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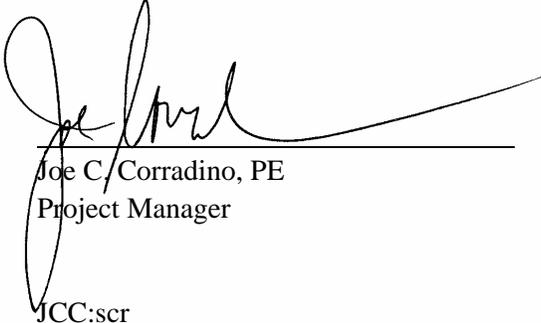
RE: DRIC EPE/EIS Project; Job No. 802330
TCG Project No. 3600 - Invoice No. 52 Progress Report

Dear Mohammed:

Enclosed is the narrative progress report for the DRIC EPE/EIS Project. It supports Invoice No. 52 for April 2009. 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
APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 30, 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:
 - ✓ April 2 – With the Steering Committee
 - ✓ April 6 – With the Community Benefits Coalition
 - ✓ April 14 - With the Community Benefits Coalition
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- Provided to Forum participants follow material –list of attendees, video of Q/A part of the Forum.
- Place on project Web site Forum materials.

B. Products

- Notes and presentation materials, as required, on each of the above-noted meetings.
- Letter of MDOT support of the MSHDA application for Bridging Communities to build 26 houses in Delray for those to be relocated by the DRIC Project.

C. Task Evaluation

- The preparations for the formal meetings with Team II were accomplished in late March. The first Team II meeting will occur on May 1.
- The meeting of the reestablished Local Agency Group will follow the next Team II meeting and likely be held in June.
- An application was submitted to MSHDA by Bridging Communities to build 26 houses in Delray for those to be relocated by the DRIC Project. The recent attention by Mayoral candidates to “downsize” Detroit may affect MSHDA’s view of funding infill housing in Delray where over 75 houses and business have been removed since 2005 with no replacement.
- The Roll-out meetings have been very successful in generating enthusiasm and support for the DRIC, including promised resolutions of support.
- The Public Forum to introduce the DRIC to the private sector was well attended. About half of the 220+ attendees were from Michigan with others from as far away as New York, Austin, Denver, Vancouver and Madrid, Spain. Attendees included 32 from the Finance Sector, 38 from Construction, 126 from the Design field; 5 Lawyers.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Prepare for and participate in the following meetings:
 - ✓ May 1- With Team II
 - ✓ May 5 – With Working Group
 - ✓ May 6 – With Melvindale Council and Mayor
 - ✓ May 7 – With Oakland County Commission
 - ✓ May 12 – With Wayne County Exec Ficano
 - ✓ May 13 – With St. Clair County Transportation Study
 - ✓ May 14 - With Steering Committee
 - ✓ May 14 – With Michigan House Transportation Subcommittee
 - ✓ May 19 – With the Core Team
 - ✓ May 27 – With Genesee County
 - ✓ May 27 – With the Community Benefits Coalition\
 - ✓ May 27- With the LAC/LAG
 - ✓ To Be Decided – With Team II
- Continue to provide information to Forum Participants
- Assist in the Roll-out meetings
- Assist in the preparation of materials for the May 14th legislative hearing.

TASK 2 (2120) – PREPARE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS REPORT

A. Work Progress

- Prepared a slide presentation on the Delray Truck Traffic Analysis for use with the Community Benefits Coalition and the LAC/LAG.

B. Products

- Slide presentation on Delray Truck Traffic Analysis.

C. Task Evaluation

- Comments on the Interchange Access Justification Report from FHWA Washington is still being awaited.
- MDOT review is needed before the Delray Truck Traffic Analysis can be presented to the CBC and the LAC/LAG.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Complete the IAJR once comments are received.
- Complete the Delray Truck Traffic Analysis following MDOT review.

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**

- Prepared a scope to conduct the requested global stability analysis at the interchange.

B. **Products**

- Draft scope to conduct the requested global stability analysis at the interchange.

C. **Task Evaluation**

- Additional geotechnical analysis has been requested in the interchange to address global stability issues. This will be undertaken if the MDOT Project Manager approves.

D. **Upcoming Plans**

- Begin the global stability analysis, if the MDOT Project Manager approves.

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

- Made some progress on transitional planning to refine the schedule.
- Compiled portions of the Administrative Record.

B. Products

- Portions of the Administrative Record delivered to MDOT.

C. Task Evaluation

- Additional geotechnical analysis is requested at the interchange to address global stability issues, if the MDOT Project Manager approves.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Continue with some transitional planning focused only on refinements to the schedule.
- Begin global stability analysis at the interchange to update the geotechnical report if the MDOT Project Manager approves.
- Continue to compile portions of the Administrative Record if additional information develops. .

TASK 13 (2525) – ENGINEERING REPORT

A. Work Progress

- None, as none required.

B. Products

- None, as none required.

C. Task Evaluation

- Additional geotechnical analysis is requested at the interchange to address global stability issues.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Begin the global stability analysis in order to complete the interchange geotechnical report report if the MDOT Project Manager approves.
- Continue with some transitional planning focused only on refinements to the schedule.

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 decision on additional 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 local community representatives to assist in preparing an application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding.
- Continued to examine a more detailed definition of jobs associated with the project as was done on the DIFT.
- Met with Community Benefits Coalition to continue discussing their interests in moving forward on the project.

B. Products

- Input to and MDOT letter of support of the local community’s application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding.

C. Task Evaluation

- Communication with the Community Benefits Coalition on the Neighborhood Stabilization Funding (NSP) application lead to discussions in which the CBC indicated it considers itself an entity independent from the Local Advisory Council. The MDOT Project Manager made it clear that the CBC is to work through and be a part of the LAC. New standalone entities are inconsistent with the DRIC’s framework for communication/collaboration.

D. Upcoming Plans

- Meet with the local community to follow up on the NSP application. Assist as appropriate.

- Continue to meet with the Community Benefits Coalition as well as the LAC.
- 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 on the Presidential Permit.
- Decision on whether to complete the global stability analysis to include in the Engineering Report.
- Decision on whether to conduct utility-related work as a transitional element between the EPE and PE phases.
- Comments on consultant's input to the Administrative Record.

F. SUBSTANTIVE VERBAL CONTACTS 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 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:
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