

MCA - MDT Highway Technical Meeting
December 10, 2025 – in Person and Video Conference

JOINT MEETING – 2:00 PM

Participants:

MDT:

Dave Gates – MDT
Randy Boysen – MDT
Matt Needham – MDT
Clarissa Martin – MDT
Michelle Wheat – MDT
Dustin Rouse – MDT
John MacMillan – MDT
Joe Green – MDT
Michele Morgenroth – MDT
Rich Hibel – MDT
Spencer Troxell – MDT
James Sullivan – MDT
Shane Pegram – MDT
Paul Cogley – MDT
Carissa Yedica – FHWA
Mike Dodge – MDT
Jeff Jackson – MDT
Michael Mehrens – MDT
Dean Jones – MDT
Chad Mozol – MDT
Patrick Lane – MDT
Carlos Osorio – Haul Hub
Matthew Strizich – FHWA
Luke Francis – MDT
Darrell Williams – MDT
David Cunningham – MDT
Stephen McEvoy – MDT
Regina Beiber – MDT
Jeffrey Harrison – MDT

MCA:

Nicole Hanni – MCA
David Smith – MCA
Solomon Redfern – MT Materials & Const
Ross Fulton – Fisher Sand & Gravel
Clinton Habel – Riverside Contracting
Mack Long – Knife River
David Anderson – United Materials
Ian McIntosh – Sletten?
Hal Fuglevand – Knife River
Guy Slaybaugh – Century Companies
Pat Bomgardner – MT Lines
Jason Kreth – MT Materials & Construction
Russ Gaub – Riverside Contracting
Cassie Crosby – Riverside Contracting
Tim Anderson – Bridger Precast
Sam Weyers – LHC
Zac Zupan – Sletten
Ben Becker – Sundt
Cale Fisher – Riverside Contracting
Deb Poteet – Poteet Construction

Specifications

No standard specifications to review.

MCA New Business

1. Timely close-out of projects
 - a. Redfern discussed this ongoing issue that is similar to QA results being delivered late. Redfern shared he has noticed that payments are coming in 2-3 weeks later than usual. For example, Redfern questioned if a Sod Cert really is needed to close out the project. Slaybaugh shared experiences where projects go through audit for close out, and a hit list is developed. One item is submitted, then nothing for long amounts of time. Can an entire list of issues be submitted at the same time to wrap these projects up quicker? Boysen shared that every project is audited to make sure it matches the agreement with FHWA. Gates discussed summarizing hit list in one shot to open transparency and how MDT can take ownership with this issue. Zupan shared he waited over a year for a hit list to close out a project. Slaybaugh shared idea of using ICEX (WY DOT) to help with this. Rouse talked with ND and how successful they have been with that software. Haul Hub is also working on a solution.
2. Timely QA results-
 - a. Redfern discussed making sure that MDT has skin in the game when these things take years. Gates shared challenges that this is mostly project specific and hard to have one size fits all. MCA members feel that if MDT doesn't provide results in a specific timeline, then the contractor should not be hit with a penalty. MacMillan shared that some test results take time to get back, but not others. Redfern shared that a lot of these issues are based on districts and staffing at MDT. Redfern shared that sometimes these results take YEARS, not months and that is hard to pass onto a subcontractor or a supplier. Rouse agreed that results shouldn't take years and asked Redfern if he has specs from other states. Long shared that Utah DOT has a spec for test results. Rouse shared his concerns about talking to EPMs and figuring out a way to track these results. Slaybaugh shared an example of EPMs telling him QA results aren't needed when there aren't deducts. A year later, on the same project, results came in and deducts applied. Gaub shared that his results were not in AASHTOWARE and assessed a large penalty over curbed sidewalks. Real time tests can help with situations, but they don't help with the delayed results not coming in for years. If differences surface between tests, then that opens up the opportunity to discuss. Martin shared Utah's spec that they have 7 days to share results. MCA will work on draft specs to share with MDT.

MDT New Business

1. N/A

Old Business

1. E-ticketing
 - a. Starting this summer, e-ticketing will begin with all plant mixes. Lane shared partnership with Haul Hub who has an alliance with AASHTOWARE. Several projects were tested this year with positive results. Carlos with Haul Hub provided a demo on new system.

Ad-Hoc

1. Redfern questioned 2026 tentative bidding list and where to find on MDTs website. Letting list might shift when one is removed or added back in. At this point, MDT doesn't plan to do any CMGC projects based on the letting list already determined.
2. Smith shared information on the federal funding and document provided to group.
3. DBE: Michelle shared that MDT had until 3rd of November to submit comments. Several FAQs have helped. MDT has advised all DBEs that they can recertify. Only goals at this point are aspirational, and only SBEs have these assigned.
4. Prevailing Wage Rates Letter: Rates have been posted and rates are going down. Please be sure to share comments.
5. Rouse: Rep. Sprunger HB 672 Utility Rule Making Hearing is this Friday. Comments needed to be submitted by follow week.

2026 MEETINGS:

February 18

April 15

June 10

October 10

December 9

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm. Next meeting is 2/17/2026.