



Meeting Notes

Interstate 29/35 Connections Project
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Date: Friday, March 13, 2009

Time: 7:30 a.m.

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

Purpose: Community Advisory Group monthly meeting

Participants:

Committee Members Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

Clay County, Larry Larson

Chouteau Courts, Lizzie Brown
Columbus Park/Guinotte, Mike Sturgeon
Jackson County, Ali Roohanirad

MoDOT's kciCON Project Team

Beth Wright, MoDOT District Engineer
Brian Kidwell, Project Director
Jennifer Benefield, Community Relations Mgr.

Paseo Corridor Constructors

Bryan Wilkerson, Clarkson, Project Manager
Joy Wasendorf, Kiewit
Meghan Jansen, KC Consulting

Agenda Items:

Call to order 7:40 a.m.

1. Legislative update

Kidwell reported that MoDOT is championing design-build this legislative session; however, the top priority is the primary seat belt legislation. Both the House and Senate have introduced design-build legislation. There is some opposition from the AGC rural Missouri and railroad lobbyists. The railroads do not support an accelerated process. This process did not change anything, but it does require railroads to accelerate their existing processes. The flagging on the project is going fine – construction is very close to the Union Pacific tracks on the south end of the project.

Wright reported that there is a petition initiative on eminent domain originating from Dixon, MO. This could have serious consequences to MoDOT because it would not allow MoDOT to own title to the property it acquires. It could dramatically increase the cost of right of way and prevent MoDOT from building projects at a reasonable cost. MoDOT is carefully tracking.



2. Project update / Q&A

Kidwell reported Paseo Corridor Constructors has requested a slight modification to the sound walls. Visually, this is a non-event. There are 3 samples outside the door to look at. The stain color will remain the same. The highway-side will have a pebbled look – this is an equal or better change. The CAG affirmed.

The City of North Kansas City has expressed a desire to revisit the blade wall aesthetic gateway element located in the southwest quadrant of Armour Road. The city may be interested in a more “green” approach with native grasses. No decision yet. The city is concerned about the height of the wall obstructing views. A change to eliminate the blade wall will not require modification to the interchange or wall aesthetics. MoDOT will listen to what the city wants – the city would be responsible for all maintenance of landscape elements.

MoDOT distributed a set of maps to illustrate ramp closures, traffic changes. The Independence loop ramp will close for three months in late-spring, early summer to accommodate the widening of Interstate 29/35 southbound lanes. Temporary ramps are being constructed at the Front Street interchange to allow for the construction of the new single point urban interchange. Interstate traffic will divert down and up the temporary ramps – the speed limit will be 45MPH with a 35MPH advisory. The westbound Armour Road off ramp from I-29/35 and the Levee Road on-ramp to I-29/35 are scheduled to open this summer.

The Regional Mobility Working group is scheduled to meet Friday, March 27 at 9AM in the kclCON Project office. They will be receiving the same maintenance of traffic information provided to the CAG today.

The DBE goal is 13%. PCC has exceeded the goal and is at 13.7%. Forecasts show we are on track to pay out \$31 million to DBE companies. Our workforce goal is 15%. PCC is at 10% because of the economic slowdown and the unions are full of journeymen waiting for work. MoDOT is still committed to the 15%; however, there are only so many jobs available. There are currently 30 minorities developing skill sets that will prepare them for long-term careers in construction. MoDOT has set aside up to \$1.25 million for workforce development. Some dollars are for pre-apprentice training, some are for contractor incentives.

Benfield reported that a customer satisfaction survey is under way through March 31. Warren Roberts and Benfield delivered project presentations at the 1st International Conference on Construction Management in Orlando Feb. 10-12. There were numerous questions about the CAG involvement in the project and a high level of interest in MoDOT’s best value-fixed price approach to design-build, as well as the team’s quality assurance/quality control processes. kclCON Deputy Project Director Jim Shipley and PCC met with KDOT February 20 to coordinate projects for the 2009 construction season – there are no kclCON/KDOT project conflicts to date. Kidwell attended a domestic scan in St. Louis Feb 25 – project delivery directors from several DOTs from across the nation traveled to MO to learn more about MoDOT’s practical design and design-build projects. kclCON will have an information booth at the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Fair @ the KCI Expo Center March 18. Kidwell will co-present with PCC (Clarkson Construction Co. & Parsons) at the Design Build Institute of America conference in Baltimore April 1-3. Benfield and kclCON Deputy Project Director Jim Shipley will deliver a project presentation to the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers’ Spring Seminar April 2 in Wichita, KS.

3. New Business

All capital is engaged, but we still have a lot of project left to build. The schedule is tight – there is not a lot of breathing room for any major delays. Everything we’re building is on a critical path. The river

bridge work is on schedule. The decision to keep the corridor and Paseo Bridge open to traffic creates complex traffic staging.

There was discussion about the need to add some kind of historical marker/commemorate structure. Location near a walking path where the public has access? Senator Bond mentioned planting a grove of chestnut trees that would come from his farm in Mexico, Mo. The Port Authority is interested in participating. Will it be on right of way or are there other options? Will there be anything from a driver's perspective? The Society of Professional Engineers working on a monument for the ASB Bridge. Action Item: Mike Burke to pull together working group to explore historical marker options/location.

4. Next Meeting

To be determined

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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).