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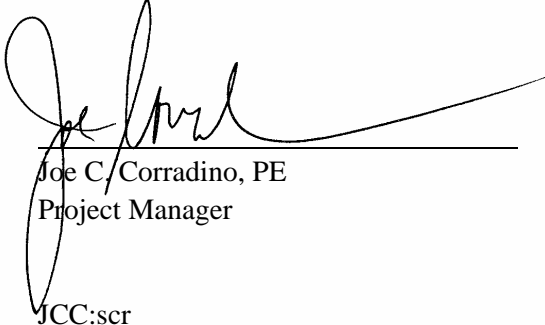
RE: DRIC EPE/EIS Project; Job No. 802330
TCG Project No. 3600 - Invoice No. 40 Progress Report

Dear Mohammed:

Enclosed is the narrative progress report for the DRIC EPE/EIS Project. It supports Invoice No. 40 for April 2008. The invoice will be submitted under separate cover to Portia VanPelt.

Please call if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely yours,



Joe C. Corradino, PE
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**PROGRESS REPORT
THE CORRADINO GROUP
DRIC EPE/EIS PHASE
APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2008**

The following details the work progress for the project by task (Sections A, B, & C). At the end of the task progress discussion are sections that address updates of the schedule, items needed from MDOT, and a listing of substantive verbal contacts with MDOT. Schedule adjustments and verbal contacts are listed on attachments G and H, respectively.

A, B, AND C – PROGRESS BY TASK

TASK 1 (1220) – VERIFY SCOPE/CONDUCT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

A. Work Progress

- Prepared for and participate in the following meetings:
 - ✓ April 2 – With CAPC
 - ✓ April 3 – With the Steering Committee
 - ✓ April 4 – With the Technical Team to discuss upcoming legislative hearings
 - ✓ April 7 – With Automation Alley
 - ✓ April 9 – With St. Claire County Transportation Study in Port Huron
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 - ✓ April 30 – With the Local Advisory Council
- Continued to print documents for distribution based on demand for various DEIS-related products.
- Placed the EIS graphics in four public venues (Delray Recreation Center, Southwestern High School, Mexicantown Community Development Corporation Mercado Building, the Detroit Public Library/downtown Detroit).

- Received and categorized additional comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
- Began to draft responses to the comments on the DEIS.

B. Products

- Materials for distribution to those requesting information on the DEIS.
- Displays of DRIC DEIS material in four different venues.
- Draft responses to comments on the DEIS received so far.

C. Task Evaluation

- The positive response from all agencies/groups to which the DEIS was presented, such as Automation Alley, is very important to the sustainability of the DRIC.
- The formal comment period on the DEIS has been extended 30 days to May 29, 2008.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Prepare for and participate in the following meetings:
 - ✓ May 8 – With the Working Group
 - ✓ May 8 – With the Steering Committee
 - ✓ May 20 – With the Core Team
 - ✓ May 21 – With the federal and state agencies
 - ✓ May 28 – With the LAC/LAG
 - ✓ May 29 – With the Working Group
- Continue to prepare draft responses to the comments received on the DEIS.
- Collaborate with the Canadians on the possible announcement as early as June of the Preferred Alternative.

TASK 2 (2120) – PREPARE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS REPORT

A. Work Progress

- Updated the networks to analyze a modified interchange that could become a component of the Preferred Alternative.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- Traffic analyses will begin as the Preferred Alternative is defined.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Begin to refine the traffic analyses as part of the selection of the Preferred Alternative.

TASK 3 (2130) – PREPARE JOB JUSTIFICATION/PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 4 (2140) – DEVELOP/REVIEW ILLUSTRATIVE ALTERNATIVES

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 5 (2160) – DEVELOP SCOPING DOCUMENT

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 6 (2310) – CONDUCT SEE TECHNICAL STUDIES

A. Work Progress

- Continued the review/response to comments on the DEIS to shape future SEE analyses.

B. Products

- Preliminary responses to comments.

C. Task Evaluation

- The DEIS comments focus largely on the areas dealing with air quality and environmental justice. Further collaboration on these issues will take place with the Core Team.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue to review and respond to comments on the DEIS to shape future SEE analyses.
- Collaborate with the Core Team to agree on SEE issues, particularly as they relate to the air quality and environmental justice issues.

TASK 7 (2320) – AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 8 (2330) – GEOTECHNICAL DATA

A. Work Progress

- Began drilling for bridge foundations.

B. Products

- Additional drilling to provide additional bridge foundation information.

C. Task Evaluation

- Drilling is taking place with a little notice in the local areas.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue the drilling for bridge foundations data.

TASK 9 (2340) – PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVES

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 10 (2360) – PREPARE DEIS

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 11 (2380) – DEIS AVAILABILITY/PUBLIC HEARING

A. Work Progress

- Continued to make the DEIS and supporting documents available, as requested.
- Continued to prepare preliminary responses to comments received on the DEIS.

B. Products

- Preliminary responses to comments on the DEIS.

C. Task Evaluation

- A limited number of comments have been received. Nonetheless, a request for an extension for the comment period has been responded to by FHWA and MDOT with an extension of 30 days to May 29th.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue to make the DEIS and supporting documents available, as requested.
- Notify all those that received the DEIS in the initial mailing (200 different entities/organizations) that the comment period is extended.
- Produce a notice in English, Spanish and Arabic to indicate that the comment period has been extended.
- Place a poster in the Delray Community Center, in English, Spanish and Arabic, indicating that the comment period has been extended to May 29th.

TASK 12 (2510) – RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE

A. Work Progress

- Continued to refine the interchanges of the Practical Alternatives, particularly to develop 4(F) property avoidance alternatives.
- Continued geometric studies and modifications to the interchanges.
- Met with the City of Detroit Police Department to discuss access needs of its facility on Fort Street.
- Conducted an Engineering Review session on April 29th.
- Provided for internal team review a draft paper that will lead to the selection of a Preferred Alternative.

B. Products

- Engineering workshop materials.

C. Task Evaluation

- This task is proceeding on schedule.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Complete the Engineering Review meeting on May 1.
- Continue to provide input to the process leading to the selection of a Preferred Alternative.

TASK 13 (2525) – ENGINEERING REPORT

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed through the Practical Alternatives phase. Work will resume once the Preferred Alternative is chosen.

B. Products

- None as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- Work will resume once the Preferred Alternative is chosen.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Complete the Engineering Report once the Preferred Alternative is chosen.

TASK 14 (2530) – PREPARE FEIS

A. Work Progress

- Continued preparing preliminary responses to comments on the DEIS.

B. Products

- Preliminary responses to comments on the DEIS.

C. Task Evaluation

- The comment period on the DEIS has been extended 30 days to May 29th.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue to respond to comments on the DEIS for inclusion in the FEIS.
- Receive input from Task 12, Recommended Alternative, as it affects preparation of the FEIS and the eventual selection of a Preferred Alternative.

TASK 15 (2550) – OBTAIN RECORD OF DECISION

A. Work Progress

- This task has not been initiated.

TASK 16 (2810) – CONDUCT INITIAL SITE ASSESSMENT

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 17 (2820) – CONDUCT PRELIMINARY SITE INVESTIGATION

A. Work Progress

- Awaited word from various property owners on providing the right-of-entry to conduct a preliminary site investigation.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- The process to gain rights to enter a property for a preliminary site investigation is going slow, as anticipated. A choice will eventually have to be made on whether to go to court to enforce the laws allowing the right to enter properties for such environmental investigations.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue to move forward to secure right-of-entry to properties on which preliminary site investigations are necessary.

TASK 18 (3310) – AERIAL TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 19 (3320) – PHOTOGRAMMETRIC CONTROL SURVEY

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 20 (3330) – DESIGN SURVEY

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 21 (3350) – HYDRAULICS SURVEY

A. Work Progress

- A determination has been made that there will be no piers in the river. Therefore, work in this task is not needed.

TASK 22 (4510) – RIGHT-OF-WAY SURVEY

A. Work Progress

- Activated steps to shift surveying work to another member of the Consulting Team, Northwest Consultants, from Woolpert.

B. Products

- Request to MDOT's Project Manager for permission to shift survey work to Northwest Consultants.

C. Task Evaluation

- The need for some additional survey work will require shifting the work to Northwest Consultants.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Finalize the needed material to allow Northwest Consultants to conduct the needed survey work.
- Conduct survey work associated with foundations drilling.

TASK 23 (3370) – STRUCTURE SURVEY

A. Work Progress

- Began work on the Structure Analysis as part of the process to select the Preferred Alternative.

B. Products

- None, as none required at this time.

C. Task Evaluation

- Work in this area will continue, as needed, to support selection of a Preferred Alternative.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue to work on the Structure Analysis.

TASK 24 (3520) – SCOUR ANALYSIS

A. Work Progress

- Work has not been initiated on this task.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- Work in this task will be initiated once the Preferred Alternative is selected.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Work in this task will be initiated once the Preferred Alternative is selected.

TASK 25 (3530) – FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION

A. Work Progress

- Began drilling for bridge foundations.

B. Products

- Additional drilling to provide additional bridge foundation information.

C. Task Evaluation

- Drilling is taking place with a little notice in the local areas.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue the drilling for bridge foundations.

TASK 26 (3710) – REQUIRED MITIGATION

A. Work Progress

- Received comments from the local community with respect to community benefits.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- Binding agreement on community benefits has been requested by the local community. This issue must be discussed to provide input to the FEIS.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Communicate with Representative Tobocman of Southwest Detroit to discuss the concerns/focus of the community benefits.

D. UPDATE OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SCHEDULE (ATTACHED)

- Revisions to the schedule, last made with the January 2008 Progress Report, are shown in Section G.

E. ITEMS NEEDED FROM MDOT

- None at this time.

F. SUBSTANTIVE VERBAL COMMENTS WITH MDOT

- At the following meetings:
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- Daily e-mail and telephone conversations with the MDOT Project Manager.

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G. SCHEDULE DETAIL

Original Date	Anticipated Date	Explanation
Fourth week of February 2005	Fourth week of February 2005	1 Preliminary Evaluation Criteria
Last week of March 2005	Mid-April 2005 ¹	2 Study Kickoff
Third week of June 2005	Third week of June 2005	3 Illustrative Alternatives Definition
Fourth week of June 2005	Fourth week of June 2005	4 Scoping Document
Fourth week of August 2005	Fourth week of August 2005	5 Scoping
Third week of November 2005	Third week of November 2005	6 Preliminary Evaluation of Illustrative Alternatives
Second week of December 2005	Second week of December 2005	7 Preliminary Illustrative Alternatives Evaluation
Fourth week of February 2006	Fourth week of February 2006	8 Evaluation of Illustrative Alternatives/Select Practical Alternatives
Third week of March 2006	Third week of March 2006	9 Practical Alternatives Selection
First week of April 2006	First week of April 2006	10 Context Sensitive Design 1
First week of May 2006	First week of May 2006	11 Community Impact Assessment 1
First week of June 2006	First week of June 2006	12 Community Planning
First week of August 2006 ¹	First week of November 2006	13 Context Sensitive Design 3
Additional Task ^{1,2}	Second week of February 2007	14 Context Sensitive Design 4
Additional Task ^{1,2}	Second week of April 2007	15 Context Sensitive Design 5
Additional Task ^{1,2}	Second week of June 2007	16 Context Sensitive Design 6
Fourth week of July 2006 ^{1,2}	Last week of July 2007	17 Engineering Concepts Report
Second week of August 2006 ^{1,2}	Second week of August 2007	18 Preliminary DEIS
Fourth week of November 2006 ^{1,2}	Second week of November 2007	19 Public Hearing Script/Video
Second week of October 2006 ^{1,2}	Mid-October 2007	20 Draft DEIS
Second week of December 2006 ^{1,2}	End of December 2007	21 FHWA Approved DEIS
Second week of January 2007 ^{1,2}	Mid-January 2008	22 DEIS Public Hearing
Second week of April 2007 ^{1,2}	Mid-February 2008	23 Public Hearing Transcript Comment Summary
Fourth week of July 2007 ^{1,2,3}	Second week of June 2008	24 Recommended Alternative
Second week of December 2007 ^{1,2}	Second week of June 2008 ³	25 Recommended Alternative Presentation
Fourth week of August 2007 ^{1,2}	Last week of September 2008 ³	26 Final EIS
Fourth week of September 2007 ^{1,2}	Last week of October 2008	27 Final Engineering Report
Fourth week of November 2007 ^{1,2}	Last week of October 2008	28 MOU
Fourth week of December 2007 ^{1,2}	Last week of October 2008	29 Access Justification Report (signature after ROD signature)
Fourth week of December 2007 ^{1,2}	Last week of November 2008	30 ROD

¹ Revised in September 2006. ² Revised in January 2007. ³ Revised in January 2008.

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H. CONTACT RECORDS

- Daily contact records, daily e-mails and conversations by phone and in person with the MDOT Project Manager and other MDOT/FHWA personnel.
- Monthly progress report.
- Notes, as appropriate, of the following meetings:
 - ✓ April 2 – With the APC
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