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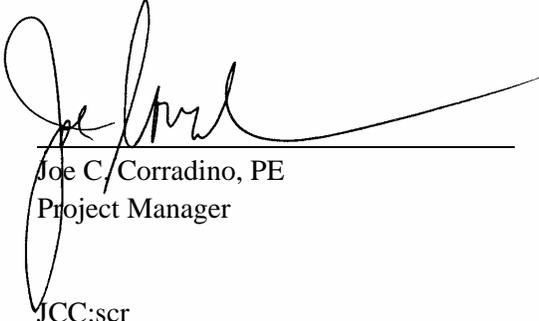
RE: DRIC EPE/EIS Project; Job No. 802330
TCG Project No. 3600 - Invoice No. 50 Progress Report

Dear Mohammed:

Enclosed is the narrative progress report for the DRIC EPE/EIS Project. It supports Invoice No. 50 for February 2009. The invoice will be submitted under separate cover to Portia VanPelt.

Please call if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely yours,



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**PROGRESS REPORT
THE CORRADINO GROUP
DRIC EPE/EIS PHASE
FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2009**

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:
 - ✓ February 12 – With MDOT/FHWA on the approach to advancing air quality issues
 - ✓ February 17 – With the Core Team
 - ✓ February 25 – With the Local Advisory Council

B. Products

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

C. Task Evaluation

- The first “Team II” meeting with various departments of the City of Detroit has not yet been scheduled. Now that the mayoral primary has been concluded, it may be that this first meeting can be scheduled.
- The meeting of the re-established Local Advisory Council awaits the first meeting with Team II.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Prepare for and participate in the following meetings:
 - ✓ March 3 – Communication Team Meeting
 - ✓ March 10 – With the Community Benefits Coalition
 - ✓ March 11 – With the Legislative Team
 - ✓ March 12 – On the further analysis for transition planning of the main bridge
 - ✓ March 17 – With the Core Team

- ✓ March 19 – With the MSHDA consultant on Delray redevelopment
- ✓ March 25 – With the Local Advisory Council/Local Advisory Group
- ✓ To Be Decided – With Team II

TASK 2 (2120) – PREPARE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS REPORT

A. Work Progress

- Updated the Interchange Access Justification Report for delivery to FHWA.
- Continued the STEAM analysis.

B. Products

- Updated IAJR.

C. Task Evaluation

- It is expected that the IAJR will be approved by FHWA Washington for finalization sometime in March.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Finalize the IAJR.
- Continued the STEAM analysis and complete, if possible.

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

- This task has been completed.

TASK 7 (2320) – AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 8 (2330) – GEOTECHNICAL DATA

A. Work Progress

- None, as none required.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- The MDOT review of the interchange geotechnical analysis is awaited.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Revise and finalize the interchange area technical report based on MDOT/FHWA comment.

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

- Began work on transitional elements particularly dealing with various detailed assignments of the project schedule.

B. Products

- Schedule and presentation material.

C. Task Evaluation

- Transition planning will take advantage of the DRIC momentum and allow the next phase of work to move forward expeditiously.
- Once the comments are received from MDOT/FHWA on the draft geotechnical report for the interchange area, the document will be finalized and incorporated into the engineering report.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Revise and finalize the interchange area technical report based on MDOT/FHWA comment.
- Complete the interchange geotechnical analysis and include in the Engineering Report.

TASK 13 (2525) – ENGINEERING REPORT

A. Work Progress

- None, as none required.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- Once the comments are received from MDOT/FHWA on the draft geotechnical report for the interchange area, the document will be finalized and incorporated into the engineering report.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue to work on detailed scheduling for transitional elements.
- Complete the interchange geotechnical analysis and include in the Engineering Report.

TASK 14 (2530) – PREPARE FEIS

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 15 (2550) – OBTAIN RECORD OF DECISION

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

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

- Assist MDOT, as appropriate, to continue the PSI for sites for which access is granted.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- This work is likely to continue as access to various sites is gained.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue PSIs as access to 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

- Work on this task was not needed as all alternatives with piers in the river were eliminated.

TASK 22 (4510) – RIGHT-OF-WAY SURVEY

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 23 (3370) – STRUCTURE SURVEY

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 24 (3520) – SCOUR ANALYSIS

A.. Work Progress

- Work in this area was not initiated as all alternatives with piers in the river were eliminated.

TASK 25 (3530) – FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION

A. Work Progress

- None, as none required.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- The MDOT review of the interchange geotechnical analysis is awaited.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Revise and finalize the interchange area technical report based on MDOT/FHWA comment.

TASK 26 (3710) – REQUIRED MITIGATION

A. Work Progress

- Met with the Community Benefits Coalition.
- Finalized a jobs paper for public distribution.
- Continued to examine a more detailed definition of jobs associated with the project as was done on the DIFT.

B. Products

- Completed paper for public distribution on job impacts.

C. Task Evaluation

- Continued exchange of information with the Community Benefits Coalition should be directed at preparing an application for U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development/Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Meet with Community Benefits Coalition to assist in the preparation of a Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant application.
- Continue to examine a more detailed definition of jobs associated with the project as was done on the DIFT.

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

- FHWA/Washington comments on the IAJR.
- Comments of the Presidential Permit.
- Comments on the interchange area geotechnical report.
- Definition of the next steps in reconvening the Local Agency Group and meeting with Team II.

F. SUBSTANTIVE VERBAL CONTACTS WITH MDOT

- At the following meetings:
 - ✓ February 12 – On the approach to advancing air quality issues
 - ✓ February 17 – With the Core Team
 - ✓ February 25 – With the Local Advisory Council
- 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 2008

⁵Revised 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:
 - ✓ February 12 – On the approach to advancing air quality issues
 - ✓ February 17 – With the Core Team
 - ✓ February 25 – With the Local Advisory Council

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