ACEC / SW WA Public Agency Liaison Meeting & Presentation

Bus on Shoulder Study & Pilot Project for SR-14 and I-205

The Bus on Shoulder (BOS) Feasibility Study is evaluating one of several strategies that the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (RTC) is studying to manage congestion. The I-205 Access and Operations Study recommendations called for examining the potential of buses using the freeway shoulder during times of heavy congestion.

The BOS concept is one key operational strategy that is beginning adopted in several states throughout the U.S. that are looking for low-cost and innovative transportation solutions that can provide real options for commuters seeking relief from congestion. First started in Minnesota 25 years ago, the concept is now deployed in 11 states including California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, and recently in Washington in the Seattle region.

PRESENTERS
- Bob Hart, Project Manager, Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council
- Scott Harmon, PE, PTOE, Project Manager/ Senior Transportation Engineer, David Evans and Associates, Inc.

LUNCH PROVIDED
REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Please RSVP by Monday, May 1, 2017

SCHEDULE (lunch included)
11:30 A.M. - Check-in
1:00 P.M. – Conclusion (includes 30 mins. for Q&A)
Legislative Update – Coba’s Capitol Comments

The transition of bills from the first chamber to the second has caused a nice breather from the frenetic pace of the initial 12 weeks of session. Legislative leadership is reviewing bills and will make decisions on which will get hearings and which have reached the end of the road. This behind the scenes dealing and brokering is a key component of the power of one party control of both chambers and the Governor’s office. The ability for legislative leaders to work collaboratively for the most part ensures that divisive legislation is agreed upon behind closed doors prior to public hearings and work sessions.

Next week will be a significant week for ACEC as the transportation funding package is expected to be released in bill form. Currently bill drafters have been turning concepts into legislative bill form. The highly anticipated documents have been promised to contain things for all to love or hate which may be necessary to raise enough funds to do what is needed statewide. No hearings have been held this week as the Joint Committee waits for the release of the documents.

Risk Management for Engineers: Legal & Insurance Criteria
Presented by SEAO (Structural Engineers Association of Oregon) and ACEC Oregon

SUMMARY
Risk Management, Legal and Insurance Considerations for Engineers

This seminar will cover:
- Contract essentials
- Risk solutions do’s and don’ts
- Risk management essentials for design professionals
- E&O insurance for design professionals

It also includes risk management education materials to help:
CPDs
Program is good for accruing six (6.0) continuing professional development credits.

SCHEDULE
7:30 A.M. – Registration & continental breakfast
8:30 A.M. – Program begins
12:00 noon – Lunch (included with registration)
4:30 P.M. – Conclusion

WHERE
Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center
9000 SW Washington Square Rd.
Tigard, OR 97223

• Minimize the frequency and severity of loss exposure
• Focus on best practices

Additional topics:
• Construction litigation
• Contract negotiation
• Various methods of conflict resolution

Claims discussion:
• Allegations of defects
• Cost overruns / schedule overruns
• Personal injury and wrongful death claims against design professionals occurring on construction projects related to design/construction safety issues

Other:
• Insurance coverage
• Standard of care
• Contract language
• Frivolous law suits / requirement for a third party expert
• Statute of limitations for construction projects
• Mistakes to avoid

SPEAKERS
• Mark Jacobson, PS, Attorney at Law
  Mr. Jacobson is a highly acclaimed speaker on A & E contract essentials, risk solutions and professional liability risk.

• Lindsey Pflugrath, Attorney, Cairncross & Hempelmann
  Mrs. Pflugrath’s area of practice is litigation and she will be covering legal considerations for design professionals. She is the author of "Small Projects, Big Risks."

• Brent Stewart, JD, Risk Manager, XL Catlin
  Mr. Stewart is responsible for developing risk management and education materials for architects and engineers with the goal of minimizing the frequency of loss exposure, while focusing on best practices.

• Ryan Schultz, MBA, CPCU, RPLU, ARM, Risk Management Consultant, Dealey, Renton & Associates
  Mr. Schultz is responsible for developing comprehensive risk management programs for design professionals. He is a frequent speaker at industry associations on insurance risk management issues.

THURS
May 25

Surfin’ Safari & All Committee Dinner

Click HERE to register.
Click HERE to see who’s already registered.

COME SUPPORT YOUR COMMITTEE!

Join us for fun, food & festivities!
Catch up on ACEC Oregon news, hear brief committee reports and vote on the 2017-18 budget.

The newly elected board of directors also will be inducted.

This is a great event to gain a good overview of the organization.
It’s also an excellent event for networking with leaders and up-and-comers of Oregon and southwest Washington engineering companies.

Bring an emerging leader!
Enter promo code “EL” at checkout to receive $10 off registration.
(For member firms only. Good for one discount per registration; additional ELs will need to register separately to receive the discount.)

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SAVE THE DATE! Bring your clients!

June 21 – Networking Day golf tournament, Langdon Farms

UPCOMING

• May 3 – Learn the Critical Elements of Successful Technical Writing
• Sept 14-16 – ACEC OR + WA Fall Conference, Sunriver Resort, Central Oregon – Reserve your room today!

ACEC Washington Upcoming Events – ACEC Oregon members receive the member rate!

• May 18-20 – Spring Conference – Key Staff Recruitment and Retention: Finding and Keeping Your Rock Star Employees

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

• May 9 – Entry deadline for Canstruction.
  21st year supporting the Oregon Food Bank! More than a million meals provided!
Open to all companies that would like to participate; each team must have one firm from the A/E/C community. The competition will be held at Pioneer Place in September 2017 to coincide with Hunger Awareness Month. Space is limited so submit your Call for Entry form now. More info: info@canstructionpdx.org.

- May 10 – Modern change management techniques for budget and schedule success and lowered project risk, presented by PEO
- May 18 – Meet the Affordable Housing Developers, presented by Portland Housing Bureau

Comments? Questions? Please e-mail mwebber@acecOregon.org or adavis@acecOregon.org.

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