



Forth Replacement Crossing Community Forum (M9J1a) Minutes

Meeting location: Kirkliston Community Centre, Queensferry Road

Meeting Date/Time: 21 November 2012 – 7pm

Subject: Community Forum M9 Junction 1a

Participants:

Community Representatives

Steve Lee (Kirkliston Community Council)

Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team (EDT)

Lawrence Shackman

Andy Pope

Allan Buchan (c/o BIG Partnership)

Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)

Ewen Macdonell

John Sisk and Roadbridge (SRB)

Elaine Barrie

Apologies

Richard Docherty, John Graham (Dromore) Ltd

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		Action
1	Welcome and introductions	
1.1	Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman	Noted
2	Review of minutes and outstanding actions M9J1a Community Forum 22 August 2012	
2.1	LS reiterated the purpose of Forum meetings – including that: in the first instance, individual issues should be dealt with by CLOs or through correspondence / email. Observers are welcome to attend, but should not participate in the meeting.	Noted
2.2	Minutes were approved for EDT to post on website	Noted
2.3	Outstanding actions paper Circulated in advance of meeting	
J1A101111/5.2d	Kirkliston Community Council Aug meeting EB attended.	Complete
J1A220812/6.2a	Electronic copy of leaflet EB supplied previously.	Complete
J1A220812/6.2b	Newmains Bridge EB confirmed previously the transport route for beams.	Complete
J1A220812/7.1	City of Edinburgh Council role in clean up EB understands meeting with CEC, SRB and Walkers Developments re final clean up has still to take place and no decision has been taken. EB to ensure KCC is invited to meeting.	Noted SRB
J1A220812/7.2	Original M9 Spur compound EM believes ownership of compound was transferred from Morrison Construction and this was confirmed to HZ(NCC). EM to double check re status of ownership/previous correspondence with HZ (NCC) and advise SL. LS emphasised that clean up of the current works is subject to a different set of rules - the site compound land having been temporarily acquired by Scottish Ministers with an undertaking to hand back and make good etc. This will be implemented in full.	FCBC Noted
J1A220812/9.1	South Queensferry Junction works	

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	<p>LS confirmed meeting is planned for 30 and 31 January 2013 and will be based on afternoon and evening presentations to allow maximum attendance. Meeting will be publicised locally. Similar presentation for Ferrytoll works will take place in autumn 2013.</p>	Noted
3	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)	
3.1	<p>Progress update and 3 month look ahead EM provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead including photos/progress on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - South tie-in works west of Dundas until New Year - Dundas Home Farm and Ferrymuir noise bunds - B800/South bound bus link – EM noted strategy to keep three lanes open when tie in to M9 spur takes place - Echline Corner – A904 west tie-in - South Queensferry gyratory – rock breaking to continue until Jan - South shore abutment excavation – near complete - South approach viaduct – trial coffer dam to check interaction with rock - Beamer Rock – rock anchors installed - North tower – excavations underway - St Margaret's Hope – blasting complete - Ferrytoll embankment – various ground improvement works - B981 realignment – CMC piling to strengthen ground - Winnyhill – blasting to complete Jan and structure over railway line is progressing <p>Q Is railway line still used? A LS confirmed Rosyth Dockyard is keen to keep line open for potential container traffic.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
3.2	<p>Traffic Management EM presentation covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On-going rock blasting (10pm Friday, fortnightly) at Winnyhill will continue to require a short nighttime rolling road block on A90 along with Castlandhill Road closure (1 hour) - B800 will require TM/lane closures/lane narrowing between 14 and 20 January and between 28 January and 3 February for water 	Noted

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	<p>LS confirmed M9 J1a scheme is likely to open in early February.</p>	Noted
	<p>Q SL asked if TS had considered altering existing M9 loop and highlighted problems getting onto it during peak traffic? A LS confirmed this was looked at during design stage, but due to relationship with Newbridge Junction and national design guidelines it was not possible to change. LS emphasised that two lanes should help traffic flow.</p>	Noted
	<p>Q SL asked if noise barriers near Kirklands Park Grove were complete? A EB confirmed they were.</p>	Noted
J1A211112/4.1a	<p>LS to confirm if barriers were extended as far as possible without interfering with sight lines and advise SL.</p>	EDT
J1A211112/4.1b	<p>Q SL asked re status of planting work and size of trees to be introduced? SL highlighted problem with removal of trees behind leisure centre that has left centre exposed - centre had lost roof early in year. A EB confirmed planting had begun and will check detail of landscaping in that area and advise SL. LS confirmed gradient of embankment and its construction would impact on tree sizes/types introduced.</p>	SRB
J1A211112/4.1c	<p>EB asked if Kirkliston Community Council would like the two community information boards once the project is complete? SL to check and advise EB.</p>	KCC
4.2	<p>Traffic Management EB provided presentation of traffic management (TM) measures including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - M9 northbound is running normally - M9 southbound – hoping to reinstate first week in Dec - Temporary TM required for remaining pavement and painting works - Diversion in place this weekend as closing Spur for pavement works – diversion to J3 - Stirling Road running under New Mains Bridge – hope to reinstate and remove temporary traffic lights by Christmas. 	Noted

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5	John Graham (Dromore) Ltd (Fife ITS)	
5.1	<p>Progress update and 3 month look ahead LS provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead – including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All gantries are now in place - Testing and commissioning is taking place - Fife ITS will go live on 4 December, subject to weather – VMS signs are now displaying the date and leaflet has been issued - Site demobilisation is being planned, including tidy up - Although project is near complete, community engagement will go on through the established hotline and email. 	Noted
5.2	<p>Traffic management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None discussed 	Noted
6	Update from Employers Delivery Team (EDT)	
6.1	<p>LS provided EDT update presentation including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scotland's first house noted in archeological survey – attracted significant UK publicity 	Noted
6.2	<p>Contact & Education Centre LS confirmed finishing works are ongoing. Traffic Scotland is beginning fit out and phased entry. CEC part will open to public at beginning of Jan. LS confirmed CEC will start taking bookings for visits.</p>	Noted
6.3	<p>ITS managed motorway ITS video presentation was shown. LS confirmed delivery strategy for phase 1 (Fife) – including radio ads and leaflets – launch date 4 December, subject to weather. Phase 2 would involve the formal opening of M9J1a in early February and Phase 3 when scheme is complete.</p> <p>LS emphasised that, initially, variable speed limits will only operate southbound with northbound being introduced when the full scheme is opened.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
6.4	<p>Bridge naming LS confirmed event for website launch and start of nominations will take place on 27 November. This will be publicised in media. Nominations will be open until the end of January and the shortlist from the advisory panel will be subject to a public vote.</p>	Noted

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7	Community Issues	
7.1	No topics for discussion were submitted	Noted
8	Next Community Forums (proposed)	
8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- North Community Forum - 27 February 2013.- M9 J1unction 1a Community Forum – SL agreed that, as J1a project will be complete, KCC will attend future South Community Forum Meetings- South Community Forum – 6 March 2013 at CEC.	Noted Noted Noted
9	AoB	
9.1	B800 Q SL asked if B800 will always remain open during works? A LS confirmed it may be reduced to one lane when the new alignment was connected to the existing road, but this will be over as short a period as possible to reduce impact.	Noted

