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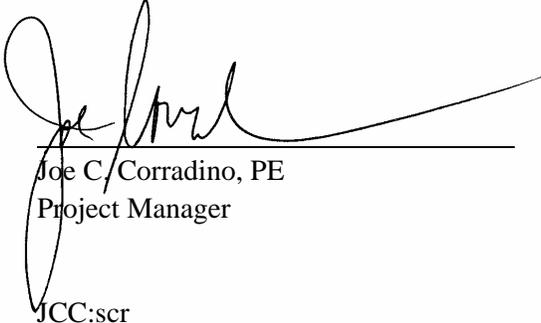
RE: DRIC EPE/EIS Project; Job No. 802330
TCG Project No. 3600 - Invoice No. 41 Progress Report

Dear Mohammed:

Enclosed is the narrative progress report for the DRIC EPE/EIS Project. It supports Invoice No. 41 for May 2008. 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
MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 31, 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 participate in the following meetings:
 - ✓ May 8 – With the Working Group
 - ✓ May 8 – With the Steering Committee
 - ✓ May 13 – With Representative Tobocman on Community Benefits
 - ✓ May 20 – With the community in a Spanish-translation public meeting
 - ✓ May 20 – With the Core Team
 - ✓ May 21 – With the federal and state agencies
 - ✓ May 28 – With the LAC/LAG
 - ✓ May 29 – With the Working Group
- Continued to print documents for distribution based on demand for DEIS-related products.
- Received and categorized additional comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
- Draft responses to the comments on the DEIS.

B. Products

- Notes and presentation materials, as required, of each of the above meetings.
- Material in Spanish for the May 20, 2008 meeting noted above.

C. Task Evaluation

- The comments made in May on the DEIS were about 40. A number were from those who had provided comments earlier. No more significant or different issues have been raised in May. The comment period for the DEIS ended on May 29th.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Prepare for and participate in the following meetings:
 - ✓ June 5 – With the Steering Committee
 - ✓ June 16 – With the Steering Committee
 - ✓ June 17 – With the Core Team
 - ✓ June 18 – With the GSA on plaza-related issues (tentative)
 - ✓ June 25 – With the LAC/LAG
 - ✓ June 26 – With the Working Group
- Continue to prepare draft responses to the comments received on the DEIS.
- Continue to collaborate with the Canadians on the possible announcement in June of a Preferred Alternative.

TASK 2 (2120) – PREPARE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS REPORT

A. Work Progress

- Continued to update the networks to analyze the Preferred Alternative.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- Traffic analyses will begin once the Preferred Alternative is defined officially.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Begin the traffic analysis of the alternative identified as preferred.

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

- Continued the review and respond to comments on the DEIS to shape future SEE analyses.
- Establish a list of issues that need to be clarified/resolved in order to prepare the FEIS.

B. Products

- Preliminary responses to comments on SEE issues of the DEIS.
- List of key issues to be resolved in order to proceed with the FEIS.

C. Task Evaluation

- As soon as a meeting is conducted on key issues, the writing the FEIS can begin.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue to review and respond to comments on the DEIS to shape future SEE analyses.
- Collaborate with the Core Team to resolve key SEE issues in order to move forward 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 the drilling for foundation purposes in the X-11 Corridor.
- Continue drilling for bridge foundation analysis for the X-10 Corridor.

B. Products

- Daily field reports of the drilling.

C. Task Evaluation

- Drilling is taking place at slower-than-expected pace. Nonetheless, it is expected to be completed in June.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Complete the drilling for the X-10 Corridor for foundations data.

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

- Continued to make the DEIS and supporting documents available, as requested. This includes documents translated in Spanish for a special meeting on May 20th.

B. Products

- Additional DEIS materials, particularly those produced in Spanish.
- Discussion with the public on May 20th representative of a public discussion of Spanish-speaking community on May 20th.

C. Task Evaluation

- The comments made in May on the DEIS were about 40. A number were from those who had provided comments earlier. No more significant or different issues have been raised in May. The comment period for the DEIS ended on May 29th.

D. Upcoming Plans

- This task will be concluded with the close of comments on May 29th.

TASK 12 (2510) – RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE

A. Work Progress

- Drafted a paper in cooperation with the Canadian team in order to begin identification of the Preferred Alternative on an end-to-end basis.

B. Products

- Engineering workshop materials.
- Input to the draft paper on identifying a Preferred Alternative.

C. Task Evaluation

- This task is proceeding on schedule.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Complete a report on the Engineering Review of the interchanges.
- Begin preparing the updated Conceptual Engineering Report to accompany the FEIS, particularly as it relates to the hybrid interchange alternative now under development.
- Continue to provide input to the process leading to the identification of a Preferred Alternative.

TASK 13 (2525) – ENGINEERING REPORT

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed through the Practical Alternatives phase. Work will resume once the Preferred Alternative is chosen.

B. Products

- None as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- Work will resume once the Preferred Alternative is chosen.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Complete the Engineering Report once the Preferred Alternative is chosen.

TASK 14 (2530) – PREPARE FEIS

A. Work Progress

- Continued preparing preliminary responses to comments on the DEIS.
- Received input from Task 12, Recommended Alternatives, as it affects preparation of the FEIS and the eventual selection of a Preferred Alternative.
- Prepared a schedule and a list of issues to be resolved in order to complete the FEIS.

B. Products

- Preliminary responses to comments on the DEIS.
- A list of issues to be resolved in order to advance the FEIS.
- Schedule for completing the FEIS.

C. Task Evaluation

- A meeting is needed with the Core Team in order resolve a list of issues that will allow the FEIS to proceed.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Meet with MDOT/FHWA to resolve a list of issues to allow preparation of the FEIS to proceed.
- Review and adjust, as appropriate, the schedule to complete the FEIS.

TASK 15 (2550) – OBTAIN RECORD OF DECISION

A. Work Progress

- This task has not been initiated.

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

- Awaited word from various property owners on providing the right-of-entry to conduct a preliminary site investigation.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- The process to gain rights to enter a property for a preliminary site investigation is going slow, as anticipated. A choice will eventually have to be made on whether to go to court to enforce the laws allowing the right to enter properties for such environmental investigations.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Prepare for PSI work at four sites that is tentatively scheduled to be conducted in mid- to late-June.
- Continue to assist MDOT with right-of-entry and respond to specific land owner questions.

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

- Activated steps to shift surveying work to another member of the Consulting Team, Northwest Consultants from Woolpert.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- A response from the MDOT project manager of shifting the survey work to Northwest Consultants is still awaited.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Finalize the needed material to allow Northwest Consultants to conduct the needed survey work.
- Conduct survey work associated with foundations drilling.

TASK 23 (3370) – STRUCTURE SURVEY

A. Work Progress

- Began work on the Structure Analysis as part of the process to select the Preferred Alternative.

B. Products

- None, as none required at this time.

C. Task Evaluation

- Work in this area will continue as needed to support selection of a Preferred Alternative.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue to work on the Structure Analysis.

TASK 24 (3520) – SCOUR ANALYSIS

A. Work Progress

- Work has not been initiated on this task.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- Work in this task will be initiated once the Preferred Alternative is selected.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Work in this task will be initiated once the Preferred Alternative is selected.

TASK 25 (3530) – FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION

A. Work Progress

- Completed the drilling for foundation purposes in the X-11 Corridor.
- Continue drilling for bridge foundation analysis for the X-10 Corridor.

B. Products

- Daily field reports of the drilling.

C. Task Evaluation

- Drilling is taking place at a slower-than-expected pace. Nonetheless, it is expected to be completed in June.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Complete the drilling for the X-10 Corridor for foundations data.

TASK 26 (3710) – REQUIRED MITIGATION

A. Work Progress

- Met with Representative Tobocman to review issues offered by the community dealing with mitigation/community benefits.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- A meeting is needed with the community in the near future to gain a thorough understanding of the intent of the mitigation/community benefit actions that they have proposed.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Meet with the local community representatives to discuss their proposed mitigation/community benefit assessment items.

D. UPDATE OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SCHEDULE (ATTACHED)

- Revisions to the schedule, last made with the January 2008 Progress Report, are shown in Section G.

E. ITEMS NEEDED FROM MDOT

- Decision on the use of Northwest Consultants for the remaining survey work.

F. SUBSTANTIVE VERBAL COMMENTS WITH MDOT

- At the following meetings:
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 - ✓ May 29 – With the Working Group
- 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 September 2008 ³	26 Final EIS
Fourth week of September 2007 ^{1,2}	Last week of October 2008	27 Final Engineering Report
Fourth week of November 2007 ^{1,2}	Last week of October 2008	28 MOU
Fourth week of December 2007 ^{1,2}	Last week of October 2008	29 Access Justification Report (signature after ROD signature)
Fourth week of December 2007 ^{1,2}	Last week of November 2008	30 ROD

¹ Revised in September 2006. ² Revised in January 2007. ³ Revised in January 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:
 - ✓ May 8 – With the Working Group
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