



March 15, 2012

Date: February 23, 2012
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: DelDOT Conference Room
RE: Construction Advisory Group - Meeting #2 Minutes

ATTENDEES:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>LAST</u>	<u>ASSOCIATION</u>
Ms.	Nancy	Fanning	Homeowner
Mr.	Mel	Fortney	Homeowner
Mrs.	Sally	Fortney	Homeowner
Mr.	George	Mood	Homeowner
Mr.	Bob	Payne	Homeowner
Ms.	Gail	Payne	Homeowner
Mr.	Dennis	Steen	Homeowner
Mr.	Scott	Thomas	Southern Delaware Tourism
Ms.	Laura	Walter	Coastal Point

PROJECT TEAM:

TITLE	FIRST	LAST	ASSOCIATION
Mr.	Chris	Baker	George & Lynch
Mr.	Mike	Delp	George & Lynch
Mr.	David	Geiszler	DelDOT
Mr.	Kevin	Jones	George & Lynch
Mr.	Mark	Jordan	RK & K Engineers
Mr.	Bruce	Kenney	George & Lynch
Mr.	Jason	Lang	DelDOT
Mr.	Britt	Murray	DNREC
Mr.	Gerald	Nagyiski	DelDOT
Mr.	Marx	Possible	DelDOT
Mr.	Todd	Pryor	DelDOT
Mr.	Doug	Robb	DelDOT
Mr.	Craig	Stevens	DelDOT
Mr.	Adam	Weiser	DelDOT

WELCOME: Craig Stevens started the first meeting of the Construction Advisory Group (CAG) at 10:00 AM by welcoming the attendees.

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Craig reminded all attendees to sign in and stated that there were copies of the minutes from the January CAG meeting available.

Doug Robb gave a brief update regarding the construction activities surrounding the bridge. Doug explained that Skanska has removed the climbers from the pylon towers and the tower cranes. He noted that work is continuing by Skanska on the installation of the railing system on the east side of the bridge along the pedestrian walkway. The sand bypass system is also being installed on the east side of the bridge. Lighting is being installed. He noted that they are doing other finishing work in order to close out the project. Doug also explained that part of the work includes the use of a platform that runs below the bridge to complete work on the stay cable system, which includes finishing work on the cables. Doug also noted that work on the bridge is on track to be completed before Memorial Day.

Roadway Approach and Demolition Contract

Craig briefly introduced key members of the roadway approach team. He went on to explain that they are currently working on constructing the footings on the southeast side of the bridge for the pedestrian bridge that will go up to the new bridge. The structure will be wooden and will be ADA compliant. He noted that in the future, the construction on the "A-B" Connector will begin, and it is at that time that the project will enter Phase 3B. Currently the goal is for Phase 3B to start by Memorial Day.

Craig went on to explain that George & Lynch is currently working on the drainage on the north side, building up the roadway for approach connections.

Craig asked the members of the CAG to also spread the message that bicycles heading north from Bethany to Dewey are not currently permitted to cross the new bridge due to the open joints on the roadway. He also mentioned that signs have also been placed with this information. The route, at this time, is for bicycle traffic going from south to north to travel over the old bridge. Doug mentioned that bicycles traveling from north to south should be traveling on the new bridge.

Park Contract Update

Craig explained that a meeting occurred at the Center for the Inland Bays between involving DelDOT, DNREC, and the Delaware Fisherman's Alliance. The meeting was meant to provide the opportunity to present information about the Park Contract and to get feedback from those who attended. Craig mentioned that the comments that were received are being discussed.

Craig noted that the Parks Contract will start when the Roadway Approach contract is completed, which should not cause any overlap. He also mentioned that the Parks Contract

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work will not affect traffic on Route 1, but only areas within the parks. Craig mentioned that work is expected to begin on the Parks Contract in 2013.

Questions

The question was posed about if pedestrians would be able to access the beach after coming off of the pedestrian walkway on the north side of the bridge when the project is complete. Craig explained that pedestrians would have that ability to access both the north and south side beaches from the walkway.

The question was posed about if there are underground Mediacom cables underground where George & Lynch is working. It was noted that any issues with Mediacom may be the result of utility work being done in the area. It was also explained that utility work should be completed in the next two weeks.

The question was posed about when under the bridge access would be lost. Craig explained that, as of the meeting, it was expected to occur in about two weeks.

The question was posed about the date of the formal opening. Jason Lang noted that a date is not available, but that it would be prior to Memorial Day in May.

The question was posed about the signage for the detour for bicycles. Marx Possible noted that signage has been placed.

The question was posed about if any changes were being made on the new "A-B" Connector Road to widen it in order to allow residents to bypass traffic going into the south parking lot. Craig noted that some changes will be made, including widening of the road and relocation of the collection booth. However, he did add that there may be times when the queue of cars may still backup depending on the amount of traffic and operation of the booth.

MEETING SCHEDULING/WRAP UP:

The next Construction Advisory Group meeting will take place on Thursday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the DelDOT Conference Room.