



May 6, 2009

Date: April 27, 2009
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: IRIB Construction Field Office
RE: Construction Advisory Group
Meeting #3 Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Title	First	Last	Association
Mr.	Wilmer	Abbott	Town of Fenwick Island
Mr.	John	Brown	Carpenters L. U. 2012
The Honorable	George	Bunting, Jr.	State Senator, 20th District
The Honorable	Gerald	Hocker	State Representative, 38th District
Mr.	Ted	Janeka	Local 542
Mr.	Pete	Keenan	IBEW
Mr.	Don	Klein	Board Member D.S.P.F.
Mr.	Toby	Lamb	Local 199
Mr.	Mark	McCall	Local Union 42
Mr.	Joseph	Werres	Homeowner

PROJECT TEAM:

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Mr.	Andrew	Bing	Kramer & Associates, Inc.
Mr.	Jay	Erwin, Jr.	Skanska, Project Manager
Mr.	David	Geiszler	DeIDOT
Mr.	John	Krovic	Skanska
Mr.	Doug	Long	DNREC
Mr.	Britt	Murray	DNREC
Mr.	Dennis	O'Shea	DeIDOT
Mr.	Doug	Robb	DeIDOT, Project Manager
Ms.	Tina	Shockley	DeIDOT Public Relations
Mr.	Jiten	Soneji	DeIDOT
Mr.	Craig	Stevens	DeIDOT
Mr.	Ed	Thomas	Kramer & Associates, Inc.

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WELCOME: Andrew Bing started the third meeting of the IRIB Construction Advisory Group (CAG) at 10:00 AM; he welcomed the attendees and asked if everyone had signed-in and received a copy of the agenda and the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. He pointed out that the last Monday in May will be Memorial Day; therefore, the next meeting will be on June 1st and there will be a meeting on June 29.

INTRODUCTIONS: All attendees introduced themselves indicating their interest and who they represented. Andrew reviewed the agenda explaining what would be taking place during the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP/SITE TOUR UPDATE: Andrew reminded attendees about the Public Workshop to be held later in the day at the Rehoboth Beach Convention Center between the hours of 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. He explained the purpose of the workshop. Andrew said there would be a brief Power Point presentation and display boards to bring the public up to date and to explain how they will be able to vote on three bridge aesthetic design features: Stay Cable Color, Pylon Top and Lighting Features. The public will be voting on options for each of the three design features and a majority of the votes cast will decide which option is used.

Jay Erwin drew attention to the “Hot-off-the-Presses” project brochure which has been prepared to provide the public and stakeholders with renderings and factual information about the Indian River Inlet Bridge structure. Everyone was given a copy of the brochure. Jay stated that the initial distribution of the brochure would be at this evening’s public workshop.

Andrew mentioned that a tour of the bridge site is being arranged for the Construction Advisory Group (CAG). This may take place at the June 1st meeting. When the date becomes definite, members will be informed of the date and about any special tour related requirements via email. He also informed the Construction Advisory Group that Carolann Wicks, Secretary, Department of Transportation, is looking forward to participating in an upcoming CAG meeting, possibly the June 29 meeting.

CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN ACTIVITIES: Jay Erwin thanked Senator Bunting for his Letter to the Editor supporting the project and bringing attention to the Public Workshop.

Jay reported that he had a recent meeting with members of the board of Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation regarding the status of the Indian River Inlet Bridge project and the Foundation’s activities.

As indicated below, Mr. Erwin summarized bridge work underway and expected to be active in the next few months:

- All test piles have been installed on the north side and two more remain to be driven on the south side of the inlet. The tips for the last two south side piles have yet to be designed which is indicative of how the design-build process works.
- The test piles eventually become permanent piles like the production piles. This is not the case with the 3 load test (sacrificial) piles that will be cut off at ground level and not incorporated into the structure.
- 21 production piles are in the ground on the north side, similar work began last week on the south side. Of the total 291 concrete piles, 142 will be on the north and 149 will be on the south side of the inlet. To date, 50 north side and 25 south side concrete piles have been delivered. Pile work will be complete in late June early July.
- No more impact to the park north side access road is expected. The transit routes for pile delivery are still working properly without complaints from the driving public. Jay requested the elected officials and others contact him if this situation changes.
- Sheet piles are being driven on the south side to hold back existing fill and to support the area where the piles are being installed.
- There have been limited, without incident, sheet pile related lane closures, no more are expected.
- As the summer tourist season picks up we will be sharing more information with the park staff particularly regarding activities with potential impacts on the south side of the inlet.
- During July and August work will be underway on the pylon tower form system. Temporary steel piles (falsework tower system) will be trucked in from Georgetown and assembled on site. This system provides support during construction and will be in place 1-1/2 years as the superstructure is erected.
- Jay pointed out that the piles have been constructed longer than necessary. When they are cut off to the specified length there will be many 3 – 5 feet long, 3 feet square concrete pieces that Skanska wants to make available to those who can use them. In other projects, material like this has been used for bulkheads and for off-shore reef structures. Jay requested attendees to contact him if they could use this project by-product. He said they can be stored for 30 – 45 days but will then need to be moved off site.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: During the meeting questions were asked and responded to as follows:

Q: What will be the impact of the Indian River Inlet Bridge construction on campers at the state park?

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A: The south campground will remain open during the course of construction, there may be limited impacts associated with the delivery of material and there will be noise related to construction activities.

Q: It has been reported that a spotlight located on the north side pointed toward the south is blinding some fishermen. Can any adjustments be made?

A: Skanska and park staff will check to see if this is the case and will make corrections as appropriate taking into consideration the need for safety and security.

Q: What crafts are at work on the site?

A: Pile drivers, carpenters, operators and laborers.

Q: Can the 3 – 5' "left over" sections of the concrete piles be used to create a fishing reef?

A: Possibly, the details need to be worked out with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service among others. Senator Bunting said he will bring the subject of building a reef up at a fishing alliance meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULING/WRAP UP: Andrew reminded attendees about the public workshop to be held later in the day and thanked everyone for their continuing interest and participation. He reminded everyone that the next meeting will take place at the same location (DelDOT IRIB Construction Site Field Office) at 10:00 a.m. on June 1 and that a site tour may be part of the meeting. Information will be provided to CAG members ahead of time. The subsequent meeting will be held on June 29.