

ONTARIO-MICHIGAN BORDER TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP Planning/Need and Feasibility Study

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT #20

Period Ending October 31, 2003

Work Accomplished This Period (4 Weeks)

Strategic and Geographic Area Overview Working Paper

• Compiling final edits for completion of P/NF.

Traffic Analysis Zone System and Trip Tables for FAA Interim Working Paper

• This task is complete and paper is posted on project web site.

Travel Demand Analysis Process Working Paper

Final draft report complete and paper is posted on project web site.

Existing and Future Travel Demand Working Paper

• Compiling final edits for completion of P/NF.

Analysis Area Working Paper

 This Working Paper is incorporated directly into the Transportation Problems and Opportunities Report.

Transportation Problems and Opportunities Report

- Compiling final edits for completion of P/NF.

Feasible Transportation Alternatives Working Paper

Draft report complete and posted on Project web site.

Economic Benefits Report

• Task is complete.

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Revenue Generation Report

Task is complete.

Environmental Overview

Task is complete.

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Preparing draft report.

Air Quality

• Prepared an Air Quality plan for developing coordinated bi-national approach.

Other Documents

- Prepared Position Paper on DRTP for consideration by the Partnership.
- Prepared Position Paper on Governance for consideration by the Partnership.
- Initiated review of design criteria for a road connection alternative.
- Initiated draft of OEA Terms of Reference.

Consultation

- Continued monitoring of project hotline including the preparation of daily reports and weekly overviews.
- Continued updating and management of public comment computer database and binder including track web site comment forms and response letters.
- Continued to prepare individual response letters for each comment sheet received at the PIOH meetings.
- Teleconferences held on October 7 and 14.
- Attended LaSalle Public Information Meeting on October 7.
- Participated in Partnership Working Group Meeting on October 8 in Detroit.
- Attended October 8 Detroit City Council Meeting.
- Made a presentation and delivered a handout to the Detroit Chamber of Commerce Task Force on October 28 regarding border crossing issues.
- Attended Transportation 101 Forum on October 28 in Windsor.

Communications

Drafted communications follow-up report with recommendations for PIOH #3.



Service Deliverables / Project Management

- Received Contract Amendment from MDOT regarding extension of Contract for the period February 21, 2002, to May 1, 2004.
- Coordination of Project Team activities and internal progress teleconferences continued.
- Preparation of monthly Progress Reports and Invoicing.

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Work Proposed for Next Period

Strategic and Geographic Area Overview Working Paper

Issue final document.

Travel Demand Analysis Process Working Paper

Issue final document.

Existing and Future Travel Demand Working Paper

Issue final document.

Transportation Problems and Opportunities Report

Issue final document.

Feasible Transportation Alternatives Working Paper

Issue final document.

Planning/Need and Feasibility Study

Prepare internal draft report for review and comment.

OEA Terms of Reference

- Issue internal draft for review and comment.

Consultation

- Continue to monitor project hotline.
- Continue to update and manage public comment computer database.
- Continue to update Consultation Group contact lists.
- Continue to prepare responses to comment sheets and web form submissions as received.
- Establish public consultation schedule.



Communications

- Ongoing monitoring for project related coverage.
- Prepare materials in support of the next round of Public Information Open Houses (newspaper advertising, brochure updating and messaging).

Service Deliverables / Project Management

- Progress reporting, updating of the Project Record and Issue Management as required.
- On-going coordination of the Consultant Project Team.

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Areas of Concern/Actions Required

The Work Plan for the TOR/NEPA processes requires approval from the Partnership to provide certainty to the Consultant Team as to how to move forward in the next few months. The Work Plan tasks are generally agreed to, but budget will need to be reallocated to suit the changes in scope.

4. Schedule Status

The project is proceeding on an accelerated schedule.

A revised schedule of activities will be provided once the Work Plans are approved. It is intended that the OEA Terms of Reference will be submitted by the end of February.

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Budget Status

Based on invoicing received to date, a total of \$ 109,734.65 CDN was expended this billing period. Additional hours/dollars have been expended, but invoices have not been received. The total budget invoiced to date is \$ 3,389,601.93 CDN, or 74% of the total budget. Please see **Table 2** for a breakdown of budget spent by project deliverable and interim deliverable.

A total of 1006 person hours were invoiced this billing period. To date, 80% of the total project person hours have been invoiced. Please see **Table 3** for a breakdown of hours by project deliverable and interim deliverable.

Overall, we expect to complete the project within the total budget. However, a reallocation of budget is required to address changes in scope.

Please see **Table 4** for the project cumulative spending curve.







