

SouthEast Connector Phase 2 Design: CWG Meeting No. 11 (Final Meeting), December 10, 2015

ATTENDEES:**CWG**

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DATE: December 10, 2015

PROJECT NUMBER: RTC Project No. 532013 / CH2M HILL Project No. 458732

On December 10, 2015, the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) hosted the eleventh and final Community Working Group (CWG) meeting for the SouthEast Connector Phase 2 Design (SEC) project. The meeting was held at the Associated General Contractors of Nevada (AGC) offices located at 5400 Mill Street, Reno, Nevada. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the CWG with an overview of the design refinements incorporated into the final design since the CWG last met and review the various environmental and general construction permits obtained, including the Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit (U.S Army Corps of Engineers) and the 401 Water Quality Certification (Nevada Dept. of Environmental Protection). The CWG was also provided with an overview of current and upcoming construction activity and the overall construction schedule.

Construction Team

Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC) – Owner

Granite Construction – Contractor

Atkins North America – Construction Manager

CH2M HILL – Engineering Services During Construction / Environmental Inspection Services

Permitting

Ken Greene, CH2M’s Project Environmental Manager, provided an overview of the permits obtained for the project, conditions of approval, compliance enforcement, and reporting requirements. Required environmental and general construction permits include:

- Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit
- 401 Water Quality Certification
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
- Groundwater Discharge Permits
- Stormwater General Permit
- Working in Waterways Permit
- Washoe County Air Quality Permit
- City of Reno Special Use Permit

Design

David Dodson, CH2M’s Project Manager provided an overview of design changes that occurred since the CWG last met in March 2014. In general, the majority of the design changes incorporated into the final design were changes to “fine-tune” the design and address comments provided during reviews by the local agencies. The most significant changes were those needed to perpetuate/accommodate access needs and flood irrigation within the Butler Ranch property and to accommodate plans provided by First Tee for the post-project operation of the Rosewood Lakes Golf Course, including golf cart path connections, irrigation, and grading changes.

Construction Activity and Schedule

Garth Oksol, RTC Project Manager, provided an overview of construction activity currently underway and/or scheduled to begin over the next few weeks. This work includes:

- Temporary diversion of the Yori Drain (to facilitate construction of the Yori Drain Bridge)
- Box culvert construction within the UNR Farms reach of the roadway
- Installation of temporary power poles to provide power for dewatering and other construction activities to help reduce the need for diesel powered generators
- Permanent relocation of existing power poles within the Rosewood Lakes Golf Course
- Construction access roads
- Soil sampling within project corridor through Butler Ranch
- Installation of construction fencing through Butler Ranch to prevent cattle from entering construction zone
- Clean up of existing, illegal dump sites located within the project corridor (to-date, approximately 3.8 million pounds of trash have been removed from within the future Yori Drain wetlands complex site)

A public open house has been tentatively scheduled for January 28, 2016. Additional details will be forwarded to the project contact lists and advertised in the local media once the date and venue are confirmed.

There will be a temporary closure of Pembroke to allow for construction of the new SEC/Pembroke intersection. This closure is currently anticipated to take place during the summer of 2016 and last approximately 2 months.

Additional details will be provided as they become available, including scheduled closure dates and detour information.

Through a cooperative agreement between the Contractor, RTC, and local agencies, emergency services (fire, police, and ambulance) will have access to construction access roads, as needed, to respond to onsite construction related emergencies as well as to reduce response times to emergencies within adjacent neighborhoods. In the event that emergency services need to use construction access roads, construction activities will be halted to provide for safe passage of emergency vehicles through the site.

Veterans Memorial Plaza

Garth Oksol provided information and conceptual renderings of the planned Veterans Memorial Plaza at the southeast corner of the intersection of Sparks Boulevard/Greg Street/Veterans Parkway (SouthEast Connector). This memorial will pay tribute to Nevada's fallen service men and women. The memorial plaza will be constructed separately and funded through a combination of public and private donations. Additional information is available at www.nevadaveteransmemorial.org.

Q & A

Q: Where can we find more detailed information on the various permits and permit conditions?

A: Additional permit information can be found on the project website www.SouthEastConnector.com.

Q: Have there been any changes to water rights as a result of this project?

A: Water rights are currently being negotiated with the final property owner (Butler Ranch).

Q: How is the RTC ensuring the proper handling of mercury contaminated soil within the project area?

A: Detailed plans have been developed to help ensure the proper characterization and disposal/reuse of excavated soils containing elevated levels of heavy metals (e.g., mercury) as well as those containing biological contaminants (e.g., white top and other identified noxious weed species). Additionally, water quality sampling is being performed to monitor discharges into Waters of the U.S. The project Soil Management Plan, Sampling & Analysis Plan, and Integrated Weed Management Plan are available for review on the project website www.SouthEastConnector.com.

Q: Where are the flood mitigation areas located?

A: The flood mitigation areas (i.e., those areas where material will be extracted to offset the fill volume being placed as part of the roadway construction) area located east of the roadway, primarily between the roadway and Steamboat Creek, to the north and south of Rosewood Lakes Golf Course (right of way restrictions and the desire to maintain Rosewood Lakes as an operating golf course do not allow for flood mitigation grading to take place within the golf course).

Q: How many flood equalization culverts are included within the roadway design?

A: There are 13 sets of culverts totaling 100+ cells.

Q: Is effluent being utilized during construction for dust control and/or revegetation establishment?

A: The use of effluent is an option that the contractor may exercise as needed. However, it is anticipated that the majority of the water needed for dust control, revegetation establishment, and other construction related uses will likely come from groundwater dewatering operations within the project corridor required to allow for construction of the roadway.

Q: Is the RTC planning a phased opening of roadway segments as they are completed?

A: No. The roadway will be opened in its entirety upon completion of the Phase 2 construction. Construction sequencing for the project does not allow for phased openings of individual segments.

Q: Will street lighting be provided along the entire roadway?

A: Street lighting will be included at intersections only (i.e., Greg Street, Pembroke, Mira Loma, and South Meadows). Intersection lighting will also utilize directional LED down-lighting to minimize light pollution.

Q: Will wild horses have access to water within Steamboat Creek?

A: Wild horses will continue to have access to Steamboat Creek and other water sources in the vicinity of Clean Water Way and South Meadows Parkway, where access already exists. No new access will be provided.

Q: How will the RTC and City of Sparks control graffiti within the new Veterans Memorial Plaza?

A: At the request of local law enforcement, the plaza has been designed to be easily observed from adjacent streets and properties to help discourage graffiti and other vandalism. Additionally, surfaces that might be attractive to taggers will be treated with an anti-graffiti coating.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.