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DELDOT UTILITIES SECTION POST-COORDINATION & CONSTRUCTION REVIEW MEETING: FINAL

STATE CONTRACT: T201707102; Br. 1-180 on Grant Avenue over Mill Creek

REVIEW MEETING DATE: March 12, 2025 **PREPARED BY**: Alan K. Marteney, P.E.

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BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project is located on Grant Avenue that has a Functional Classification as an Urban Local—see picture snapshot below. The project included the construction of a new 24' x 8'-7" Precast Concrete Frame structure to replace four 4' x 5' corrugated metal pipes. The new bridge was constructed on the alignment of the existing road and bridge and the roadway was closed during construction. Environmental Compliance Restrictions required no in-water construction from March 1 to June 30 (inclusive).

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UTILITIES INVOLVED:

- Artesian Water Company-16-inch and 8-inch water mains
- Comcast Cable-Communication
- DelMarVa Power-Electric Distribution
- New Castle County Department of Special Services-Sanitary Sewer Gravity Lines
- Verizon Delaware-Communication

Relocation of New Castle County and Artesian Water facilities were included in the DelDOT contract. Including the Artesian relocations in the DelDOT contract occurred after the Semi-Final Plan submission and subsequently required a Utility Agreement to be executed.

ADVANCE UTILITY RELOCATIONS: Temporary relocation of Comcast, Delmarva Power and Verizon aerial lines were done for constructability of the new structure. The Utility Companies returned after the structure construction was completed to move their facilities back to the original locations. These temporary relocations were eligible for reimbursement requiring executed Utility Agreements.

ADVANCE CLEARING CONTRACTS: None required.

PROJECT CONTRACTOR: Zack Excavating, Inc.

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION START DATE: July 2022: 117 Calendar Days Contract Duration.

DELDOT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SECTION/PROJECT MANAGER: Bridge; Jason Hastings-retired prior to the review meeting.

ENGINEER OF RECORD FIRM: DelDOT Bridge-Jonathan Karam, PE

DELDOT CONSTRUCTION REPRESENTATIVES: Chance Malkin

CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION FIRM: None.

DELDOT UTILITY COORDINATOR: Debbie Kukulich

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MAJOR PROJECT CHALLENGES: None of the utility services could be interrupted during construction. Artesian Water has a well field/plant just to the west of the project site. Interruption of the 3-phase feed to this site due to the temporary DPL-E relocations and re-establishing them had to be coordinated and time allotted.

LESSONS LEARNED from this project included:

- As early as possible, identify utility work that is to be included in the DelDOT Contract so that required
 agreements can be developed and executed well in advance of PS&E since they are required prior to
 advertisement.
- Identifying constructability issues and addressing them with temporary relocations expedited the overall project and avoided issues during construction.
- Understanding the fisheries time of year restrictions and scheduling the contract around these restrictions expedited the work and avoided issues during construction.
- Including the sewer relocation work in the DelDOT contract worked well, especially coordinating new stream crossing with stream diversions needed for the structure work. Notifications to NCCo were timely for inspections and resolving issue resolutions.
 - Relocation work included manholes that required shop drawing submittals and reviews. Initial shop drawings were only reviewed by DelDOT resulting in some changes that needed to be made to the delivered materials.
 - Lesson learned is that shop drawings or any submittal for design work done by others should be reviewed directly by the designers of that work.
- Including the water relocation work in the DelDOT contract generally worked well. This work was
 reimbursable to DelDOT from Artesian per the executed agreement. DelDOT approved some change
 orders associated with this work that were later rejected by Artesian when they were first made aware
 of them with the final invoicing.
 - Lesson learned is that change orders affecting reimbursable work need to be coordinated and reviewed with the appropriate utility company prior to DelDOT approving them.
- Open and complete communication is critical during all phases of the project.