



Forth Replacement Crossing Community Forum (South) Minutes

Meeting location: Rosebery Hall, South Queensferry

Meeting Date/Time: 25 April 2012 – 7pm

Subject: Community Forum South

Participants:

Community Representatives

Keith Giblett (QDCC)
Terry Airlie (QDCC)
Martin Gallagher (QDCC)
Bert Scott (BRIGS)
Les Chapman (BRIGS)
Janet Thornton (Newton CC)
Evelyn Woolen (Newton CC)

Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team (EDT)

Lawrence Shackman
John Watt
Andrew Pope
Allan Buchan (c/o BIG Partnership)
Andy Bell (c/o BIG Partnership)

Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)

Ewen MacDonell

John Graham (Dromore) Ltd

Richard Docherty

John Sisk and Roadbridge

Elaine Barrie

Dawn Construction

Derek Scotland

Observers

5 observers

Apologies

Doug Tait (BRIGS)
Doug Ross (QDCC)

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	Notes	Action
1	Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman	
2	Review of minutes and outstanding actions South Community Forum 31 January 2012	
2.1	<p>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.</p> <p>LS proposed that future meetings will continue to incorporate a presentation element.</p>	Noted
2.2	Minutes were approved for TS to post on website	Noted
2.3	EW asked if answers embedded in minutes could be included in attached Post Minute Notes. JW suggested current format when short answers are embedded and longer responses are attached is an effective format. Forum members agreed.	Noted
2.4	Outstanding actions paper Circulated in advance of meeting	
SCF230811/ 8.2	<p>Community review and feedback on EMPs EM confirmed Air Quality section had been re-circulated.</p> <p>EM and LS explained that as the EMP had been substantially updated based on TS comments and due to the number of stakeholders consulted, it would be difficult and very time consuming to provide an analysis of Newton CC's previous comments – i.e. why were some accepted and why some were not.</p> <p>MG said that an explanation from FCBC had been received by QDCC. EM said this was probably because the comments were less and more straightforward.</p> <p>EW emphasised that previous commitments had been given to provide NCC with an explanation and this was the first time they had been made aware there would be no feedback. LS emphasised this was a live document which can be commented on.</p> <p>LS and EM agreed to raise issue with FCBC team and advise NCC re the outcome - potential to arrange meeting to discuss key issued to be considered.</p>	TS/FCBC

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SCF230811/ 8.7	CoCP Variations EW advised that draft note outlining type of information on variations requested was in circulation and she was awaiting feedback. EW to forward to TS.	Newton CC
SCF310112/ 2.3a	CoCP Working Hours and Safety at Echline EM confirmed meeting was held and issue resolved.	Complete
SCF310112/ 2.3b	South Approach/Access Roads Previous action complete. KG asked for clarification of reason for reduction in traffic movements. LS explained that a large proportion of the bridge construction materials which were originally envisaged as being transported via the south temporary access road will instead, under FCBC's construction strategy, be transported via water from the north shore – e.g. the majority of concrete batching will take place on the north side and be transferred by barge to the bridge foundations/towers etc. EW asked if information was available which would allow NCC to compare traffic figures from the previous assumptions at time of the Bill and the new proposals? LS was not sure if the information will be directly comparable. TS to check and advise EW.	TS
SCF310112/ 2.3c	Left turn at BT mast EM confirmed issue had been addressed, including new signage to emphasise the prohibited turning movement.	Complete
SCF230811/ 1.1	(2.5/1.1) Ground water report EM said that assessment is complete, but water pump tests are required and report is likely to be available in June. EM to advise forum members if timescale changes.	FCBC
SCF230811/ 7.2	(2.5 / 7.2) Compensation LS confirmed no details have been received to date. LC to check with DT if he is to forward details of other claimants.	BRIGS
SCF230811/ 8.5	(2.5 / 8.5) Bo'ness Crossing LS advised that City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) works are due to complete in May 2013. The tender for this is likely to be issued in June. West Lothian Council (WLC) works at Newton are likely to complete by winter 2012 to tie in with completion of M9J1a works.	Noted
SCF011111/ 3a	(3) CGI Model EM confirmed expected completion date around mid or end-May.	FCBC
SCF011111/ 3b	(3) FRC Traffic alerts MG suggested there was no link from the FRC to Traffic Scotland	TS

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	website. AP advised that there was but would make it more prominent.	
SCF011111/7.1	(7.1) Flooding on A904 and B924 LS confirmed contact at City of Edinburgh Council is Darren Wraight. EM advised best estimate of drainage work completion is towards the end of 2013/start of 2014.	Completed
SCF011111/7.2a	(7.2) Property condition surveys Information re structural surveys to be supplied as post-meeting note. Post Meeting Note: Definitions of Structural and Property Condition Surveys was provided in the minutes of 31 January 2012 as Associated Papers page 15. http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/files/documents/projects/fort-h-replacement/SCf - minutes of meeting - 31 January 2012.pdf	TS
SCF011111/7.2b	Further update of property condition surveys undertaken to be provided at future meeting.	FCBC
SCF011111/7.3	(7.3) Pollution monitoring LS confirmed list of locations had been supplied. EW questioned location of Frisbee gauge at Dudingston Crescent. EM agreed to investigate. EW questioned absence of TEOM (automatic air quality monitor) from published list. EM confirmed it is in place on Main Street in Newton and that FCBC is awaiting Scottish Power to connect power supply, therefore is not listed on current schedule. LS confirmed understanding that approval has been granted by City of Edinburgh Council based on details in previous post meeting note.	Complete FCBC FCBC Complete
SCF011111/7.3a	LC advised that automatic scatter meter was either missing or had been moved from Echline Corner location. EM to investigate.	FCBC
SCF011111/7.3b	EW asked for clarification of M9J1a locations as not detailed in previous post meeting note. LS to provide details. Post Meeting Note: The type of monitoring equipment at Kirkliston is now included in the minutes of 31 January 2012 as Associated Papers page 16. http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/files/documents/projects/fort-h-replacement/SCf - minutes of meeting - 31 January 2012.pdf	TS

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<p>SCF310112/ 3.2</p>	<p>Bus hard shoulder running/speed limits AP confirmed that opportunity had been provided to comment on consultation paper.</p> <p>AP advised that some letters of response were at draft stage and should address any concerns raised. Details of the results of the consultation and responses to the consultation will be published on the FRC website on the same page as the consultation paper and will be available in the Scottish Government Library.</p>	<p>TS</p>
<p>SCF310112/ 3.3</p>	<p>General Vesting Declaration / CPOs LS confirmed 80 from 316 potential claims have been received. Three claims have been settled in full by the District Valuer with a further 10 claimants receiving part-settlement.</p> <p>TS to provide update at next meeting.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>TS</p>
<p>SCF310112/ 5.2</p>	<p>M90 Traffic Management RD/TS confirmed public information programme had proved effective as first weekend peak queuing times had only been around 20 minutes.</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>SCF310112/ 6.2</p>	<p>M9 Junction 1a Traffic Management EB provided update during 3 month look ahead.</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>SCF310112/ 7.1a</p>	<p>Notice Board Locations EM advised that an in-store notice board had been allowed by Tesco and the FRC newsletter was on display. Most other notice boards have been erected and LC's suggestion to use bus shelter boards had been progressed.</p> <p>FCBC and EW are seeking approval from the local authority to allow installation of notice board in Newton.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>FCBC / Newton CC</p>
<p>SCF310112/ 7.1b</p>	<p>Temporary Footpath EM confirmed that an alternative footpath had been made available between the site fence and existing wall.</p> <p>EW asked if this could be publicized. EM confirmed it could and that a notice has been sent to local residents. EW requested previous information bulletin to be forwarded to Newton CC.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>FCBC</p> <p>FCBC</p>
<p>SCF310112/ 8.2b</p>	<p>Enquiries and Complaints AP advised that each enquiry is now identified with a unique reference number.</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>SCF310112/ 8.3</p>	<p>School Visits EM advised that initial talks with SQ High School have been promising with a few initiatives discussed.</p>	<p>Complete</p>

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3	Update from Employers Delivery Team (EDT)	
3.1	LS provided EDT presentation update LS highlighted introduction of presentation element to updates to help clarify developments. LS emphasised that TS/contractors would be happy to provide presentations on specific issues/upcoming works to local groups or in a public meeting format.	Noted Noted
SCF250412/ 3.1	Presentations to be made available to Forum Members.	TS
4	Dawn Construction	
4.1	Contact & Education Centre construction LS provided presentation update. LS emphasised that frontage and fitting out works by Dawn Construction are now progressing and is due for completion in September with internal furnishing/finishing works immediately thereafter to allow opening in October. The Traffic Control Centre section will be operational in early 2013.	Noted Noted
5	John Graham (Dromore) Ltd (Fife ITS Contract)	
5.1	Progress update and 3 month look ahead 3 month plan circulated. RD provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead – including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - M90 resurfacing, - gantry construction and installation (which will require night time closures) and - Park Lea fencing and planting works. 	Noted Noted
5.2	Traffic management RD confirmed full road closure overnight will be required for gantry installation in May/June but that the impact is expected to be minimal. MG emphasised that QDCC felt that the first weekend of M90 works had been very successful in minimising delays. RD said that RH's communications strategy had proved effective.	Noted Noted
6	John Sisk and Roadbridge (M9 Junction 1a Contract)	
6.1	Progress update and 3 month look ahead 3 month plan + A3 plan circulated (from community info boards). EB provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead – including:	Noted Noted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - community liaison, - monitoring, - installation of four gantries in early March, - plan to hand over Section A (M9 spur gantries) to TS very soon and - further gantry installation due in spring/summer 2012. <p>The works are on target for completion in late 2012.</p> <p>Q MG asked why existing gantries on M9 were being removed. A LS explained these were not wide enough to accommodate the new road layout and included old technology which could not be applied to the new ITS.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
6.2	<p>Traffic Management</p> <p>EB provided presentation of traffic management measures including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - proposed change in road layout with traffic utilising the hard shoulder in late May/early June so that work access in the central reserve could be accommodated; - placement of new M9 overbridge beams in late May/early June; - planned contraflows on M9 in Aug/Sept, - rolling roadblock planned for 2 May after 9pm and - gantry installation planned for spring/summer. 	<p>Noted</p>
7	Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)	
7.1	<p>Progress update and 3 month look ahead 3 month plan circulated.</p> <p>EM provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - review of main office and subsidiary sites; - overview of foundation construction including caisson delivery planned for 9th May - bridge deck installation process and - overview of connecting roads. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
7.2	<p>Traffic Management</p> <p>EM presentation covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - rock blasting at Whinny Hill from 18th May will require rolling road block on A90 (up to 20 mins) and Castlandhill Road will require closure for 1 hour, these measures will be fortnightly thereafter; - closure of B981 likely for a few minutes weekly to accommodate blasting around north abutment area - site clearance at Society Road in May might require 2-week temporary traffic signals and 	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>SCF250412/ 7.2a</p>	<p>- Scottish Power cable and Scottish Gas pipe diversions on south side of the Forth.</p>	
	<p>EM emphasised that FCBC is confident the project will be complete on or ahead of schedule.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>Q MG asked when south construction compound is likely to be established?</p>	
	<p>A EM confirmed it is near completion and activities will begin ramping up in next two months. Excavation of the south bridge launch area is due to begin in a few weeks.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>Q KG enquired if access would be retained for emergency vehicles when Echline road/junction configuration is updated as this can be useful in bypassing tailbacks?</p>	
	<p>A EM confirmed the connection would only be available to cyclists and pedestrians, but it could possibly accommodate an emergency vehicle. LS emphasised this was not part of the scope of the project however the existing bridge would be available to emergency vehicles.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>Q Query re closures due to high winds?</p>	
	<p>A LS explained that in recent high winds when FRB was closed it is estimated the new bridge would have remained open to all but high-sided vehicles.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Q Will the new bridge move/be as flexible as the current FRB?</p>		
<p>A EM explained that new bridge will be much more rigid in design.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	
<p>Q EW asked if details of blasting, including flyers, are published on the website as she could not find these earlier in the day?</p>		
<p>A LS said details are included in the news section.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	
<p>Q EW enquired status of enhanced signage re the new speed limit on A904?</p>		
<p>A LS confirmed new signage was due to be installed the following day.</p>		
<p>Q EW asked if countdown signage could be provided on West Lothian approach as the distance is short.</p>		
<p>A EM to check. EM confirmed CEC is also providing vehicle activated speed signs.</p>	<p>FCBC</p>	
<p>Q Observer highlighted problem of lack of signage highlighting increase from 30mph to 40mph on Kirkliston to Newbridge road at New Glasgow Road section.</p>		
<p>A LS said this was outside the scheme and is a matter for CEC being a local road issue.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	

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8	AoB	
<p>8.1</p> <p>SCF250412/ 8.1</p>	<p>FRC Website EW highlighted that register of commitments and undertakings had not been updated in 2012 and that some terms still say “expected Q1 2012”. TS to check.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note: The register of commitments and undertakings was updated on 4 April 2012. Since the South Community Forum on 25 April a further update has been published and can be found at: http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/files/documents/projects/fort-h-replacement/commitments_and_undertakings_web_version_-_11_May_2012.pdf</p>	<p>TS</p>
<p>8.2</p> <p>SCF250412/ 8.2</p>	<p>Bo’ness Road land LC asked re the background to the sign on Bo’ness Road / B924 before entering Springfield that highlights possession of land has been taken? EM confirmed the Gazette says TS is consulting on this land. TS to check and confirm. (See Associated Papers page 10)</p>	<p>TS</p>
<p>8.3</p> <p>SCF250412/ 8.3</p>	<p>Road Surface LC highlighted query raised some months previously re road between 1/2 Echline and B924 – i.e. quality of road surface is poor. The lay-by surface is also in poor condition. EM to check.</p>	<p>FCBC</p>
<p>8.4</p> <p>SCF250412/ 8.4</p>	<p>J1a Community Forum LS confirmed that Forum planned for 2nd May had been cancelled as representative had resigned from Kirkliston CC. Discussions are taking place with KCC re rescheduling or attending their CC meetings instead. MG suggested agenda items could be incorporated in south meeting.</p> <p>TS to update Forum members re discussions.</p>	<p>TS</p>
9	Next Community Forums (proposed)	
<p>9.1</p>	<p>North Community Forum : 15 August 2012 South Community Forum : 21 August 2012 M9 Junction 1a Community Forum: 22 August 2012</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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Associated Papers

Ref: SCF250412/8.2 - Bo'ness Road land

Correspondence sent to L Chapman 1 May 2012

Dear Les

Ewen has passed me your query regarding the notice posted on the B924.

The notice has been posted by Transport Scotland because the Contractor will be taking entry to temporary land which has an unknown owner. I also understand that the land is part of the road/verge.

I hope this explains why the notice has been posted. Ewen will respond to you shortly regarding the early deliveries/sheeting issues.

Regards

John Watt
Head Of Policy, Governance and Stakeholder Liaison