

**Detroit River International Crossing Study
Local Advisory Council/Local Agency Group Joint Meeting
October 25, 2006
Southwestern High School**

Purpose: To review the progress of the Detroit River International Crossing Study.

Attendance: See attached

Discussion:

Introductions

Mohammed Alghurabi began the meeting by asking everyone in attendance to introduce themselves. Following introductions, he indicated that the meeting was to be conducted so that the observers could comment at the beginning and end of the meeting. The Local Advisory Council and Local Agency Group members would conduct their business uninterrupted in the core of the agenda.

Agenda Review

Mohammed Alghurabi asked if there were any comments or revisions to the agenda. There were none.

Public Comments

Mohammed Alghurabi asked if any member of the general public wished to speak. There were no public comments.

September LAC/LAG Meeting Notes

Joe Corradino indicated that Mrs. Delores Leonard has asked at the September LAC/LAG meeting questions about the “range” of noise where measurements were taken near the

Ambassador Bridge. Joe Corradino explained, with the help of PowerPoint slides and handouts, each of the five locations where noise was recorded, that noise analysis was conducted for 10-minute periods at three times of the day (morning, peak afternoon, peak evening traffic hours) and that the noise measurements were then averaged for each location. He noted that the future noise analysis will deal with the average of noise in the loudest traffic hour, not 10-minute periods. Joe Corradino also presented information that reflected the noise range from minimum to maximum collected in the 10-minute periods. He stressed that these minimum or maximum noise levels could have been a single event and not a sustained noise. He asked Mrs. Leonard if that information responded to her question. She indicated yes.

Mohammed Alghurabi asked if there were any comments on or corrections to the September meeting notes. There was some conversation that the notes were not in the package. However, all of those who responded to Mohammed Alghurabi's question indicated that they had received an e-mail copy of the notes. There were no further comments, corrections, additions or deletions to them.

Notes on Social/Cultural Meetings of May 9 and 10, 2006

Joe Corradino pointed to the agenda packet in which notes were provided from the social/cultural meetings conducted on May 9th at LASED and May 10th at Southwestern High School. He noted that a videotape of those discussions had been distributed earlier. He further indicated that the information in the agenda packet was not a transcript but a paraphrasing of what was said at the meetings. He noted that it conformed to the work done as part of the master planning sessions. He urged the LAC/LAG members to review the information.

CSS Animation Workshops

Bruce Campbell discussed the upcoming CSS workshops to be conducted on November 2nd in the U.S. (at the IBEW Hall on Abbott Street) and November 15th in Windsor (at the Cleary Centre). He began by indicating that information taken from the Context Sensitive Solutions workshop of August 24th was an underlying basis for developing the upcoming workshop information. He noted that the workshop will last from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and anyone could attend at any time during that period. He stressed that the workshop would be highly interactive and computers would be available to express a preference for a design treatment to the interchange/local access system, the bridge, and the plaza. Bruce also noted that those who were less comfortable with using the computer could engage an artist to render/express their ideas in a drawing. He then reviewed the room layout and provided an overview of the materials that would be used at the workshop. Mohammed Alghurabi, at the conclusion of the presentation, asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Update of the Drilling Program

Mohammed Alghurabi indicated that the deep-drilling program would likely begin in late November or, if not then, in December. He indicated that much progress had been made with all of those regulatory agencies including the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the City of Detroit. He stressed that a meeting would be held with the City of Detroit on November 2nd to advance the request for granting permission on the majority of holes to be drilled. He also indicated that efforts were underway to contact those within 300 feet of the boreholes to finalize paperwork so they can be relocated away from the nuisance that may be

caused by the drilling. Mohammed Alghurabi asked if there were any comments or questions on this matter. There were none.

Joint LAC/CCG Meeting on November 29th at Southwestern High School

Joe Corradino emphasized the importance of attending the November LAC/LAG meeting because it would demonstrate the latest design of the bridge, plaza and crossing on both sides of the border and data would be displayed with respect to a number of key issues. Data to be highlighted will schools, parks, homes or businesses that could potentially be acquired. Joe Corradino stressed that public reaction to the information would then be reviewed in what is called a “Value Planning Workshop”.

Other LAC Business

Mohammed Alghurabi asked if there were any other matters that the group wished to discuss. There were none.

Public Comments

Otis Mathis asked if a tunnel project is being considered as part of the DRIC Study. He indicated that, the previous evening, Mayor Kilpatrick of the City of Detroit talked about the tunnel issue. Joe Corradino responded that the project is being pursued by the Detroit River Tunnel Partnership and that a representative of the group was in attendance. Nonetheless, Joe Corradino stressed that the tunnel project was not part of the DRIC Study. He indicated that project was jointly sponsored by Canadian Pacific Railroad and a pension organization known as BOREALIS.

Joe Corradino also noted that there was an ongoing analysis of tunneling for the approach road (not under the river) being conducted by the Canadian DRIC team.

There were no other public comments. With that, Mohammed Alghurabi reiterated that the next LAC/LAG meeting would be on November 29th and with the public on December 5th. He again urged everyone to attend.

With that, the meeting concluded at about 8:00 p.m.

