

MoDOT/Industry COVID-19 Weekly Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2020

Action Items from July 1, 2020 Meeting:

- **Discussion of June receipts** - Director McKenna reported the following June revenue receipts:
 - Fuel (Gas and Diesel) was -\$10.5m. *(This is representative of April)*
 - Motor vehicle sales tax was +\$8 million. *(This is representative of May)*
 - Motor vehicle and license fees was +\$4.6 million

To date, this has resulted in total revenues being \$37.9 million LESS than planned for the fiscal year 2020 which ended with June.

Agenda Items:

- **Shared Work Program** – We have experienced two projects over this last week that experienced workers with positive tests. The protocols are being followed. MoDOT will adjust a contractor's schedule, as needed, to address these issues.
 - MoDOT has heard some concerns from the contractors about the impacts of 32-hour work schedules. The CM Division is communicating with inspection staff the need to plan and communicate with the contractors, plan for emergency inspection coverage, and build in overlapping inspection work schedules in order to cover the priority items of work.
- **Contract status:**
 - Of the \$360 million in projects that were put on hold from lettings, approximately \$250 million have been directed to move forward. The largest project included in this is the Buck O'Neal bridge in Kansas City.
 - The Design Division is preparing the September – October letting schedule now based on what we know about revenue receipts.
 - We have seen delays in areas of R/W acquisition, court actions and even other agencies, due to COVID, which will impact lettings, but we are working on a plan for the balance of the calendar year and also intend to re-schedule those projects that were initially delayed in the April, May, and June lettings.
 - Contractors continue to complete a record amount of work as compared to 2019. From January – June, contractors have been paid \$379 million as compared to \$263 million in 2019. This is about a 44% increase.
 - For just the month of June, contractors were paid \$109 million as compared to \$87 million in 2019 or an increase of 25%.
- **Traffic data** – The latest traffic data is included in the minutes.

Director's update:

- MoDOT continues to see improper social distancing and minimal mask usage on construction projects and needs the associations to re-enforce the importance. We don't want to experience work shutdowns which impact the economy and the workers' income.
- Industry reported the challenges for workers wearing masks in these hot and humid times. Individual contractors need to weigh their risks as non-conformance to the CDD guidelines may impede the work and worker pay.

Roundtable discussion:

- It was reported that the union contract expires with the Operators Union #513 at midnight July 15. This could impact the eastern side of Missouri.
- It is expected that for most cases, MoDOT staff will not be involved in face-to-face meetings through the end of August, but more likely much longer.
- Contractors appreciate the information on the revenue and upcoming lettings as they are now making decisions on business planning and equipment purchases. There is now a much longer lag in delivery for equipment.

The next meeting will be on July 30, 2020 at 1:00.