



June 28, 2012

Date: June 28, 2012
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: DelDOT Conference Room
RE: Construction Advisory Group - Meeting #6 Minutes

ATTENDEES:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>LAST</u>	<u>ASSOCIATION</u>
Mr.	Larry	Agsten	Homeowner
Ms.	Nancy	Fanning	Homeowner
Mr.	Mel	Fortney	Homeowner
Mr.	Tony	Pezone	Sussex Cyclists
Ms.	Laura	Walter	Coastal Point

PROJECT TEAM:

TITLE	FIRST	LAST	ASSOCIATION
Mr.	David	Geiszler	DelDOT
Mr.	Britt	Murray	DNREC
Mr.	Gerald	Nagyiski	DelDOT
Mr.	Marx	Possible	DelDOT
Mrs.	Tina	Shockley	DelDOT
Mr.	Craig	Stevens	DelDOT

WELCOME: Craig Stevens started the meeting of the Construction Advisory Group (CAG) at 10:00 AM by welcoming the attendees. Craig reminded all attendees to sign in and stated that there were copies of the minutes from the May CAG meeting available.

Indian River Inlet Bridge Contract

Craig indicated that the bridge is completely open and accessible and noted that most all of the work on the bridge has been completed. DelDOT is working on completing the as-built drawings for the bridge. Work items still remaining includes the sand bypass system, for which the designer and manufacturer are still working out a few kinks. Likewise, there

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have been some issues with the lighting on the bridge. The lights have been completely shutting off at midnight. DelDOT will work on changing the timing of the lights, which should be done by Monday, July 2. Work also continues on a gravel area near the walkway from the marina onto the new bridge. Craig noted this area will remain as is until it is improved with the Park Contract. Someone indicated that the slope across this area and onto the bridge is good. Craig indicated that it is ADA accessible. Someone also raised the issue of a broken piece of wood on the access ramp for the pedestrian walkway. DelDOT will work to repair this.

Roadway Approach and Demolition Contract

Craig noted that Access Road A is striped and will be open today, June 28. Ditching, grading and touchup work remain to be completed. In early July, crews will be seeding along the roadway, and this work will require flaggers. We anticipate the work will occur quickly, but the contractor cannot commit to a specific date because weather can always prevent work from being done. Craig noted that with Access Road A complete, this is the end of detours for the project.

Craig indicated that there will be some final asphalt work on some approach areas which look unfinished. This work will occur in the fall when there is less traffic in the area. Final paving work is also scheduled for the fall on Turn Point and Inlet Roads.

Everyone may see George and Lynch around the site seeding, paving and doing other miscellaneous maintenance work to spruce up the area.

Mr. Pezone indicated he rode over and under the bridge, and that it was a nice ride.

Craig noted the project is on schedule.

Bridge Demolition Work

The contractor received approval to move forward with pulling the deck off of the old bridge. This work did not go as smoothly as they originally thought. Because the jack hammering work occurred over the water, it needed to be performed at night for safety reasons. Craig confirmed that the night work has been completed, and at this time, there is no proposed nighttime hours work.

Craig indicated that the next step is to remove the beams. The contractor is working on this with safety as a top priority. Many calculations are being done and submitted to ensure the operation is done safely. Also, the contractor is utilizing an innovative way to take down a bridge. They will cut the girders in half, pull the two beams apart and remove them with rollers. When the beams are being taken off, areas below will be closed to pedestrians and there will be inlet restrictions (not complete closures). Once the beams are removed, crews will begin work on the pier removal. This will consist of jack

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hammering the piers, and using a netting to catch the fallen concrete. They will remove down all the way to the channel bottom. Next, they will pull up the netting and place it on a barge. This process will be repeated until the piers are completely removed. This will be a noisy operation, but at this time all of this work is proposed to occur during daytime hours only. It will take place over the next six to eight weeks.

Craig also noted that there was some work occurring on the northeast side of the bridge to the dune. A large dune is being constructed using some of the old approach materials. Eventually this area will be built up using sand from the area, and then seeded with dune grass. The rusty sheet_piling will also be removed near the approach area of the old bridge, and will be recycled. The contractor is also recycling some of the concrete in this area and it will be used in the Park Contract. This is being done as it is more environmentally and economically-conscious. Craig confirmed that the no materials will be taken out to a reef site as originally stated. Craig indicated that the completion date of the Roadway Approach and Bridge Demolition contract is April-May 2013.

Park Contract Update

Craig indicated that semi-final design plans are due August 3, the project will be bid during the winter, and will start construction in spring 2013. The project will improve the Delaware Seashore State Park, campground and overall area. It will include improved campgrounds, bathhouse, restrooms, park facilities and parking. He indicated the contractor would work in an area away from park users when the project starts, and would use a phased approach to construction in order to minimize the impact to park users.

MEETING SCHEDULING/WRAP UP:

The group agreed that this would be the last meeting of the Construction Advisory Group as work on the two contracts is finishing up. Tina Shockley will send email updates to the group member next month and as needed going forward. The group may reconvene, if needed, in spring 2013 when the Park Contract gets underway.