

MCA - MDT Highway Technical Meeting  
December 11, 2024 – in Person and Video Conference

**JOINT MEETING – 2:00 PM**

Participants:

**MDT:**

Matney Juntunen

Christopher Trautmann

Joe Green

John MacMillan

Doug McBroom

Kathy Terrio

Megan Handl

Jeremy Wilde

Maghan Strachan

Russ Gaub

Bill Felton

**MCA:**

Kerry Gray

Brad Newcomb

## **MCA New Business**

### **1. Traffic Control Update – recap of spec changes**

- a. MacMillan discussed final specification changes being posted. Smith discussed concerns from contractors. Gray area mitigated by stating that EPMs will fine instead of “may”. Wilde discussed fine for any nonconformance with the specification, not just category 2. The fine will not be stacked.

### **2. Portable Temporary Traffic Control Signal**

- a. ????? Wilde discussed researching this further to gain a better understanding of the issue. Looking into towable units. Information will be shared with Wilde.

### **3. Force Accounts – Misc item fixed cost**

- a. Fisher discussed force accounts and not being fully compensated. Redfern discussed having lower mark ups on bids. Beal discussed that spec does allow for a contractor to get more than 80% now (?).

## **MDT New Business**

### **1. MDT Staff Changes (Randy Boysen, Darin Reynolds)**

- a. MacMillan discussed staff changes. Darin moving to over bridge bureau.

### **2. DBE Status Updates**

- a. Bidders list data/subcontractor report
  - i. Strachan discussed the subcontractor report and changes made several months ago to include additional information. Final rule change in May. Next step is to collect that information at the time of bid instead of only getting that information from the apparent low bidder. MDT is targeting Feb 20 letting for this change.
- b. 2024 DBE Shortfall & Corrective Action
  - i. Strachan discussed remaining race neutral through the year. More changes are needed to make sure that we are meeting the goals. Several businesses are eligible for the DBE program that are not enrolled in the DBE program. If you know of a business that you think might be eligible, please send them our way. Proposing to increase SBE goals and to have SBE goals on more projects. If bidder information is not provided, will bid be deemed non-responsive. MDT advised yes. Gaub expressed concerns over how difficult it can be to get this information.
- c. Upcoming networking events & training

- i. Strachan discussed last year's events and several more coming up. Next one is January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting in conjunction with the MCA Annual Convention. Another event on Feb 13 in Butte. Last event will be in March for the Billings district.
- d. DBE status: goal and current participation
  - i. Strachan discussed DBE goal for 2025 is 6.3% and currently at 0.7%.

## **Old Business**

### **1. Structural Bolting Update**

- a. Beal discussed upcoming spec changes on this item. Hands on demonstration and training in the future.

### **2. Drilled Shaft Special Provision**

- a. Tooley asked if this was previously discussed and where the change came from. Tooley discussed/questioned why this wasn't brought up in Highway Tech meeting to discuss before changed? MT Lines came up with a solution on a specific project and they oppose that being shared with competitors. This special provision seems to have been slipped in without discussions. **Beal discussed ??**

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm. Next meeting is Feb 26, 2025.