

Factors that Impact Project Costs – Contractor Perspectives

AGC-DOT 2020 Fall Meeting

- 1. Contractors need more DOT engagement when utility companies do not cooperate. Their non-cooperation is very expensive and causes schedule delays. What does the DOT believe a contractor should do for more DOT engagement/ownership of this problem?**
- 2. Completion dates stacking up at the end of the year without enough time to complete work that could be done the following Spring causes significant expense. What would it take to have overall completion dates of June in the following year?**
- 3. Many times, field decisions are made after the equipment or subcontractor is off the job even though the Contractor requested to know if work is complete and satisfactory before moving only to be called back to do more work that could have been done earlier. What can a contractor do to receive more timely decisions from the DOT?**
- 4. Several DOT Areas still use the response of *“lets discuss it at the end of the job”* rather than reaching agreement at the time a change is necessary. What should a contractor do when DOT project staff is unwilling to negotiate and tells the contractor to wait until the end of the job which does not match the Change Order requirements?**