

ROUTE 52 CAUSEWAY REPLACEMENT PROJECT
Ocean City and Somers Point NJ
STAGING AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – CONTRACT B
TASK FORCE MEETING NO. 1 REPORT

DATE: April 25, 2008
 TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Henry S. Knight Public Works Building Conference Room

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PURPOSE OF MEETING

To present an overview of Contract B proposed construction staging and traffic mitigation plans, to discuss and prioritize local traffic management issues, and to develop recommendations to present to the project team for consideration in the final design plans for Contract B. (See attached Agenda)

MEETING SUMMARY

Agenda and CPT Review

1. Martine Culbertson, CPT Facilitator, welcomed participants on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Transportation. After introductions, Martine discussed the red project portfolios distributed at the meeting, which contain the agenda, updated project team list, traffic mitigation representatives contact list. Participants are to send changes to Martine in preparation for Contract B. *ACTION ITEM*

Contract A -Status and Schedule

2. Tony Guerrieri, NJDOT Field Manager, presented the status of Contract A:
- (a) Contractor is ahead of schedule
 - (b) The last stage change will take place on or about next week in which traffic will shift from Elbow Thorofare Bridge onto Rt. 52 NB and Temporary Ramp 1. The switch will be in effect for the next 2 years.
 - (c) Striping Request - striping in latex lasts an estimated 6-8 weeks and it was done as such due to the traffic changes to date, following the forthcoming traffic switch, the striping will be done in epoxy to hold up longer. *ACTION ITEM*
 - (d) Traffic Request - due to upcoming Block Party celebration weekend, two lanes of traffic in each direction are needed. Tony noted that effective on or about May 3rd the roadway will have two lanes open in each direction. *ACTION ITEM*
 - (e) Truck Ban Status - Dave Lambert noted that due to request from businesses and the trucking association, the ban on trucks on the causeway will be lifted next month. Due to the 10.5' lane widths, police are concerned for safety and congestion issues with large trucks. NJDOT Traffic Ops will monitor the situation. *ACTION ITEM*

Contract B -Status and Schedule

3. Sly Fryc, Baker Project Engineer, presented the status of Contract B:
- (a) Final Design plans for the remainder of the causeway replacement structure, the Ocean City visitors center, Somers Point circle elimination and MacArthur Boulevard improvements are to be completed by September 2008. *ACTION ITEM*
 - (b) The contract is estimated to let in fall 2008 and award in January 2009 with construction to continue from 2009 through 2012.
 - (c) The Aesthetics Task Force has been meeting to finalize the detail designs for the Ocean City visitors center and for the Somers Point mansion area, while the staging and traffic mitigation efforts are being finalized with this Task Force and Cape May County's Traffic Mitigation Committee which has been meeting through out Contract A.

- (d) There will be an overlap with the completion of Contract A and the construction of Contract B. According to the current Contract A schedule estimated completion of Contract A is February 2010 and anticipated start of Contract B is July 2009.
- (e) Time constraints and incentives will be part of Contract B as part of the specifications (specs) similar to Contract A. Any special events or circumstances which may restrict traffic flow or require need for vehicular or pedestrian open access in either municipality or county should be provided to the project team for incorporation in the specs for Contract B. Project Team will present draft contract specs with municipality and county engineers as part of the review of the Final Design plans.
ACTION ITEM
- (f) During Contract B for the seasonal period of May 15th - September 15th, four lanes of traffic will be maintained, two lanes in each direction and off-season may be reduced to two lanes of traffic, one lane in each direction.

Contract B -Traffic Management

4. Vinnie Kotecha, Baker Traffic Engineer, presented the proposed traffic staging for contract B:

- (a) Stage 1 - consists of offline work while maintaining existing traffic pattern including soil stabilization , work on rainbow island bridge and prep work in Somers Point prior to removal of the circle. (Estimated duration: July 2009 – Aug. 2010)
- (b) Stage 2A&2B - consists of construction of SB portion of the bridge and 9th Street in Ocean City and SB roadway work in Somers Point including temporary traffic signals. (Estimated duration: Sep. 2010 – Nov. 2010)
- (c) Stage 3A, 3B, & 3C - consists of construction of NB roadway work in Somers Point and elimination of the railroad bridge to improve sight distance in Somers Point (in Stage 3C which will require a local traffic detour via Goll road, Bay Avenue and New Jersey Ave). (Estimated duration: Dec 2010 - May 2011)
- (d) Police requested to Revise Detour - consider moving the designated detour route to use New York Avenue instead of New Jersey Avenue as it is a wider street and has a traffic signal. It would also eliminate having to move the NJTRANSIT bus stop. *ACTION ITEM*
- (e) Baker will revise the draft detour to direct traffic to New York Avenue. Somers Point police and administration need to review and provide comments on the proposed traffic detour plan. *ACTION ITEM*
- (f) NJTRANSIT will review the proposed detour and if needed, can move a bus stop with necessary signage to be provided and an ordinance to be passed by the City. *ACTION ITEM*
- (g) Stage 4 & 5 - consists of removing the movable bridge section and adjustment of the ship channel. The ship channel will be closed starting September 15, 2011 for about 20 days, during Stage 5, and will have limited clearance, for about 30 days, until Stage 6A is completed. (Estimated Duration for Stage 4 &5: June 2011 - August 2011)
- (h) Stage 6A & 6B - consists of constructing the NB bridge at Elbow Island and Somers Point. The traffic will be using the SB bridge from Rainbow Island to Somers Point. (Estimated duration: Nov. 2011 - April 2012)
- (i) Stage 7 - consists of demolition of the remaining structure and final cleanup (Estimated duration: May 2012- October 2012)

- ⇒ Following the meeting Stan Worosz from NJDOT Traffic Ops. provided additional lane closure restrictions for a two lane section (one lane per direction). Provided notes will be included on Contract B Traffic Control Plans.
5. A question was raised regarding responsibility for maintenance during construction. NJDOT is responsible for snow clearance, but roadway maintenance such as litter, potholes and striping are the responsibility of the Contractor until the project is deemed complete.
6. A concern was raised as to ice formation on the bridges. The new bridges on the causeway will have pavement sensors, which NJDOT Traffic Ops monitors to inform NJDOT maintenance to treat the roadway surface when conditions indicate potential icing. This technique is currently used on other bridges in the State with effective results.
7. A question was raised as how long it would take to elevate 9th street profile. It is estimated to take 9 months. It is part of the Stage 2 and Stage 3 work effort which will be done in off-season.
8. A question was raised as to the businesses to be taken in the Somers Point area for improvements near Somers Point mansion and on MacArthur Boulevard. The Right-of-Way acquisition process is under way.
9. The construction of the Ocean City Visitors Center is a part of Contract B beginning in Stage 1 (estimated around July 2009). The current Visitors Center will be temporarily relocated to an alternative location during the construction of the new Visitors Center. Discussions are currently underway to relocate the Visitors Center sooner if possible to a proposed temporary site in the NJTRANSIT bus station parking lot area in Ocean City.
ACTION ITEM

Contract B -Traffic Mitigation Plans

10. Sly presented an overview of the traffic mitigation plans, which are similar to those in currently implemented in Contract A.
- (a) NJDOT Traffic Operations South assists with travel advisory information, VMS and ITS messages.
- (b) There have been ITS connectivity issues and problems with the radio antennae, the Contractor is working to have the problems resolved and have the ITS system fully functional before the summer season.
- (c) Request for Camera View of low level bridges - The local police requested to have the ability to monitor effectively the activity occurring in that area during the construction as well as after the project is completed. NJDOT can not share the signal for the web CAMs with local police, however it may be possible to link to their web site to view in real time. *ACTION ITEM*
- (d) The Traffic Mitigation Plan created for emergency response which is currently documented in a handbook for Contract A will be reviewed and amended to meet the needs for Contract B. In case of an incident an emergency information notice that was developed would be distributed from the local police and available on the

- project web site for viewing and printing. The same tool will be implemented in Contract B. *ACTION ITEM*
- (e) The communications flow chart from the Traffic Mitigation handbook of Contract A was distributed for members to review and provide any revisions needed in preparation of Contract B. *ACTION ITEM*

Other Items - Next Steps

11. Other projects in the area consist of a Route 9 maintenance project to be completed before Labor Day. Some curb work to be done at night. NJDOT Field Manager will follow-up on status.
12. Police presence and assistance with traffic during Contract B will be coordinated similar to Contract A.
13. A Public Information Center (PIC) Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2008 from 4:00pm to 7:00 p.m. at the Ocean City Sports and Civic Center at 6th Street to present the proposed Final Design plans for Contract B.
- (a) The Mayor of Somers Point approved having one PIC to be held in Ocean City for the general public for both municipalities and the region.
- (b) The PIC meeting will be an informal open house format with display boards showing the proposed final design plans, construction staging and traffic mitigation plans. The Route 52 causeway model will also be on display.
- (c) NJDOT and consultant support staff will be available to present information to the public and to provide answers to questions. A comment form will be available for those who wish to submit written comments or questions regarding the project.
- (d) A one page PIC project fact sheet and meeting notice will be created by Baker for distribution via mail to properties within 200 feet of the project area and to hand out at the PIC meeting. *ACTION ITEM*
- (e) Martine Culbertson asked for assistance from both municipalities with updated mailing lists to be provided as soon as possible for the mailing to be sent at least two weeks prior to the PIC (mailing estimated on or about May 8th). *ACTION ITEM*
- (f) Copies of the PIC fact sheet will also be distributed at the local libraries and municipal offices for provide information and notice of the upcoming meeting. *ACTION ITEM*
- (g) Tony Marsella from NJDOT, Community Relations will coordinate with the NJDOT Office of Communications to issue a press release on the upcoming PIC. *ACTION ITEM*
14. Martine distributed final versions of the Route 52 placemats for use by the business chambers or organizations in each municipality to assist in providing project information and directions to the general public. *ACTION ITEM*
15. Tony Guerrieri will coordinate with the Contractor regarding the striping of the old structure as well as striping on the new structure. *ACTION ITEM*

16. In closing, Sly thanked everyone for their participation and support. Martine will provide meeting minutes with action items, confirm the public information meeting logistics and send an email notice. Meeting adjourned at noon.

KEY ACTION ITEMS

Traffic Mitigation Members, Ocean City and Somers Point
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Tony Guerriri, NJDOT Field Office
2c, 2d, 2e, 10e, 15

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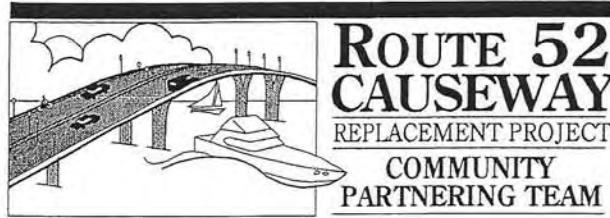
NEXT MEETING (s)

Date: May 15, 2008 Traffic Mitigation Committee Meeting (*Tentative, if needed*)
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Cape May County Public Works Building, Conference Room

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2008 - **Public Information Center Meeting**
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Ocean City (Sports&) Civic Center, 6th Street & Broadway, Ocean City

We believe the foregoing to be an accurate summary of discussions and related decisions. We would appreciate notification of exceptions or corrections to the minutes within three (3) working days of receipt. Without notification, these minutes will be considered to be record of fact.

Martine Culbertson
RT52 CPT Facilitator



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AGENDA

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- 9:30 am I. Welcome and Introductions
- Agenda and CPT Review
 - Contract A -Status and Schedule
 - Contract B -Status and Schedule
- 10:00 am II. Contract B -Traffic Management
- Review of Construction Staging
 - Identify Traffic Management Issues
 - Current Traffic Mitigation Plan
 - Review Traffic Incident and Emergency Response
 - Other Roadway Projects
 - Group Discussion and Recommendations
- 12:15 pm III. Summary and Close
- Action Items / Next Steps
 - Closing Comments

