

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY/NDOT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ROADWAY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 6, 2008
10:00 AM
NDOT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING RM. 301
1263 SOUTH STEWART ST.

- Opening Remarks, Introductions

Sign in sheet is attached

- Discuss Subcommittee purpose and background

Jim and Gary provide background on the main committee and purpose of the subcommittee

- Topics of Discussion From Main committee

Review list of topics provided by main committee, first topic select was NDOT Contract Plans

- NDOT Contract Plans

Do contractors see a difference in NDOT verse Consultant Plans?

Generally 3R plans done by consultants more detailed which helps with bidding

Generally consultant plans follow same format on larger project.

Plan preparation guide issued by design may be helping with the consistency of the plans

Quantities accuracy on all plans has improved. Ndot Design squads cross check quantities now. Consultant required to have their own QA

Quantity break downs/bid items in NDOT plans helps contractors give lower bid

Earthwork quantities still an issue on most large earthwork jobs. Need to take into effect required phasing.

Can NDOT do anything to have better plans?

Beneficial to have photo under lays on urban projects. NDOT use to do this but stop due to software problems.

Project closeout meetings.

Since Construction started doing project close out meeting valuable information is getting back to the design squads. Contractors would like to attend to provide input also.

X-section

important information to Contractors not only for quantity calculation but also for evaluating phasing options

Engineer estimate with unit costs

Allows Contractors to look for cost difference to identify problem areas.

Allows Contractors to identify large \$ items early in bidding process and to concentrate on them.

Traffic Control

Need to be more clear in specifications when specific items will be required. Such as drums on the interstate or PPBR to protect drop offs or opposing traffic.

Full traffic control plans give contractor understanding of how NDOT expect work will be done. Allows the contractor to see the constructability issue that the Designer saw. TC plans never a waste even if they are changed because they give a starting point.

Limitation have been reasonable. Work zone lengths and work hour limitations are usually for the public. Contractors understand this but NDOT should understand that ever limitation has a cost.

- work plan/assignments

Steve Merrill will contact IS about the required software for photo underlays

Jeff Cobb will change invitation to have RE's invite Contractor's rep to meeting

Gary Selmi will get with Admin. To see what needs to be done to make electronic x-sections available without going through the RFI process.

Gary selmi to talk to Jim Souba about continuing to have Engineers estimates available

Jeff Cobb, Gary Isman will look into the lump sum specification for areas that can be made clearer

- Future meetings

next meeting July 18th at 10:00. Gary will set up video conference from Carson, Las Vegas and Winnemucca.. Next months topic will be Fuel escalation clause.