicholas Pierce	North Carolina
Pat Martens	Bridge Preservation
Phil Garner	Phoscrete
Raj Ailaney	FHWA
Steven Austin	Texas DOT

Thomas Quinn	Tennessee DOT
Tim Sherrill	North Carolina DOT

- 2. John Hooks gave an update on the 2020 meeting and need to start planning for a virtual option. All 4 regions are having their monthly call this week. John's goal for this meeting today is what SE group would like to see for virtual meeting.
- 3. Approval of minutes from May 6, 2020
 - a. Brian Mintz made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jeff Milton and the motion was carried.
- 4. Brian Mintz presented on Covid-19 Obstacles Faced by Industry
 - a. April orders went down as some states funds were frozen and travel bans went into place.
 - b. Mid May through Summer went to work from home and states appear to still have budget constraints.
 - c. Long Term there are many questions on re-opening, travel, conferences.
 - d. Industry is having to work around travel restrictions and work from home environment to find ways to introduce new technology and products.
 - e. Possible solutions involve monthly regional and working group calls, encouraging staff to dedicate time to communicate with vendors and suppliers.
 - f. Industry in utilizing FaceTime, Zoom, etc to provide on-site installation support.
 - g. To help industry, one option would be to specify products to evaluate performance.
 - h. Industry remains available for engineering support.
- 5. Group discussed local outreach.
 - a. Greg Heilman mentioned he was new to the group and was interested in local outreach to counties.
 - b. Ed discussed the Outreach to Local Agencies working group. Ed mentioned that this working group activity is picking up. One challenge with local agency participation is funding for travel. Daniel Jones discussed that this would be an opportunity to encourage local agency participation. John Hooks mentioned that

the virtual meetings will be advertised to local agencies and other elements of the DOT. Ensuring that the conference is well advertised would help gain participation.

- 6. Group discussed ways for vendors to make contacts and advertise services or products.
 - a. Greg Heilman inquired about how JET Filter Systems can present to a larger group. Jeff Pouliotte proposed that Greg reach out to states for list of local governments. Jeff Pouliotte discussed training on procedures. Training could be live and that it could be published on a website with contact information for follow-up demonstration.
 - b. Ed Welch discussed that some of our more successful presentations have been case studies and encouraged partnerships.
 - c. Graham discussed that one option that has been successful has been reaching out to new people through familiar contacts to ask for an introduction.
 - d. Jeff Pouliotte suggested that vendors put together a good technical package to pass along to others in the agency or for local agencies.
 - e. Ed Welch emphasized the importance of having a strong person serving as the local agency director. Paul Schwartz and Pat Connor recently joined and are doing well.
- 7. Group discussed 2021 partnership meeting
 - a. Darlene shared that airlines have refunded tickets
 - b. Darlene will be working on refunding sponsors contributions and payment but it will take some time as she is working on both bridge and payement conference.
 - c. Mike shared that we can still have the 2021 meeting in Arkansas but will need to start looking at dates. Late March or early April would be preferred.
- 8. Group discussed consolidating partnership meetings for 2020.
 - a. Graham proposed 2 or 3 days in a row with up to 90 minutes or 2 hour sessions to avoid participation fatigue.
 - b. Mike discussed preference for panel discussions with topics distributed before the panel. Panel could be composed of owners, designers, and suppliers. Panel could be organized to allow

- discussion by panel members followed by Q&A through chat managed by a moderator.
- c. Brian proposed that meeting could be in the form of a series of weekly meetings rather than a consolidated meeting.
- d. John and Ed will gage interest from each partnership and then meet with chairs to discuss path forward. John would like to schedule a meeting with chairs for the week of June 8th.
- e. Next SEBPP agenda planning meeting is June 17th.
 - i. Group will try to nail down the 2021 date in that meeting.
- 9. Working Group Report Outs
 - a. No working group reports were provided.
- 10. Treasury:
 - a. No update on treasury was provided.
- 11. Next Monthly Meetings
 - a. Agenda Planning meeting: June 17, 2020, 10 a.m. EST
 - b. Monthly Meeting: July 1, 2020, 10:00 a.m. EST
- 12. Adjourn

Research (Listing only active projects)

- NCHRP 12-115 "Guides for Risk Based Inspection and Strength Evaluation of Suspension Bridge Main Cable Systems" Research Agency: Modjeski & Masters Inc. Research in progress Estimated completion date: April 13, 2021.
- NCHRP Project 14-36 "Proposed AASHTO Guide for Bridge Preservation Actions". Research Agency: University of Colorado Boulder Research in progress Estimated completion date: April 30, 2019.
- NCHRP Project 20-05/Topic 50-03 "Use of Weigh-in-Motion Data for Improving Pavement, Bridge, Weight Enforcement and Freight Logistics Practices" Research Agency: University of Texas at Austin Research in progress Estimated completion date: May 2020.
- NCHRP Project 20-05/Topic 50-12 "Development and Use of As Built Plans by State DOTs" Research Agency: University of Kentucky Research in progress

Training

NCPP Bridge Preservation Training for Local Agencies Web Based

130106A Bridge Preservation Fundamentals

130106B Establishing a Bridge Preservation Program Based

130106C Communication Strategies for Bridge Preservation

130109A Bridge Management Fundamentals (web-based prerequisite for the four-day instructor-led training course)

130109B Performance Based Management of Bridge Highways

130107A Fundamentals of Bridge Management

Instructor Led

130108 Bridge Maintenance

130106A Introduction to Transportation Asset Management

130106B Developing a Transportation Asset Management Plan

130091B Underwater Bridge repair, Rehabilitation, and Countermeasures