MINUTES OF MEETING BETWEEN LTA & ACES

DATE : 7 March 2014

TIME: 10.00am

VENUE: LTA Meeting Room at RM 3-3-3
1 Hampshire Road
Block 3 Level 3
Singapore 219428

PRESENT: Mr Wee Tiam Huat, Manager  LTA
Ms Lim Ee Lee, Manager  LTA
Mr Soo Chang Chen, Principal Engineer  LTA
Er Koh Boon Liang  ACES
Er Yeow Mei Leng  ACES
Er Loh Wah Kay  ACES
Er Cheang Mun Keong, Thomas  ACES
Er Lim Hung Tjung, Henry  ACES
Er Yong Fen Leong  ACES
Er Yow Cheong Hoe  ACES

ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. The meeting was initiated by ACES to discuss LTA's circular ref LTA ( R ) 43.037.004 dated 1 November 2013 on the Submission of Utility Services Plan During Street Plan Submission Stage.

2. ACES (Er Koh) expressed concerns from the consultancy industry on whether the requirements contain therein can be carried out and the effects downstream.

3. LTA (Mr Wee) explained that LTA had received feedback from the public on road diggings by different agencies and hoped that all these services can be better coordinated to minimize repetitive diggings and abortive reinstatement works.

4. LTA (Mr Wee) also mentioned that they had consulted the Agencies who had indicated that they would provide the necessary support to provide the utility routes and proposed schedule to the Developers/Qualified Persons during the planning stage.

5. ACES (Er Thomas Cheang) mentioned that it has been common practice for consultants to purchase utilities plans from the agencies for planning, services detection, etc.

6. ACES (Er Yong) mentioned that QPs are engaged for their technical expertise in design, but the Main Contractor is the one responsible for co-ordination,
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planning and construction, and not the QPs. The QP endorsement is therefore intended for professional technical design or opinion and not appropriate for endorsement of schedules.

7. LTA (Mr Wee) felt that QPs were the ones who had the best knowledge on when the utilities would be required, and was in a position to provide the information.

8. ACES (Er Thomas Cheang) said that though the project QP is in control of the intake point, the project QP is not in control where the agencies are going to tap their supply from, which is outside the development boundary.

He quoted the case with SPPG, who will only start to plan the route of cable only 10 weeks after handing over the Electrical substation, which is way too late for Street Plan submission.

9. LTA (Ms Lim) had expected SPPG would provide the information of where the cable can be tap from, but ACES (Er Loh) explained that this not the case, from his years working with the former PUB Electricity Department.

10. ACES (Er Yeow) mentioned that QP can assist to provide information on where the intake points for electricity, telephone, water, gas and the sewer and drainage connection, but only as far as up to the development boundary, but not outside the boundary.

She also highlighted that utilities are required at different time of the project, and at different locations depending on where the intake rooms are, so it is not feasible to dig and reinstate the road at one go.

11. ACES (Er Koh) said that QPs should not be made responsible for matters that they had no control over.

QPs are appointed for technical compliance, and not for co-ordination of services carried out by agencies.

12. LTA (Mr Wee) also explained that the purpose of the utilities submission was to facilitate co-ordination with the agencies on the road opening. When the first agency submit the request for road opening, LTA can then check with the other agencies to co-ordinate the road opening requests according to the schedule.

It is not the intention of LTA to hold the QPs responsible to the dates indicated in the submission.
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13. ACES (Er Yow) highlighted that for road works done in advance of township of building projects, the Service providers may not even have any plans for the Service routes at such early stage, and the QP for the road will not be able to even indicate tentative services routes or schedule.

LTA (Mr Soo and Mr Wee) clarified that advance road works should be outside this requirement.

ACES (Er Yow) then gave feedback to LTA that the submission form has only options for 4.1 “I declare that I have submitted the utility services connection plan...” or 4.2 “I declare that there will not be any utility services connections...”, perhaps LTA can re-word the form and to include a third option of 4.3 “Utility services connection plan is not required for this development.” Currently, to submit for road works plans, DBC informed to select 4.2 and clarify in section 5, “Remarks/Comments”.

14. ACES (Er Yeow) suggested that QPs can help by indicating on the submission plans where the intake and discharge points are and the tentative dates when these services are required, but not to go to the individual agency and get each to endorse them, nor to commit on dates when their work will start and end.

15. LTA is agreeable for :
- the utilities submission to be provided without the endorsement of the QP and Agencies
- QP to submit as much information as possible to the best of knowledge and ability at the point of submission and minimally, the intake/discharge points and the tentative dates when the services are required.
- Meanwhile, LTA will monitor the implementation of the plan.

16. LTA had no objections for ACES to share the minutes of the discussions with its members to proceed with the utilities submission.

There being no other matters, the meeting ended at 12.00 noon.

Recorded by:
Er Yeow Mei Leng
Hon Secretary, ACES
28 March 2014

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Dear Sirs.

SUBMISSION OF UTILITY SERVICES PLAN FOR A&A WORKS

Please refer to our earlier circular ref. LTA(R)43.037.004 dated 1 November 2013 on the requirement to submit utility services plan to LTA together with the development/building plans during the street plan submission stage.

2  It is noted that buildings/houses undergoing A&A works do not require submission of street plan to LTA. As utility service connections may be needed for such A&A works, QPs would also be required to submit the utility services plans for A&A works to LTA not less than 3 months before the commencement of the utility laying works.

3  Please submit the utility services plan showing the proposed routes of utility connections within the public streets together with the proposed schedules of the works to the following address:

   Road Asset Regulation & Licensing Division
   1 Hampshire Road, Block 3, Level 3
   Singapore 219428

4  This will take effect from 1 May 2014. Failing which, the approval process for the utility laying works may be correspondingly delayed.

5  We would appreciate it if you could convey the contents of this circular to all members of your respective organisations. If you have any queries, please send them to Mr Soo Chang Chen at email: chang_chen_soo@lta.gov.sg or Mr Wee Thiam Huat at email: thiam_huat_wee@lta.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully

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