

Meeting Purpose:	Design Advisory Committee Meeting #5
Date and Time:	May 24, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.
Location:	Project Office, 3600 Horizon Blvd, Suite 250, Trevose
Attendance:	See Attached Sign-In Sheet in Expedition (provide on request)
Handouts:	DAC#4 Meeting Summary (provide on request)

I. Past Activities

A. Project Meetings Since DAC Meeting #4 6-22-06

Project Meetings since June 22, 2006 include:

- Monthly meetings with each project section designer
- Environmental Meetings with state, federal and county level agencies
- Transportation related meetings with Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, PennDOT, Federal Highway Administration, NJDOT, NJ Turnpike Association
- Incident Management Committee Meetings with emergency service providers
- Elected official briefings
- Field View Submission meetings for each design section (culmination of preliminary design)

II. Current Activities

A. Project Design

a. Design Sections and Status

Mr. Roth reviewed each design section and stated that all eight design sections have completed preliminary design and some are moving into the final design process. The project area includes sections of Bensalem, Bristol and Middletown Townships and extends along the Turnpike from west of Route 1 to the Delaware River and along existing I-95 from Neshaminy Creek to just north of the Turnpike.

The objectives for the project include connecting the two highways with a high-speed direct interchange, reducing congestion on local Bucks County roadways currently used to make the connection, and completing the missing link to make I-95 continuous from Maine to Florida. The project also includes a new mainline toll plaza, a new bridge over the Delaware River, and widening sections of the Turnpike and I-95 from four to six lanes.

Preliminary design drawings for each design section showing total and partial takes and noise barrier locations will be displayed at the project open houses. Lighting and sign information will also be available.

Question: The ramps seem tall and long. How will you deal with snow removal and icing conditions?

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Answer: The PTC performs brine applications under certain conditions. The design also includes fences where bridges/ramps cross other roadways to prevent debris from falling. The shoulders are wide enough to handle snow being removed by plows.

b. Anticipated Construction Schedule

The first phase of the project will be built in three contracts due to its large size, amount of available funding, and rights-of-way/permits needed to start construction. The first contract is anticipated to begin in the first half of 2008 and will include two (Galloway Road and Bristol-Oxford Valley Road) of the six overhead bridges. The bridges must be replaced with longer bridges to accommodate the Turnpike, which will be widened. The Wetland Mitigation site will also be constructed at this time.

The second contract is expected to begin in early 2009 and will include the overhead bridges carrying Ford Road over I-95 and Richlieu Road over the Turnpike. The implementation of advance intelligent transportation systems (ITS) will also begin. ITS utilizes communication based information (wireless and wire line) and electronic technologies to improve transportation safety and mobility.

The third contract is expected in early 2010 and includes the new Turnpike toll plaza between Richlieu and Galloway Roads and the reconstruction of the existing toll plaza west of the Delaware River Bridge. The main (I-95) movements of the new interchange and additional Turnpike widening will closely follow. The remainder of the anticipated construction schedule will be developed as the project progresses.

Question: Does the first phase of construction include a connection between I-95 and the redesignated I-195? Or the eastbound Turnpike to I-195 North?

Answer: No, those connections will be included in later Project Stages.

c. Right-of-Way Coordination and Acquisition Procedures

PTC has hired Keystone Acquisition Services to assist with the property acquisition process. Their property acquisition specialists are communicating with property owners of total take properties. A number of properties have reached settlement agreements. As the properties become owned by the PTC, they are secured and maintained. PTC is in the process of advertising a demolition contract to raze acquired properties and minimize safety concerns. Keystone Acquisition Services staffs a field office on Durham Road where property owners are welcome to come in and address property acquisition issues. Property acquisition specialists will be available during both project open houses to answer questions.

Question: Have all full property takes property owners been notified?

Answer: Yes, they have all been contacted.

d. Noise Study Process

Preliminary design has not resulted in dramatic changes from the noise wall locations mentioned in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Preliminary location and height

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of all the noise walls will be shown for each design section at the project open houses. A video simulation of the completed interchange which includes noise wall placement was shown to the DAC members and will be running at the project open houses. This video simulation will be available on the project website in the near future.

During the final design of the noise walls, noise wall treatments will be developed and presented to the affected communities. Noise walls will not be constructed until the design section in which the noise wall is located is under construction.

f. Environmental Mitigation/Permitting Activities

Stormwater management requirements are being fulfilled. Additional stormwater detention capacity will be created. The Design Management Team has been coordinating with the Silver Lake Nature Center regarding a plan for the federally threatened red-bellied turtle. Mitigation for wetland and stream impacts is moving forward. Work on the wetland mitigation site will likely begin in 2008.

PTC is coordinating with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, PA Department of Environmental Protection, NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Bucks County Conservation District, Bensalem Township, Middletown Township, and Bristol Township regarding all required permits needed before construction begins.

B. Public Involvement

a. Project Office Activity

Anyone is welcome to visit the project office to review project information. The project office will be moving across Rockhill Road to 900 Northbrook Drive before the end of the year. We request that visitors make a call in advance to set up an appointment time so we can be sure that someone from the project team will be available to meet with them.

b. Website Activity

Questions and mailing list additional continue to be submitted via the project website www.paturnpike.com (Major Design / Construction Projects). Field activity updates are kept current on the field work page. Information regarding the project open houses has been posted to the website homepage, including location maps.

c. Design Phase Newsletter #2

Design Phase Newsletter #2 was sent out to the project mailing list (approximately 3,900 addresses) in May 2007. The newsletter included information on the project open houses, design progress, anticipated construction schedule, property acquisition process, project office and website. Postcards (approximately 450) with open house information were sent to everyone who received a Notice of Intent to Enter letter (properties that abut Turnpike and PennDOT rights-of-way in the project area) during the design process.

d. Project Open Houses

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Two open houses will be held to provide information to residents throughout the project area. The Bensalem Township open house will be held from 5 to 8 pm Tuesday, June 5 in Twining Hall at the Trevose Fire Company. The Middletown and Bristol Townships' open house will be held from 5 to 8 pm Wednesday, June 6 at the Bristol Township Senior Center.

Visitors are welcome anytime during the three-hour period. Throughout the evening, attendees will be able to view a 3D simulation video that will provide them with a realistic view of what the interchange project will look like after it is completed. Other informational materials and mapping will be on display and representatives of the Turnpike Commission and its project consulting team will be available to provide additional details and answer questions. Anticipated construction schedule and potential noise wall locations will be explained.

C. Project Funding Status

In terms of year of expenditure, this project has an estimated cost of over \$1 billion. So far \$50 million has been authorized for use and has been designated for design and property acquisition purposes. \$240 million has been dedicated in federal funds. PTC is involved in ongoing discussions regarding the programming of these federal funds through PennDOT and the apportionment of other Stage 1 funding.

Question: How will this project be affected by a potential lease of the Turnpike?

Answer: The release of interstate completion funds should not be affected. Our Design Management Consultant is completing a Project Financial Plan which will identify the future funding for the project.

D. Upcoming Activities

Questions regarding the project should continue to be directed to Jay Roth at the project office, 215-355-3577. Property acquisition questions should be directed to Keystone Acquisitions Services, 215-547-6280.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.