



Meeting Notes

Interstate 29/35 Connections Project
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Date: Friday, April 9, 2010

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Location: kclCON Project Office, 103 W. 26th Avenue, North Kansas City, MO 64116

Purpose: Community Advisory Group/ Workforce Advisory Committee

Participants:

CAG Members:

City of Kansas City, Michael Burke
City of North Kansas City, Mike Smith
MARC, Mell Henderson
North Kansas City Business Council,
John Wagner, Sr.
Northland Regional Chamber, Tim Kristl
Platte County, Ed Bradley

Brian Kidwell, Project Director
Jim Shipley, Deputy Project Director
Randy Hartman, Right of Way Manager
Jennifer Benefield, Community Relations Mgr.
Albert Janssens, Construction Auditor
Eric Reents, Construction Auditor
Gary Naugle, Construction Auditor
Scotty Williams, Construction Auditor
Mike Thomas, Construction Auditor
Teresa McGuff, Project Controls
Linda Morris, Project Controls
A.J. Byrd, External Civil Rights
Donnetta Cole, External Civil Rights

Workforce Advisory Committee:

Greater Kansas City Building & Construction
Trades Council, David Kendrick
Heavy Constructors Association of the Greater
Kansas City Area, Ed DeSoignie
MARC, Mell Henderson
MORE2, Margaret Roberts

Paseo Corridor Constructors

Tom Kellerman, Sponsor
Bryan Wilkerson, Project Manager
Pat Byrne, River Bridge
Merri Meade, EEO Compliance Officer
Laura Wagner, Public Information Officer

MoDOT/kcICON Project Team

Pete Rahn, Director
Dave Nichols, Director of Program Delivery
Beth Wright, District Engineer

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome/Project Update

Brian Kidwell welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Director Pete Rahn for opportunity to be a part of a great community project. Kidwell reported the project is just over 70 percent complete. River bridge: pylon has been topped off, 8 of 40 stay cables installed, preparing to complete single widest concrete deck pour in Missouri history. Some traffic may be crossing the new bridge as early as this winter. Kidwell acknowledged Paseo Corridor Constructor's (PCC) commitment to keeping on schedule by working throughout the winter and thanked PCC for cooperation with project tours. Tip-to-tip closures are enabling crews to quickly progress throughout the corridor. The team is working to minimize delays to the traveling public by completing the Armour Road interchange by the end of the year and moving traffic to the new Front Street bridge this summer. The project has opened many eyes



as to what is important to the public and the need to balance public desires with contractor needs. The project just exceeded one million man hours. There have been 70 workforce trainees. Thirty are still working on the project and 10 have graduated. Safety has been a top priority. Barrel Bob & Betty were created to increase work zone safety awareness following a couple of high-profile incidents. The majority of the corridor will look and feel very different this year – 2010 will be the largest construction year to date.

2. Remarks/Thank You/Discussion

Dave Nichols stated how important it is to use this unique, special project to market the positive things MoDOT is doing in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Brian Wilkerson said the wet weather has been a tremendous challenge and winter weather created challenges with work in the river; however PCC is determined to meet or beat their completion date. Margaret Roberts stated that it would be beneficial for MoDOT to explain to the public the advantages of design-build. Tim Kristl stated one of the biggest advantages of design-build project delivery is speed. Ed DeSoignie stated design-build is the right solution for large, complex projects. There was discussion about the process differences between the traditional project delivery method of design-bid-build versus design-build. Design build affords good, sound, best-value approach to conflict resolution. For example, in one year the team produced 2,500 plan sheets. To date, 600 design modifications have been made. Betterments have been made every day. Kidwell stated that the project is far enough along that many of the unknowns or “risk” has been eliminated; however, there are never any guarantees. Pete Rahn thanked everyone for their support, cooperation, friendship, and for creating a national model. Rahn stated he feels blessed to be associated with dedicated MoDOT employees and thankful for his time at MoDOT. Rahn said he is looking forward to spending more time in Kansas City and watching as the project is delivered early and under budget. Rahn stated his 5-1/2 years with MoDOT have been a blur and that there is never a good time to leave – there will always be big issues; however, he is looking forward to spending time with his family and an exciting career opportunity with HNTB. Rahn stated that the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) is committed to projects of great value and customer service, and that despite the many challenges, MoDOT’s brightest days are still ahead. Tom Kellerman stated that MoDOT’s design-build-finance-maintain approach to project delivery is very inventive, practical design saves millions of dollars, and value engineering is huge; however, future funding looks bleak – just \$625 million in 2010 (from \$1.3 billion). Kellerman stated Commissioner Miller (Stephen) was an excellent addition to the MHTC. Roberts stated that MORE2 and the Transportation Equity Network view MoDOT’s workforce development program as a national model and are advocating that similar language be included in the next transportation bill. Roberts thanked MoDOT for its leadership and guidance. Mike Burke, on behalf of the Community Advisory Group, thanked MoDOT for taking risks and involving the community from the onset of the project.

3. Next Meeting

To be determined.

4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. A press conference followed.

Note: The Community Advisory Group may elect to go into closed session at any time during the meeting to consider attorney-client privileged matter(s), pursuant to § 610.021 (1), RSMo, to consider specifications for competitive bidding, pursuant to § 610.021 (11), RSMo, to consider sealed proposals and related documents, pursuant to § 610.021 (12), to consider records which are protected from disclosure by law, pursuant to § 610.021 (14), or to consider records relating to scientific and technological innovations in which the owner has a proprietary interest, pursuant to § 610.021 (15).