



## Meeting Notes

**Interstate 29/35 Connections Project**  
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Date: Friday, September 19, 2008

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Location: kclCON project office, 103 W. 26<sup>th</sup> Ave., North Kansas City, MO 64116

Purpose: Community Advisory Group monthly meeting

### Participants:

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#### Committee Members Present:

Columbus Park/Guinotte, Mike Sturgeon  
City of Kansas City, Michael Burke  
City of North Kansas City, Mike Smith  
Clay County, Larry Larson  
MARC, Mell Henderson  
Northland Regional Chamber, Tim Kristl

North Kansas City Business Council,  
John Wagner, Sr.  
Platte County, Ed Bradley

#### Federal Highway Administration

Kevin Irving, Transportation Engineer

#### MoDOT Staff

Brian Kidwell, kclCON Project Director  
Jennifer Benefield, Community Relations Mgr.

#### Committee Members Absent:

Chouteau Courts, Lizzie Brown  
Downtown Council, Daniel Serda  
Greater Kansas City Chamber, Dick Holwick  
Jackson County, Ali Roohanirad

#### Paseo Corridor Constructors

Bryan Wilkerson, Project Manager  
Terry Berkbuegler, Confluence

### Agenda Items:

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#### Call to order, welcome & introductions

#### 1. Project Update / Q&A

Wilkerson provided a project update. Design: 70 percent complete and is on schedule to be completed by Dec. 1. Construction: PCC is laying rock base along inside portion of SB lanes of I-29/35 asphalt to follow. Traffic will be shifted in about 3 weeks to inside pavement while sound walls are constructed. PCC is driving piling for the south viaduct bridge near Guinotte. Temporary drainage is in place – moving in dirt fill to construct temporary ramps at Front Street. Traffic will be shifted in about 4 weeks. Work should not disturb rugby field in the near future. Subcontractor will start to build Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) wall.

River Bridge: last of drilled shafts will be complete by end of next week. PCC will start mobilizing this week for the drilled shafts on land.

Finishing utility relocates in Levee/Bedford area. MSE wall to follow.



Starting pilings for foundation for north viaduct – removing the overhang. Traffic has been shifted.

Hauling dirt for the widening at 16<sup>th</sup> Street off ramp – starting MSE wall soon.

Armour Rd/210 – waiting on utility relocations for LightCore for Kansas City Scout – utility relocations under the Armour Road Bridge. PCC is about 4 weeks behind schedule due to complexity of third party agreements. Rain has also slowed grading.

Discussion about the blandness of the new bridge in MN. - \$234 million – 4 lanes in each direction completed in about 14 months.

PCC reported 1 recordable shoulder injury – no lost time accidents.

Greatest threat to work in river is fluctuation of river levels. With all the rain last week PCC was within 2-3 feet of having to flood the cofferdam. Luckily, water receded and crews were back to work Monday.

Larson stated he is extremely glad that the bridge is open during construction – people are coping well and have adjusted.

Negotiations with Isle of Capri are progressing.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> design project – 800 bridges will not award project to contractor – will move forward with some design-build, some design-bid-build, MoDOT to finance through bonding.

Benefield reported web cam #1 went live week of Sept. 1 – Fox 4 broadcast live from the project site Sept. 5. Project received just over 26 minutes of air time (\$25,000 publicity value). Continue to give project presentations and accommodate project tours. EEO/Workforce: 5 professional on-the-job trainees (OJTs), 12 trade OJTs. PCC is at 12.5 percent DBE and should exceed 13 percent goal when contract is finalized with MarJim Contracting (guardrail).

## **2. Corridor Aesthetics**

Terry Berkbuegler with Confluence gave final presentation on corridor aesthetics. Concepts approved for monument wall in North Kansas City. Placement of wall could shift slightly to avoid utilities. Monument will create a gateway into NKC. The wall will incorporate the community seal on both sides. Strong, attractive and simple – has aesthetic ties to community and gateway to tech corridor (Cerner). Unanimous approval from NKC Council to move forward with some additional landscaping that the city will maintain.

Front Street – dominate structural visual elements – reduce landscape maintenance and enhance the area – put effort toward the structure. Reconfigured the columns to modify the shapes from plain squares to angles and lines to incorporate the angles of the river bridge. Tapered column – trapezoid footprint. One mass structure instead of a beam and three posts. Straddle bents will accommodate future widening. Primary visual element will be wall treatment – introduced a different form treatment – a different pattern. Packages were released this week. Color schemes and architectural rails the same. Landscape element is mass of grass – very low maintenance. Triangular landscape beds are built on angle. A paving treatment will provide alternating banding of concrete. Plans can accommodate a future sidewalk if introduced in the future. SPUI interchange is dangerous for pedestrians. Required lighting will be in place – maximizing the fixtures to accentuate the column treatments and walls. Burke state the area will develop over time, so it's best to keep aesthetics simple for now, as more can be done as development occurs.

A pot bearing is used between 4" gap between the beam and the pier as beam will expand and shrink with fluctuating temperatures.

Berkbuegler stated there is plenty of width to get under the structure for a sidewalk – there is slope coming off the structure, but relatively level under the bridge structure. Proposing a small angular part to the paving area to add interest – not blocking ability to include a sidewalk.

Opportunity for entry way / gateway marker for Columbus Park. Where Troost enters northward into Columbus Park – focus is much more residential, smaller scale and localized street. Brick & stone will capture traditional elements of the neighborhood – medallion on other signage on the north and south faces of the column. Not a lot of area to work with due to drainage. Concept was presented to the neighborhood association and they want move forward with it. Lighting is not included but it is something that the neighborhood could add later. PCC might be able to provide the conduit.

Sturgeon requested a strip of dirt be left along the front and back sides of the sound walls. The Columbus Park emblem features Columbus' sailing ships (Nina, Pinta & Santa Maria).

There was a discussion about roadway signage and signals. Berkbuegler stated he has pulled the signage plans and there is nothing unusual. Signals are attached to underneath of structure – not a lot of signal heads in the area. Large signs will not be hung on the beams. Kidwell stated there are free rights in the interchange that do not require free standing signals.

**Action Item:** Provide Front Street capacity study to the Port Authority – will be helpful for future growth.

### **3. New Business**

None.

### **4. Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Community Advisory Group will be Friday, November 14, 2008 7:30 a.m. The location is to be determined.

### **5. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Following a safety briefing, the Community Advisory Group toured the project at the river, 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Front Street.

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