

SUBJECT AAB Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) Kick-Off Meeting
PROJECT Arlington Avenue Bridges NEPA/Design Project
LOCATION Remote Zoom Teleconference
DATE/TIME Friday, February 4, 2022, 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.
MODERATOR RTC Project Manager Judy Tortelli

INVITATION

- Zoom meeting conference call invitation from RTC Project Manager Judy Tortelli

PREPARATION

- PowerPoint presentation including timeline and schedule

ATTENDANCE

- 45 participants including Judy Tortelli, Kaci Stansbury, Mitchell Fink, Kayann Jongsma, Mitch Cowles, Bryson Gordon, Gordon, Doug Maloy, Karen Gonzalez, John Chelonis, Andrew Dixon, John Collins, Andrea Gutierrez, Steve Volk, Mike Carrubba, Lauren Ball, Mike Cooper, Bryan Dagerman, Laura Meyer, Sharan Dahanaraju, Ben Goldsworthy, Wayne Sullivan, Nick Anderson, Roger Trott, Jessica Baldrige, Jim Clarke, Michael Stake, Kelly Houston, Chad Halverson, Jill Rosenberger, Hans Meyer, Robbie Coomes, Gary Getchell, Mike Heugh, Roland Brooks, Marlo Shelton, Marlina Dion, Robert Alford, Angela Fuss, Jake, Jacob Carnes, Wynn Hessler, Jeff Blagg, Jessen Mortensen and one unnamed.

MEETING NOTES

Taken by Kelly Houston, SJ Marketing, AAB Outreach, and provided as this recap.

WELCOME - RTC Project Manager Judy Tortelli

- welcomed everyone and introduced herself
- introduced two project team members who assisted with the presentation
 - Kaci Stansbury, Jacobs Project Manager
 - Jim Clarke, Jacobs Environmental Guru
- previewed the agenda, asking that questions be held for breaking points

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW - RTC Project Manager Judy Tortelli

KICK-OFF MEETING PURPOSE

- During the NEPA/Design phase, we intend to develop a design package to replace the two bridges over the Truckee River on Arlington Avenue. Our goal is to get construction underway by 2024.
 - presentation and discussion focusing on schedule since it is very tight for this project due to funding

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

- The Arlington Bridges Project started in 2019 with the Feasibility Study.
 - goal: to figure out what needs to be done to replace the two bridges over the Truckee River on Arlington Avenue
 - included an extensive public engagement process
 - started with 5 initial bridge alternatives
- After level one screening and community feedback the team identified preferred bridge types and an aesthetic theme to carry forward into environmental clearance and design.
 - single pier bridge type for North Bridge with the following advantages: reduced deck thickness, more vertical clearance along path, wider sidewalks along bridge, minor profile adjustments for hydraulic model clearance, similar look to existing bridge, maintenance access from bridge allows for debris removal prior to downstream narrowing of river, easier to construct and less expensive
 - South Bridge to remain as a clear span bridge type (assumed since project start), matching existing structure
 - preferred aesthetic theme: modern art deco (specifics to be determined as part of upcoming NEPA/design) with discussion including: various lighting potentials, opportunities for railing, widening the sidewalk space and surface texture options

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW - RTC Project Manager Judy Tortelli – continued

PURPOSE AND NEED

- Review of the purpose and need of the Project happened throughout the Feasibility Study. Initially, FHWA, NDOT, and the City of Reno agreed on the content.
- The Purpose and Need Statement was also vetted with the Reno City Council, Technical Advisory Committees, Stakeholder Working Group, and the Public.
- The AAB purpose and need statement describes the intention of the project and states the problems. It sets the stage for developing possible improvement alternatives but is not mode specific or biased toward a particular solution.

UNANSWERED IN THE FEASIBILITY STUDY

- As part of the NEPA/design phase, we need to determine if AA bridges should be designed as cast-in-place or pre-cast. Construction time frames are different with cast-in-place designs taking longer.

ROLLS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- RTC – Management and Administration for NEPA/Design/Construction
- City of Reno – Owner, Design Review
- NDOT – LPA Agreement, Environmental Oversight and Review
- FHWA – NEPA class of action determination, Environmental Oversight and Review
- USACE – Section 408 Permit, Section 404 Permit
- CTWCD – Local sponsor of USACE for Section 408 Permit
- Jacobs – Prime Consultant, Survey, Bridge, Civil, Hydraulic
- Stantec – Landscape & Aesthetics
- Civil FX/Parametrix – Renderings
- CME – Geotechnical
- PK Electrical – Lighting and Electrical
- SJ Marketing – Public Outreach with the RTC communications Team
- PCSG – ICE, Constructability, Construction Schedule

COMMUNICATIONS

- Several meetings are planned to keep the multiple groups in synch with their input on the project. We don't expect everyone to attend all meetings.

LOGISTICS AND STATUS - Jacobs Project Manager Kaci Stansbury

PROJECT HUB

- We will utilize Project Hub to help with organization and easy access to information. There will be links to:
 - SharePoint site where all meeting agendas, notes, exhibits will be posted.
 - Road Map, which will be updated monthly as we navigate through to construction.
 - photos that will be georeferenced automatically when taken with the app.
 - project team
- A great feature of the Project Hub is the GIS that will automatically update with design file updates. Anytime you open the file, you will see the most current design.
- Further instructions/log-in information for the Project HUB and the photo app will be sent out in the week.

PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

- field work underway for survey and utility locations
- Geotechnical investigations beginning soon
- worked with CTWCD on hydraulic model and Section 408 permit coordination
- finalizing the design criteria to be discussed at the 1st DRC meeting
- preparing for the first public meeting with survey/pre-recorded virtual presentation
- working on PEL-> NEPA Transition for the Environmental Study

PEL/NEPA TRANSITION - Jacobs Environmental Guru Jim Clarke

- during the Feasibility Study
 - followed the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Process, which allows the key steps and decisions of the planning process, including identification of the purpose and need, identification of screening criteria, and the development and evaluation of alternatives, to be carried forward into the NEPA Phase
 - received excellent input from the public, stakeholders, resource agencies, and the local tribes that can be carried forward and used to help inform the NEPA process
- for the Environmental Study
 - conducting environmental data collection to help supplement the data collected during the feasibility study (example: biological and wetland field investigations conducted last fall, before the end of the field season, updating historic resource information)

PROJECT SCHEDULE - Jacobs Project Manager Kaci Stansbury

- detailed project schedule attached
- schedule highlights:
 - 30%, end of June w/ Agency Review in July 2022. To include Bridge Type Selection Report and three aesthetic options. Use input from Public Mtg #2 to select.
 - 60%, end of January 2023 with Agency review in February
 - 90% - June 2023
 - bidding documents complete by end of 2023
 - Environmental Path will be concurrent with design
 - NEPA Path
 - | Section 408 Permit – Submittal July 2022
 - | Section 404 Permit - Submittal early 2023

PROJECT SCHEDULE

- identified key working groups
 - Aesthetic Stakeholder Working Group (ASWG)
 - | review, provide input and decide on aesthetic concepts and final design
 - | needed for four meetings: February, March, April and August 2022
 - Design Review Committee (DRC)
 - | technical review, identify/discuss major impacts of design decisions, discuss environmental impacts
 - | monthly scheduled meetings through final design
- Agency involvement
 - provide update and opportunity for discussion on decisions made and permitting status
 - quarterly meetings as necessary
- Utility involvement
 - coordinate design, adjustment, relocation, and additional utilities
 - bi-monthly meetings as necessary with focused discussion at DRC meetings
- Public
 - obtain feedback on bridge type, landscaping, and aesthetics
 - provide advance notification of what to expect during construction
 - four public meetings anticipated
- Local Officials will also be kept up to date.
 - including RTC Board, WC Board and Reno City Council

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS AND ANSWERS/RESPONSES

Q: Robert Alford - Will utilities be located on the bridge or to the side of it?

A: Kaci Stansbury, Jacobs - On the bridges.

Q: Mike Carrubba, NDOT - When will the utility matrix be available?

A: Kaci Stansbury, Jacobs - The first week of May.

Q: Karen Gonzalez, State Lands - requested that permit be submitted on time.

A: Judy Tortelli, RTC - agreed.