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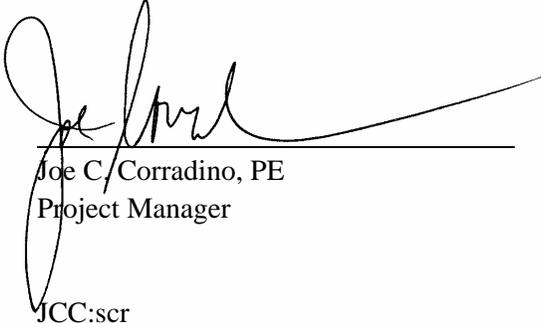
RE: DRIC EPE/EIS Project; Job No. 802330
TCG Project No. 3600 - Invoice No. 39 Progress Report

Dear Mohammed:

Enclosed is the narrative progress report for the DRIC EPE/EIS Project. It supports Invoice No. 39 for March 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
MARCH 1 THROUGH MARCH 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

- Prepare for and participate in the following meetings:
 - ✓ March 3 – With Automation Alley
 - ✓ March 3 – With the Wayne County Commission
 - ✓ March 4 – With the River Rouge City Council
 - ✓ March 6 – With the Melvindale City Council
 - ✓ March 6 – With the Oakland County Commission
 - ✓ March 7 – With the Oakland County Executive
 - ✓ March 11 – With the Allen Park Mayor, City Council, and Planning Commission
 - ✓ March 11 – With the Monroe County Commission
 - ✓ March 11 – With the Macomb County Commission
 - ✓ March 14 – With the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce
 - ✓ March 18/19 – With the public at the official hearings on the DEIS
 - ✓ March 25 – With the Oakland County Traffic Improvement Association
 - ✓ March 26 – With the LAC/LAG.
- Conducted the public hearings on March 18th and March 19th.
- Received and categorized comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
- Continue to print documents (DEIS, stand-alone DEIS summary, brochure, Technical Reports) to meet the demand for these products.

B. Products

- Materials for the March 18th and 19th DEIS public hearings.

- Final video in Spanish and English; brochure in Spanish, English and Arabic; DEIS summary in Spanish and English.
- Other materials for distribution to those requesting it in hard copy and DVD.

C. Task Evaluation

- The public hearings were attended by about 270 people (200 on March 18th and 70 on March 19th). Thirteen people spoke at the microphone and about 20 to the court reporter. The meetings were very constructive. The formal comment period ends on April 29th.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue to receive and categorize and begin responses to comments on the DEIS.
- Prepare for and participate in the following meetings:
 - ✓ April 3 – With the Steering Committee
 - ✓ April 4 – With the Technical Team to discuss upcoming legislative hearings
 - ✓ April 7 – With Automation Alley
 - ✓ April 9 – With St. Claire County Transportation Study in Port Huron
 - ✓ April 16 – With the Genesee County Board of Commissioners
 - ✓ April 16 – With Washtenaw Area Transportation Study Committee
 - ✓ April 18 – With the Blue Water Bridge Study Team
 - ✓ April 22 – With the Core Team
 - ✓ April 22 – With the State Historic Preservation Officer
 - ✓ April 24 – With the Working Group
 - ✓ April 25 – With the Assistant Deputy Minister of Transport Canada (Kristine Burr)
 - ✓ April 29/May 1 – With the Technical Team on engineering review of the interchanges
 - ✓ April 30 – With the Local Advisory Council
 - ✓ May 1 – With the Steering Committee
- Continue to print documents for distribution based on demand for various DEIS-related products.
- Place the DEIS graphics in a number of public venues.

TASK 2 (2120) – PREPARE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS REPORT

A. Work Progress

- Began to define the network for the analysis of the Preferred Alternative at both the regional model and microsimulation model levels.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- Traffic analyses will be refined with the process to choose the Preferred Alternative.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Begin to refine the traffic analyses in order to select the Preferred Alternative.

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

- Began the responses to comments on the DEIS to shape further analyses of SEE issues for inclusion in the final EIS.

B. Products

- Preliminary responses to comments.

C. Task Evaluation

- Very few comments have been received so far at the end of March on the DEIS, particularly as relates to the SEE studies. The most significant issues in this area are air quality and community benefits through mitigation.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue review/response to comments on the DEIS to shape future SEE analyses.

TASK 7 (2320) – AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

A. Work Progress

- This task has been completed.

TASK 8 (2330) – GEOTECHNICAL DATA

A. Work Progress

- Prepared for drilling into bedrock for bridge foundations analyses.

B. Products

- Work program for bridge foundations drilling.

C. Task Evaluation

- Drilling will begin on or about April 14th to define bridge foundation conditions. The drilling will be to about 100 to 120 feet below the ground surface, or about ten feet into the bedrock. Obtaining right-of-entry has gone smoothly in light of the previous cooperation gained with property owners in the Brine Well Investigation Program.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Begin the drilling for bridge foundations.
- Respond to comments on the DEIS, as appropriate.

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

- Provided support materials for the DEIS hearing.
- Provide DEIS and supporting documents to those who requested them.
- Conducted March 18th and 19th public hearings.
- Began categorization of comments and preliminary responses.

B. Products

- DEIS public hearing, including all support materials.
- Preliminary categorization of comments and preliminary responses.

C. Task Evaluation

- The two public hearings were attended by about 270 people, 13 of whom spoke at the microphone and 20 provided comments to the court reporters. The meetings were constructive.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue to make the DEIS and supporting documents available as requested.
- Continue response to comments.

TASK 12 (2510) – RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE

A. Work Progress

- Assembled data to evaluate the Practical Alternatives leading to selecting the Preferred Alternative in the spring of 2008.
- Conducted a U.S. consultant team meeting to review the data and the process by which to evaluate the Practical Alternatives.
- Prepared internal to the consulting team an agenda for the "engineering review" meetings tentatively set for April 29th and May 1st.
- Continued to cooperate with the Canadian team on the process by which an end-to-end Preferred Alternative can be established.

B. Products

- Internal documentation for the consulting team to conduct the Engineering Review and other evaluations to screen the Practical Alternatives in order to select the Preferred Alternative.

C. Task Evaluation

- This task is proceeding at an appropriate pace.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Prepare all the materials for the Engineering Review meetings of April 29th and May 1st.
- Draft a paper leading up to the Engineering Review meetings on the preliminary screening of Practical Alternatives and to provide direction in which to proceed to select the Preferred Alternative. Conduct the meetings.

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

- Began responses to the comments on the DEIS.

B. Products

- Preliminary categorization of comments on the DEIS and preliminary responses.

C. Task Evaluation

- Few comments have been received on the DEIS. However, it is still one month before the close of comments on April 29, 2008.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue to respond to comments on the DEIS for inclusion in the FEIS.
- Receive input from Task 12, Recommended Alternative, as it affects preparation of the FEIS and the selection of a Preferred Alternative.

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

- Continue to cooperate with MDOT to secure right-of-entry to properties on which Preliminary Site Investigations are necessary.

B. Products

- Background material supplied to MDOT so that it can press for rights-of-entry to conduct the Preliminary Site Investigations.

C. Task Evaluation

- It is wholly possible that a number of property owners will deny access for the Preliminary Site Investigation work. A choice will then be made on whether to go to court to enforce the right to enter the properties.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue to move forward to secure right-of-entry to properties on which Preliminary Site Investigations are necessary.

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

- Work in this task has not been initiated. When it is, it will be transferred from Woolpert to another firm as Woolpert's location outside of Michigan makes it difficult to respond on a timely basis.

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 on a timely basis 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

- Prepared for drilling into bedrock for bridge foundations analyses.

B. Products

- Work program for bridge foundations drilling.

C. Task Evaluation

- Drilling will begin on or about April 14th to define bridge foundation conditions. The drilling will be to about 100 to 120 feet below the ground surface, or about ten feet into the bedrock. Obtaining

right-of-entry has gone smoothly in light of the previous cooperation gained with property owners in the Brine Well Investigation Program.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Begin the drilling for bridge foundations.
- Respond to comments on the DEIS, as appropriate.

TASK 26 (3710) – REQUIRED MITIGATION

A. Work Progress

- Participated in the DEIS public hearing.

B. Products

- None, as none required at this time.

C. Task Evaluation

- Several comments were made at the public hearings that a Community Benefits Agreement will be pressed for by the Southwest Detroit community. It is anticipated that they will request a "binding agreement" with MDOT/FHWA. The latter issue must be discussed as soon as possible to avoid any misunderstandings of what government can do.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Communicate with Representative Tobocman of Southwest Detroit to address the concerns/focus of the community benefits.

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

- None at this time.

F. SUBSTANTIVE VERBAL COMMENTS WITH MDOT

- At the following meetings:
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- 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:
 - ✓ March 3 – With Automation Alley
 - ✓ March 3 – With the Wayne County Commission
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