

ACEC-Maine Highway Subcommittee Startup Discussion
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Maine DOT - Augusta

Attendees:

Jeff Andrews ACEC Maine
Jerry Casey MDOT

I met with Jerry Casey to discuss the formation of a joint Highway Subcommittee as part of the overall Maine DOT/ ACEC Maine Joint Committee. The following items summarize the discussion held and the agreements/actions to be taken.

- Jerry feels the biggest problem that the Urban and Arterials group faces is the lack of consistency with quality service. There are too many quality failures in plan production and agreement between plans, specifications and estimate. Constructability issues are also too prevalent. Jerry wants to develop a better system to improve these issues.
- Overall consultants rate a 6 or 7 on a scale of 10. Internal MDOT staff rates the same.
- Part of the quality problems seem to be related to too much focus on schedule.
- Jerry indicated that MDOT subcommittee members would be himself as Co-Chair, George MacDougall, Shawn Smith and either Jim Manzir or Steve Landry from Traffic.
- Jerry agreed that joint training should be a priority and that the Subcommittee should plan on developing a Best Practices guide at some point.
- I indicated that ACEC- Maine would be represented by Kathy Kern from Mactec as Co-Chair, Kevin Ducharme from T.Y. Lin, Jeff McEwen from HNTB, and Tony Grande from VHB.
- We agreed the first official Highway Subcommittee meeting should be scheduled for the end of May. **Jeff will have Kathy contact Jerry to set up the meeting and set the specific meeting agenda.**