

Minutes from OAC Technical Council Teleconference
Thursday, January 19, 2017 - 2 PM EST

Attending:

Jim Spalla, Chair
Barbara Wessinger, Vice -Chair
Tim Hoesli
Jill Hendrickson
Rob Jessee
Kristin White
Clyde Johnson
Evan Rothblatt
Ron Johnson
Melissa Corder
Rod McDaniels

Not available for call:

Matt DeLong
Wendy Knox
Bill Wright
Lyle McMillan
Keith Platte
Dawn Horan
Melissa Staffeld

1. **Welcome/Roll Call/ Minutes:** Meeting and Roll Call was commenced by Jim Spalla. Motion was made by Jim Spalla to approve the last month's minutes. The motion was approved as there were no objections.

2. **Pilot Project – Relocation of Nonconforming Signs:**
Florida will continue to pursue the pilot until further notice from their management. SCDOT has suspended its pursuit of the pilot in South Carolina after further discussions with the FHWA. SCDOT is investigating other options to advance the idea of removal of nonconforming signs impacted by highway projects and will brief the counsel next month on any possible options. Towards this end, efforts will be made to work with FHWA on possible alternatives.

3. **Florida Proposal (former NCHRP 20-7) Update:** – Florida has signed a contract to initiate the research project on synthesizing information from other state DOTs on “effective control measures”. The kickoff meeting with the new contractor went well and they have a good grasp of the scope of the project. The contractor intends to submit a questionnaire to state OAC managers as a first course of action. The contractor brought other scenarios and innovative ideas to assist in drafting the final scope. The research project report is due the end of 2017.

4. **ANPRM Project** – Clyde provided a copy of the 2000 ANPRM drafted by FHWA. He revised it to include changes to the HBA with the exception of adding changes from the FAST Act. It was agreed by counsel to proceed with the ANPRM in conjunction with the Florida Research Project on Effective Control Measures. Rob Jesse is to send the draft ANPRM to the Research Contractor so they can review it and suggest any changes that may help in the research. The ANPRM is to invite the public to make comments on possible changes to the CFR-Part 750 to improve the OAC program. The ANPRM will be sent out again to the counsel for review and comment. At next month's meeting, we intend to finalize the ANPRM. In conjunction with finalizing the ANPRM, Jim Spalla will discuss the ANPRM with the Randy Parks and Matt DeLong (AASHTO Subcommittee) to discuss its endorsement and sponsorship to the full committee and

ultimately to FHWA. Melissa Corder, FHWA, indicated that AASHTO would be an appropriate entity to request an ANPRM issued by FHWA.

5. **Session topics for the 2017 Co-located conference – for January Planning meeting:** Rob Jessee provided review of the possible sessions under consideration by NAHBA. Sessions were reviewed and moderators discussed. Theme of the conference is LEADING THE RACE - PARTNERING FOR INNOVATION, PERFORMANCE & SUCCESS. Conference is April 30 – May 5, 2017 in Indianapolis. Registration fee is the same as last year. PowerPoint template will be distributed to the speakers shortly.

6. **New Business:** None Discussed

7. **Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.** Next meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 2PM EST