

**Detroit River International Crossing Study  
Public Meeting  
January 11, 2007  
Delray Recreation Center**

**Purpose:** To provide the community the most up-to-date information on the Detroit River International Crossing Study Deep Drilling Program.

**Attendance:** See attachment.

**Discussion:**

**Introduction**

Mohammed Alghurabi welcomed everyone. He asked the consulting team members – U.S. and Canadian – to introduce themselves. He then noted the purpose of the meeting and introduced Joe Corradino from the U.S. Consulting Team to make a presentation on the Deep Drilling Program, indicating the presentation materials and the Communication Protocol were handouts which everyone was provided.

**Deep Drilling Program**

Joe Corradino used a PowerPoint presentation to review the Deep Drilling Program, including why it is needed, the number and placement of drill locations, when drilling would likely begin, when it will end, and the temporary relocations of residents. He, and the other members of the consulting teams, including a representative of the driller – DeWayne McCaine of Advanced Energy Systems then answered questions.

*Question: It is my understanding that the drilling is to begin on the Revere site on the 18<sup>th</sup>, correct? Will you give us a briefing January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Local Advisory Council meeting?*

Response: Drilling preparation will begin the week of January 15<sup>th</sup>. A public visit to a drilling site will be made on the afternoon of January 31<sup>st</sup>. The “visit meeting” will then lead into the Local Advisory Council meeting, at which a status report on the drilling will be provided.

*Question: What is the diameter of the hole?*

Response: About 13 inches.

*Question: What kinds of arrangements have you made for the people that must be moved out of their homes? Is there any compensation?*

Response: The occupants of every household within 300 feet of a drilling hole will be relocated at the cost of MDOT for the time drilling is going on near their house, if they have signed the appropriate papers. The residents affected will likely be relocated for 15 days.

*Question: I don't see anything in your PowerPoint presentation about evacuation of animals.*

Response: The pets will be evacuated.

*Question: What happens when you evacuate someone and their homes are broken into? Do you have arrangements for that? Will people be compensated for their homes if they are broken into?*

Response: Private security will be 24/7 when residents are relocated during drilling.

*Question: We were initially contacted about signing the form for drilling and later we were contacted and told that we are no longer in the vicinity of the hole. I do not understand why we were excluded.*

*Response: The drill hole affecting your property, and others on Morrell Street, was relocated to the east. The original hole was on Norfolk Southern property. But, we did not make the progress we needed, so the hole was relocated and your property, along with others, is no longer within 300 feet of the drill hole.*

*Comment: I cannot read the streets on the handout, but would like to know if Southwestern High School is affected by the drilling.*

*Response: Southwestern High School is not within 300 feet of the drilling. It is quite a distance away.*

*Question: Has the federal government been contacted about this drilling?*

*Response: Yes. The Federal Highway Administration has approved this drilling program.*

*Question: To Mohammed Alghurabi, specifically: How long have you been involved in this project?*

*Response: Two years.*

*Question: Where can I find the permits for the drilling?*

Response: They have been issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and are available at that agency.

*Question: Did you have any public hearings on the drilling program?*

Response: No public hearings but more than one public meeting, including as far back as the Spring of 2006.

*Comment: I am concerned about Patton Park as a relocation site because the area is full of drug addicts.*

Response: Comment acknowledged.

*Question: Matty Moroun is interested in building his bridge next to the Ambassador Bridge and an application was made. Can we get a copy of that application?*

Response: The Detroit River International Crossing Study does not include a second span of the Ambassador Bridge. The application affecting it has been made to the U.S. Coast Guard.

*Question: Are the police going to be in Delray all the time during the drilling or just driving around Delray when an evacuation is ordered?*

Response: "I am Commander Kohls of the Southwest District. If an evacuation is ordered, we will set up a perimeter."

*Comment: We in the community have been going through this process of drilling for several months, and am unsure of the man's comments about permits and hearings. I remember that MDOT mentioned permits at a January 2006 meeting at the Delray Center.*

*Question: How much H<sub>2</sub>S does it take before a shut down happens?*

Response: Evacuation will occur when H<sub>2</sub>S reaches 20 parts per million at the periphery of the drilling site.

*Question: Will you let people know how much you are going to give them to purchase their house?*

Response: Yes, they will know in advance. But, we are not at a point at this meeting, to do so. There are MDOT Real Estate people in the room (identified by raising their hand) who will be glad to discuss this issue further after this meeting.

*Question: When is the final EIS going to be completed?*

Response: In 2008.

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

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