Responding to You  
November 12, 2001

Thank you for participating in our meetings and ongoing dialogue. We have many things to report to you and an invitation to tour the construction site. We wanted to update you on the schedule of activities. If you think someone should be added or you would like to be taken off our list please let us know. We are trying to be responsive to you by providing timely updates in call-outs to you and other project neighbors as well as regularly updating our phone-in number at 301-686-0000 ext. 203, accessible 24 hours a day seven days a week.

If you do not wish to receive any more of these flyers please call the above number and leave your name and address. We will take your name off of our list.

Site Visit
Mr. James “Brook” Brookshire (Bridge Foundation Contractor, Project Manager) would like to extend an invite to you and your neighbors to see what is happening in the National Harbor construction staging area. Mr. Brookshire will answer such questions as “What are the uses for the different pieces of equipment? How do the conveyors work? How often and how long will the concrete plant run?”

Details are:

Sunday, November 18, 2001  
1:00 p.m.

Meet at the Oxon Hill Park and Ride Lot and you will be shuttled to the site.
Please wear hard soled shoes and comfortable attire.
If you have special needs please let us know.

Construction Update
Beltway Soil Preconsolidation/ Rosalie Island (where the bridge touches down in MD)
This contract includes grading, firming up of existing soils and retaining walls to stabilize soil to support the new roadway. This involves:

• Hauling and placing rip-rap (stone) for the revetment (a facing) wall.
• Adding soil to Rosalie Island to reach initial grading stage. There will be four stages of fill. (Stages 1-4 will take 6-8 months per stage beginning December 2001 thru February 2004).
• Trucks are now taking material from the south side of National Harbor to Rosalie Island. Expect those trucks to work until mid-November and then break till the next stage (Spring 2002). A special water truck is on-site for that operation.

Maryland Modular Office Complex
You may have seen construction activity along Oxon Hill Road to the right of our construction entrance. A modular office complex (two units) will house the Project construction engineers and inspectors as well as the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation offices. The lighted and fenced complex will be completed in the next several weeks and will be temporary in nature. A future unit will be added at a later date to accommodate additional staff for the upcoming BR-3 Superstructure contract.

Noise and Dust
The Maryland State Highway Administration and Project staff have been meeting with a group of residents that are most directly affected by the National Harbor Staging Area. Project staff members have had discussions with some of those families. Additional information will be provided and discussions will be held with this smaller group of North Potomac Vista neighbors to determine the best option to minimize either direct or perceived impacts. The selection of an option will be included in construction plans for advertisement in January and construction in spring/summer 2002.
This contract includes reconstruction of a portion of I-295 including I-295 bridges over I-95/I-495 beginning ¼ mile north of I-95 and extending in a southerly direction to MD 210. The to/from S-curve connection will be widened to accommodate the wider beltway.

- The notice to proceed occurred on November 26, 2001.

**Bridge Superstructure**

This contract includes the remainder of bridge above the waterline, including balance of foundations, piers, abutments, superstructure, operator’s house and demolition and removal of existing bridge.

- Bid opening occurred on November 29, 2001 with work scheduled to begin in early 2002.

**Security**

Residents have expressed concern as they pass by the staging area gates on Oxon Hill Road. New security guidelines are now in place:

1. The gate is attended from Monday through Saturday from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm.
2. The gate is locked when no attendant is present.
3. The attendant must be alert at all times, observing all vehicles entering the project haul road.
4. All vehicles not displaying a site access pass are stopped. Drivers are required to supply all requested information.
5. If a vehicle does not have business pertaining to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project or the National Harbor Development Site, the driver will be instructed to leave.

**Foundation Contract**

This contract encompasses the construction of the majority of new foundations (ones that do not conflict with the existing bridge) and excludes VA and MD abutment (end of the bridge). A total of 17 foundations are being built (seven in VA and 10 in MD, as diagramed and numbered below)

- Completed pile driving at M10 (see diagram); pile driving now occurring at M9. After completing M9 the operations will move to M1, which is closer to the Virginia shoreline.
- Cofferdam (watertight structure used for building bridge foundations under water) construction has been completed from M10-M6.
- The concrete batch plant (south of the bridge on the MD shore) began operations on November 5, 2001 and periodically will be running between six and nine hour runs to fill piles in M10 and M9.

Please contact us by leaving a voicemail, e-mail through the website comment form or by telephoning Alex Lee at 703-519-9800. Public hours are held in the Oxon Hill project office on Wednesdays from 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM or by appointment.

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