Construction Information Meeting for Section 2 & Section 3
Maryland/Delaware State Line to the new US Route 301 Interchange with Summit Bridge Road
CIM No. 3 Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2016

Attendees:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Woodring          John McGinley
Roland Holloway                        Claude Newton
Mr. and Mrs. James Scaeffler           Sarah Hanlon
Sandra Buchanan                       Dick Janney - WILMAPCO
Keith McGowan                          Dan Foltz
Tom Clements, GEC                      Dave Snook
Gerald Nagyiski, DelDOT                Sandra Rechisky
Dave Charles, Greggo & Ferrara, Inc.   Ken Cimino, DelDOT
Tate Cantwell, Century Engineering     Dan Elder
John Frey, Allan Meyers                Chris McKew – Allan Myers
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schultz            Ruby Dilmore, NCC
Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Baboolal           Steve Demeter
Paul Haedel                            Joanne Armstrong
Ken Stanley                            Joanne Beach
George C.                              Joanne Clifton
Molly Smith                            Sarah Raymond
Janice Harrison                        Gerald Thomas
Jessica Verchick                       Ted Davis
Tony Vigorito                          Margaret Poteat
Barbara Quaglia

The meeting was commenced at 10:00AM by Ken Cimino from DelDOT welcoming all in attendance on behalf of the Delaware Department of Transportation and the US 301 Mainline Project Team.

Ken Cimino then asked each of the US 301 Project Team members to introduce themselves and to also give a brief description of what their position on the 301 Project.

Ken Cimino from DelDOT next addressed the group by reminding all in attendance that this was a Construction Information Meeting being held to discuss the construction of the new US 301 Mainline Project. All other conversations regarding design topics would be answered after the meeting.

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Ken Cimino then turned the meeting over to Chris McKew and John Frey with Allan Myers to give an update on construction activities that had taken place since the last meeting.

Chris McKew informed the group that Allan Myers continued to work on the visual earth berm behind the Spring Arbor Community and that they have begun excavating material from Levels Road borrow pit and hauling it north along the alignment. The sewer relocation work for the Town of Middletown has been completed. Existing Bunker Hill Road has been relocated and test piles for the new Bunker Hill Road and Sandy Branch Crossing have been driven.

Chris informed the group that planned construction activities between this meeting and the next meeting in August were to haul fill dirt along the alignment on both sides of Bunker Hill Road, complete most of the earth berm behind the Spring Arbor Community as close to the new Bunker Hill Road Bridge as possible and begin driving production piles for the Sandy Branch crossings to the south. Other planned activities include the installation drainage structures and associated drainage pipe.

Ken Cimino then turned the meeting over to Dave Charles with Greggo & Ferrara to give an update on construction activities that had taken place since the last meeting.

Dave Charles advised the group that Greggo & Ferrara continues construction of storm water management ponds and associated drainage structures, installation of Sediment and Erosion Controls in Maryland, completed pile driving activities for the Levels Road Bridge and began installation of drainage structures and associated drainage pipe.

Dave advised the group that planned construction activities between this meeting and the next meeting in August were continue work on the Levels Road Bridge with the installation of the footers and end walls and placing fill material behind the end walls, begin excavation at the Levels Road borrow site and haul material south along the alignment and begin the installation of Erosion and Sediment Controls.

Dave and the Project Team also advised the group that the target date for the closure of Middle Neck Road was mid-July.

Ken Cimino thanked Dan Myer, Jon Frey and Dave Charles for their presentations and opened the floor for questions and discussion.

A question was asked regarding access to Warwick Road from the new US 301.

The Project Team responded that after the new US 301 is constructed there will be no direct access to Warwick Road.

Tony Vigorito inquired if Bunker Hill Road would have bicycle lanes and how wide would the road be.
The Project Team was not able to answer the question and advised that they would review the project plans and provide an answer at the next meeting and to Mr. Vigorito via email. As a written follow up to this question after the meeting it was determined that the Bunker Hill Road Bridge will have 2 – 11 foot travel lanes, 2 – 5 foot bike lanes and a 5 foot 9 inch sidewalk.

A question was asked about the status of the Visual Earth Berm behind the Spring Arbor Community.

Dan Myer from Allan Myers responded that the berm was almost completed in the areas where it could be constructed. Topsoil for the berm should be placed within the next few weeks and then it will be temporary seeded.

A question asked if mosquito control will be provided for the new ponds.

Representatives from the Department responded that mosquito control would not be provided by the Department. DNREC handles mosquito control in Delaware. Their contact person is Mr. Bill Meredith who can be reached at (302) 739-9917.

A question was asked if there would be signs prohibiting the use of “Jake Brakes”.

The Project Team will follow up with design regarding the need for “Modified Exhaust” signing.

A question was asked in reference to when the plantings on the berm would take place. Mark Buckalew from DelDOT responded that the tree plantings may not happen until the fall of 2017.

How high will the Visual Earth Berm be on the community side of the berm?
The berm will be between 20 feet and 25 feet on the community side of the berm.

A question was asked regarding the temporary sediment pond behind Garden Gate Drive and when it would be removed.

John Frey from Allan Myers responded that it wouldn’t be removed until all of the surface area that was draining to it was stabilized.

Someone asked what the project completion date was for the Bunker Hill Road corridor. Representatives from Allan Myers responded that it would be December 2018.

A resident asked if there was going to be a berm constructed along Bunker Hill Road. Ken Cimino responded that there were no plans to construct a berm along Bunker Hill Road but the Department will be installing additional tree planting along Bunker Hill Road adjacent to the Spring Arbor Community.
A question was asked about the timeline for pile driving activities. Representatives from Allan Myers responded test piles were taking place this week (week of June 27th) and production piles would start in approximately six to eight weeks. Pile driving would take about three weeks to complete and the hours of work would be 7AM – 5PM weekdays.

A resident inquired if DelDOT had any intentions of allocating funds for power washing of homes in Spring Arbor.

Ken Cimino responded that the Department will not be setting up any funding for power washing of homes in Spring Arbor.

A resident (Rolland Holloway) asked if a decibel level study was completed along Bunker Hill Road. As a follow up with design staff regarding this question, yes, our computer traffic noise model included Bunker Hill Road in both the existing and proposed condition. It is part of the overall US301 model for the Spring Arbor community, in which we are assessing all design year build conditions.

The Construction Management Team will check with design and try to provide an answer at the August meeting.

Someone asked if Strawberry Lane would be closed. Dave Charles from Greggo and Ferrara responded yes it will be, but not until Middleneck Road is re-opened to traffic.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 7:00PM in the Middletown Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42PM.