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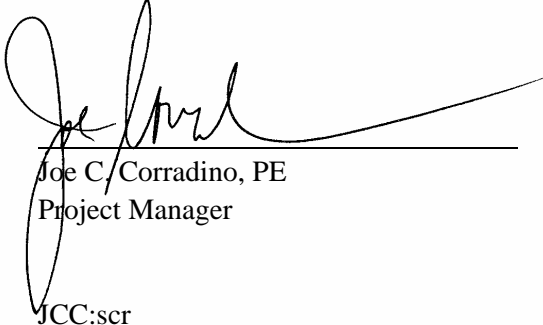
RE: DRIC EPE/EIS Project; Job No. 802330
TCG Project No. 3600 - Invoice No. 47 Progress Report

Dear Mohammed:

Enclosed is the narrative progress report for the DRIC EPE/EIS Project. It supports Invoice No. 47 for November 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
Project Manager

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**PROGRESS REPORT
THE CORRADINO GROUP
DRIC EPE/EIS PHASE
NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 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 participated in the following meetings:
 - ✓ November 4 – With the Working Group (by teleconference)
 - ✓ November 6 – With the Steering Committee
 - ✓ November 17 – With the Community Benefits Coalition
 - ✓ Week of November 17 – With FHWA and others on cost verification
 - ✓ November 18 – With the Core Team
 - ✓ November 19 – With the City of Detroit

B. Products

- Notes and presentation materials, as required, on each of the above-noted meetings.

C. Task Evaluation

- Meetings with the City of Detroit will still be required to resolve outstanding issues. One item of significance is the resistance of the Department of Public Works to the discontinuous service drive to avoid Berwalt Manor.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Prepare for and participate in the following meetings:
 - ✓ December 3 – With the Working Group (by teleconference)
 - ✓ December 4 – With the Steering Committee
 - ✓ December 10 – With the Local Advisory Council/Local Agency Group
 - ✓ December 16 – With the Core Team

TASK 2 (2120) – PREPARE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS REPORT

A. Work Progress

- Submitted the revised Level 3 TAR to MDOT.

B. Products

- Level 3 TAR Report.

C. Task Evaluation

- This task is essentially complete with the approval of the Level 3 TAR in November.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Assist in responding to comments on the FEIS.

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

- Updated the preliminary FEIS and submitted it to FHWA on November 17 with a final version being delivered on November 24th.
- Began printing approximately 500 copies of the FEIS.
- Placed Notice of Availability of FEIS in *Federal Register*.
- Placed FEIS, TAR 3 and Engineering Report in 21 depositories.

B. Products

- Final FEIS.

C. Task Evaluation

- The work in this area is complete with the submission of the FEIS.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Assist in responding to comments on the FEIS.

TASK 7 (2320) – AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 8 (2330) – GEOTECHNICAL DATA

A. Work Progress

- Completed last two interchange borings.
- Included in the Engineering Report the results of the interchange foundation work.

B. Products

- Complete borings in the interchange area.
- Foundations analysis documentation as part of the Engineering Report.

C. Task Evaluation

- This task is now complete.

D. Upcoming Plans

- None, as none required.

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

- This task has been completed.

TASK 12 (2510) – RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE

A. Work Progress

- Updated the cost of the Preferred Alternative based on the cost verification meetings held during the week of November 17th with FHWA.

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B. Products

- Final Engineering Report and updated cost estimate.

C. Task Evaluation

- The base cost for the DRIC project was within two percent of the base cost developed through the cost verification.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Assist in the response to comments on the FEIS.

- **TASK 13 (2525) – ENGINEERING REPORT**

- A. Work Progress**

- Finalized the Engineering Report and submitted it to MDOT on November 26th.

- B. Products**

- Final Engineering Report in seven volumes.

- C. Task Evaluation**

- This task is now complete.

- D. Upcoming Plans**

- Assist in the response to comments on the FEIS.

TASK 14 (2530) – PREPARE FEIS

- A. Work Progress**

- Submitted the updated preliminary FEIS to MDOT and FHWA on November 17th.
 - Submitted the final FEIS to MDOT and FHWA on November 24th.
 - Began printing approximately 500 copies of the FEIS.
 - Placed Notice of Availability of FEIS in *Federal Register*.
 - Placed FEIS, TAR 3 and Engineering Report in 21 depositories.

- B. Products**

- Final FEIS.

- C. Task Evaluation**

- Notice of Availability was sent by EPA to the *Federal Register* on November 26th. It should be published on December 5th.

- D. Upcoming Plans**

- Assist in the response to comments on the FEIS.

TASK 15 (2550) – OBTAIN RECORD OF DECISION

A. Work Progress

- Drafted the preliminary ROD. Delivered it to MDOT.

B. Products

- The preliminary ROD.

C. Task Evaluation

- This task is proceeding according to schedule.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Finalize the Record of Decision based on FDOT and FHWA review.

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

- Completed the PSI technical memo/reports for the sites for which the PSI investigations were conducted.
- Continue to assist MDOT with outstanding right-of-entry issues and continue the PSI investigation as access is granted.

B. Products

- Completed PSI reports for the sites on which the access was granted.

C. Task Evaluation

- This work will continue into 2009 as access to various sites is gained.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue PSIs into 2009, as access to various sites is gained.

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

- None, as none required.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- Consultation with MDOT is needed in order to determine how to proceed with the right-of-way survey for the Preferred Alternative.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Determine how to proceed on the right-of-way survey on the Preferred Alternative.

TASK 23 (3370) – STRUCTURE SURVEY

A. Work Progress

- Attended the cost verification meeting during the week of November 17th.
- Completed the structure study and included it in the final Engineering Report.

B. Products

- Final Engineering Report.

C. Task Evaluation

- This work is essentially complete.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Assist in responding to comments on the FEIS.

TASK 24 (3520) – SCOUR ANALYSIS

A.. Work Progress

- Work in this area will not be initiated as all alternatives with piers in the river have been eliminated.

TASK 25 (3530) – FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION

A. Work Progress

- Completed last two interchange borings.
- Included in the Engineering Report the results of the interchange foundation work.

B. Products

- Complete borings in the interchange area.
- Foundations analysis documentation as part of the Engineering Report.

C. Task Evaluation

- This task is now complete.

D. Upcoming Plans

- None, as none required.

TASK 26 (3710) – REQUIRED MITIGATION

A. Work Progress

- Met with the Community Benefits Coalition to discuss mitigation/enhancements.
- Continued the coordination with the National Park Service and the City of Detroit on enhancements for Fort Wayne.
- Finalized the mitigation/community enhancement section of the FEIS including the Green Sheet.

B. Products

- Final Green Sheet and related section of FEIS.

C. Task Evaluation

- This work is essentially complete.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Assist in responding to comments on the FEIS.

D. UPDATE OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SCHEDULE (ATTACHED)

- The latest revisions to the schedule in Section G were completed with the October Progress Report.

E. ITEMS NEEDED FROM MDOT

- Determination on conducting the right-of-way survey for the Preferred Alternative.

F. SUBSTANTIVE VERBAL CONTACTS WITH MDOT

- At the following meetings:
 - ✓ November 4 – With the Working Group (by teleconference)
 - ✓ November 6 – With the Steering Committee
 - ✓ November 17 – With the Community Benefits Coalition
 - ✓ Week of November 17 – With FHWA and others on cost verification
 - ✓ November 18 – With the Core Team
 - ✓ November 19 – With the City of Detroit
- 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 November 2008 ^{3,4,5}	26 Final EIS
Fourth week of September 2007 ^{1,2}	Last week of November 2008 ^{4,5}	27 Final Engineering Report
Fourth week of November 2007 ^{1,2}	December,2008-Draft/January, 2009-- Final ^{4,5}	28 MOU
Fourth week of December 2007 ^{1,2}	December,2008DRAFT/Januaty,2009-- -FINAL ^{4,5}	29 Access Justification Report (signature after ROD signature)
Fourth week of December 2007 ^{1,2}	December,2008-Draft/Januaty.2009 Final ^{4,5,4}	30 ROD

¹ Revised in September 2006. ² Revised in January 2007. ³ Revised in January 2008. ⁴ Revised August 2008⁵Revised November 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:
 - ✓ November 4 – With the Working Group (by teleconference)
 - ✓ November 6 – With the Steering Committee
 - ✓ November 17 – With the Community Benefits Coalition
 - ✓ Week of November 17 – With FHWA and others on cost verification
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