



Forth Replacement Crossing Community Forum (South) Minutes

Meeting location: Dakota Hotel, South Queensferry

Meeting Date/Time: 28 November 2012 – 7pm

Subject: Community Forum South

Participants:

Community Representatives

Terry Airlie (QDCC)
Doug Ross (QDCC)
Grant Sangster (QDCC)
Les Chapman (BRIGS)
Doug Tait (BRIGS)
Evelyn Woolen (Newton CC)
Jan Boggon (Newton CC)

Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team (EDT)

Lawrence Shackman
Andrew Pope
Keavy O'Neill
Allan Buchan (c/o BIG Partnership)

City of Edinburgh Council (CEC)

Darren Wraight

Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)

Ewen Macdonell
Derek Chambers
Sally Chambers

John Sisk and Roadbridge (SRB)

Elaine Barrie

Observers

3 observers

Apologies

Keith Giblett (QDCC)
Bert Scott (BRIGS)
Richard Docherty (John Graham (Dromore) Ltd)

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	Notes	Action
1	Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman	
2	Review of minutes and outstanding actions South Community Forum 21 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	LS apologised to DT that previous minutes had not been issued to him. Comments have been sent separately by DT to be incorporated.	Noted
2.4	Outstanding actions paper Circulated in advance of meeting	
SCF230811/ 8.7	CoCP Variations EW confirmed she would forward notes to TS.	Newton CC
SCF011111/ 3a	CGI Model EM to present later in meeting. See 4.3	Noted
	Pollution and vibration monitoring	
SCF011111/ 7.3c	EM had confirmed to EW previously that TEOM (automatic air quality monitor) at Main Street, Newton is listed as a location in the pollution monitoring documents.	Noted
SCF011111/ 7.3d	LS confirmed October 2012 figures will be published on FRC website in next few days. EW suggested that the FRC website does not include figures for all locations and DT said there were no vibration figures for 2012. LS said he had been assured they were on the site. LS to confirm status and location of figures on site by forwarding web links. Post meeting note: Email sent to Forum Members on 3 December 2012 with a link to noise, vibration and air monitoring data. 2012 vibration data is published on the FRC project website: http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/projects/forth-replacement-crossing/project-library/monitoring-reports/noise-and-vibration-reports	EDT

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<p>SCF310112/ 3.3</p>	<p>General Vesting Declaration / CPOs LS confirmed that 96 claims had been received from the potential 316 owners/occupiers entitled to claim. Three claims have been settled in full, 14 in part and negotiations are ongoing with a number of others. 14 have been closed by the District Valuer.</p> <p>EDT to provide update at next meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>EDT</p>
<p>SCF210812/ 2.4a</p> <p>SCF210812/ 2.4b</p>	<p>Speed checks Q Query if speed checks could be implemented on A904 West Lothian Approach using Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) ? A DW confirmed there had been equipment software issues and he plans to retrieve the data next week.</p> <p>EW also highlighted an action point from the previous meeting that had not been noted – i.e. that EDT was to supply speed data for east of Newton. LS to check availability and advise NCC.</p>	<p>CEC</p> <p>EDT</p>
<p>SCF210812/ 4.2</p>	<p>Fife ITS traffic management information LS confirmed details had been sent previously to Community Councils by EDT.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>SCF210812/ 5.2</p>	<p>M9 J1A Traffic Management Information EB confirmed information had been included on Edinburgh Airport website.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>SCF210812/ 7.1a</p>	<p>Increase in number of HGV loads from Niddry Bing EM confirmed response had been supplied previously. There are currently 100 loads per day and this will be increased to 200 per day at some point – this will run until summer 2013 plus 3 months in 2014.</p> <p>Q EW asked if the updated figure would match with the Environmental statement. A LS emphasised this was a relatively small overall increase given existing daily traffic and no worse than stated in original Environmental Statement as the main compound and batching plant are now based in the north and the main bridge construction is being progressed mainly from the Forth. LS stated that section 19 of the Environmental Statement – Disruption to Construction, specifically 19.2.7 states ‘As the construction period is scheduled to take approximately five years, there is a high level of uncertainty in construction traffic volume data and also routing of traffic.’</p> <p>Q Is increase to 200 imminent?</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	A EM confirmed it was.	
SCF210812/7.1b	HGV routes, constraints EM confirmed information had been supplied previously.	Noted
SCF210812/7.1c	Potential contractor from Lesley. Post meeting note supplied previously.	Noted
SCF210812/7.2a	Installation of pipe across A904 Post meeting note supplied previously.	Noted
SCF210812/7.4a	Environment Management Plan (EMP) LS confirmed the full update was on the FRC website. EW confirmed NCC should be able to comment by early part of 2013.	Noted Noted
SCF210812/7.2c	EMP feedback session DT said no feedback had been received on previous BRIGS submission. DCh confirmed that, as previously discussed, volume of changes made correlation of the original feedback difficult, and a session will be arranged once feedback on updated EMP has been obtained. This will include feedback on the original submissions where relevant. DCh confirmed that, as the EMP was a live document, FCBC would take comments at any time and was happy to meet following receipt of revised comments.	EDT/FCBC/Community representatives Noted
SCF210812/7.5	Status of Echline gyratory and A904 re-alignment plans Forum members agreed with LS suggestion that public meeting be organised for 30 and 31 January 2013 at CEC with presentations in afternoon and evening to help maximise attendance. EDT and community representatives to publicise through normal channels. Q EW asked if date could be publicised now? A LS confirmed it can. LS confirmed a similar meeting in north re Ferrytoll works would take place in autumn 2013.	Noted EDT/Community representatives Noted Noted
SCF210812/7.6	Status of Hydro-geological Ground Water Table Investigation Report	

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	LS confirmed this had been published on FRC website.	Noted
SCF210812/7.7a	Traffic flow statistics between M9 Spur and A904 See post meeting note previously supplied.	Noted
SCF210812/7.7b	LS confirmed EDT was still trying to source data re M9 Spur and will provide update if available.	EDT
	Post meeting note previously supplied (see minutes of 21 August 2012).	Noted
SCF210812/7.7c	Q EW asked if traffic monitoring will be undertaken specific to FRC project? A LS confirmed it will, for example, the before and after bridge studies and interim studies for Fife ITS and M9J1a.	Noted
	Q EW asked if this information will be published on FRC website. A LS confirmed it will and the Forums will be notified re progress.	Noted
SCF21/0812/9.1	Society Road patching EM/DW confirmed patching had been arranged previously. EM confirmed permanent works were now planned much earlier in the contract – i.e. likely in spring 2013. EM confirmed he had outlined this at recent meeting with Linn Mill residents.	Noted
	Q EW asked if two specific Linn Mill houses were included in briefings and mail drops? A EM confirmed they were.	Noted
SCF210812/9.3	Newton traffic calming measures LS confirmed there had been an objection to the proposals and works will follow the statutory process if the outcome is successful.	Noted
	Q EW asked if works would still take place if the statutory process takes longer than FRC construction? A LS confirmed TS will honour this commitment.	Noted
3	John Sisk and Roadbridge (M9 Junction 1a Contract)	
3.1	Progress update and 3 month look ahead EB provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead – including: - Pavement works (i.e. resurfacing M9 and M9 Spur) should be complete early December –	Noted

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	<p>poor weather has disrupted programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Landscaping will continue to early February - Fencing – almost complete - New slip road and merge to M9 Spur are progressing well - Safety barrier on M9 to complete by 14 December - M9 overbridge and existing bridge are near complete - Overton Road re-opened October – some works to complete under bridge, hope to be off this part of site by Christmas - Newmains Bridge – practically complete, drainage near complete, some barrier and snagging works remain - EB confirmed letter updates are being issued regularly, particularly to residents at Buie Rigg and Kirklands Park Grove. - SRB is continuing to engage with the local primary school, including helping paint school playground games and providing funding for an environmental project in Jan/Feb. - SRB have offered the Community Information Boards to the local Community Council. - Works are on schedule and will be largely complete before Christmas with contractor aiming to be fully complete and off site by March 2013. <p>EB emphasised works are on schedule and all quoted deadlines were provisional, e.g. subject to weather.</p> <p>LS confirmed M9 J1a scheme is likely to open in early February.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>3.2</p>	<p>Traffic Management</p> <p>EB provided presentation of traffic management (TM) measures including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temporary TM required for remaining pavement and structure painting works - Contraflow planned this weekend in each direction - One more closure planned for M9 eastbound but with contraflow, likely in early December - Stirling Rd to Winchburgh – hope to reinstate and remove temporary traffic lights by Christmas. 	<p>Noted</p>
<p>SCF281112/ 3.2a</p>	<p>Q Re duration of TM on M9 eastbound in early December?</p>	<p>SRB</p>

<p>SCF281112/ 3.2b</p>	<p>A EB confirmed closure will be late at night and at weekend. EB emphasised this will not be a complete closure as contraflow will be in place. EB to issue email note confirming location.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note: SRB issued email (29.11.12) to DT outlining works programme.</p> <p>DT highlighted problem previous weekend as insufficient warning signs in South Queensferry meant motorists from there were unable to make appropriate alternative arrangements. EB to feedback comment to Traffic management Working Group (TMWG). LS indicated this might have been a decision by the TMWG to avoid overloading Kirkliston roads.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note: TMWG have confirmed this was the case.</p> <p>Q Query if Traffic Management would be in place over Christmas and New Year? A EB confirmed no works are planned between 21 December and 7 January. LS confirmed there would be no contraflows during this period.</p>	<p>SRB</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)</p>	
<p>4.1</p>	<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 will continue until New Year - B800/southbound bus link – EM noted strategy to keep three lanes of A90 open when tie in to M9 spur takes place later in the contract - Dundas Home Farm and Ferrymuir noise bunds works progressing - Echline Corner gyratory – EM confirmed that rock ripping will be given every opportunity in due course, but may have to continue to use rock peckers - this work will continue until end January - A904 link to Newton and U221 diversion are both well underway - Linn Mill, Clufflat and Spingfield – using detention basins to store temporary surface water - South shore – earthworks and drainage will 	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>SCF281112/4.1a</p>	<p>continue into New Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - South approach viaduct Piers S7 and S8 - concrete pouring taking place and trial cofferdam works progressing - South tower - jet grouting foundation to produce seal/ underpin caisson, will continue for a few weeks and then operation will move to north tower - Centre tower at Beamer Rock – four sections of cofferdam in place with fifth being placed out of ten in total - North tower – within 1 metre of final resting place - St Margaret’s Hope – N2 pier/north abutment excavation complete, concrete pour next week - Ferrytoll embankment – various ground improvement works progressing - B981 realignment – CMC piling to strengthen ground underway - Winnyhill – blasting to complete in January, using rock for Ferrytoll embankment along with red blaes from Winchburgh - B981 bridge over railway line is progressing – pouring bridge deck in three weeks time. <p>SC provided update of community activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Painting competition organised – local schools contacted, closing date 18th Feb, prize award planned for March. More details in next project update - Planning an event with former Forth Road Bridge workers for 2013. <p>Q Query re risk of finding the unexpected on riverbed and impact on timescales? A EM confirmed no surprises to date. Once foundation is complete, risks are minimised. DCh confirmed there is still requirement to identify quality of rock to allow concrete pour to begin.</p> <p>Q LC asked if the spoil placed west of the excavation at South Queensferry Junction location could be placed to the east instead to mitigate noise? A EM to check with his team on that section of work to see if this can be done and advise Forum members.</p> <p>Q Query re Linn Mill resident complaint re nighttime noise previous Friday and Sunday evening? A EM confirmed email response had been sent to the resident and that two other residents had also got in</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>FCBC</p> <p>Noted</p>
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<p>SCF281112/4.1b</p>	<p>touch – it was however difficult to identify source of noise. It could have been a generator on a barge which was replaced. A small generator is used for washing the deck, but crew claim they do not use this at night. Noise might also be due to variations in noise from drilling related to on-going jet grouting. EM also highlighted noise might be more noticeable in certain weather conditions. EM confirmed they will continue to liaise with local residents in order to monitor situation.</p> <p>Q Query how such complaints are monitored through the Noise Liaison Group? A EM confirmed that while he recognised the noise was disturbing residents they were not exceeding the agreed average thresholds. While there were three peak exceedances on two separate monitors, the noise thresholds are based on average levels.</p> <p>LS suggested member of NLG attend future meeting to present example to Forum.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>EDT</p>
<p>4.2</p> <p>SCF281112/4.2</p>	<p>Traffic Management (TM) EM presentation covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On-going rock blasting (10pm this Friday, and fortnightly until the end of January 2013) at Winnyhill will continue to require a short nighttime rolling road block on A90 along with Castlandhill Road closure (1 hour) - U221 will be closed tonight for 3 hours (between 8pm and 6am) to allow water main to be capped - B800 will require TM/lane closures/lane narrowing between 14 and 20 January (between 8pm and 6am) for water main diversion works to allow new bridge build. TM measures will be published nearer the time. - Gyrotory works will not affect the A904 at Echline Corner until Spring 2013. - Pecking in main launch area is planned to be complete by 21 December 2012. <p>Q DT asked if TM slide could be published on FRC website? A EM agreed to forward copy of TM slide to Forum members.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>FCBC</p>
<p>4.3</p>	<p>CGI EM demonstrated virtual reality model and emphasised the model is still to be completed. There are also plans to add photos and video on ongoing basis.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

	LS confirmed web cams and timelapse would should be available on FRC project website by Christmas 2012.	Noted
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 a leaflet has been issued (available on website and at CEC). Radio adverts are also running. - No further local impacts are anticipated - Although the 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 <p>Q When was house excavated? A Late 2010, but results only recently available as carbon dating of artefacts was required and report had to be completed. AP confirmed certificate confirming site was archeologically sterile was able to be provided in advance and this allowed contract with FCBC to be signed.</p>	Noted Noted
6.2	<p>Contact & Education Centre LS confirmed CEC is almost finished. 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> <p>Q Query re telephone numbers for CEC? A AP confirmed these will be switched over during Christmas period.</p>	Noted Noted
6.3	<p>ITS managed motorway ITS video presentation was shown. LS confirmed delivery strategy for phase 1 (Fife) –</p>	Noted

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	<p>including radio ads and leaflets – launch date 4 December, subject to weather. Phase 2 would involve the formal opening of J1a in early February and Phase 3 when scheme is complete in 2016. Northbound variable mandatory speed limits will only be introduced when final scheme is open.</p> <p>Q Re how learner drivers will cross bridge? A LS confirmed they must switch with the instructor before crossing the bridge and will not be able to use the Forth Road Bridge. 50cc motorcycles can use the existing bridge.</p>	Noted
6.4	<p>Bridge naming LS confirmed event for website launch and start of nominations took 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
7	Community Issues	
7.1	<p>Queensferry Gyrotory Previously discussed – See 2.4 SCF210812/ 7.5. (i.e. public meeting to be held on 30 and 31 January 2013 at CEC).</p> <p>DT requested that presentation at public meeting cover location of gyrotory, construction timetable, current status and traffic management.</p>	Noted
SCF28112/ 7.1	<p>Q Query if presentation would be made available online? A AP confirmed information from the presentation would be made available on FRC website, but not the actual presentation slides.</p>	EDT
7.2	<p>Noise and vibration – Echline Field Previously discussed during meeting – see 2.4 SCF011111/7.3c and SCF011111/7.3d – and during FCBC presentation – see 4.1.</p> <p>EM emphasised that rock pecking was only used as last resort - FCBC would prefer not to use it as it was an expensive method.</p> <p>Q DT asked how vibration is measured. Today (at Echline Corner) the vibration was considerable but there is no vibration monitor. A EM said if any resident had concerns re vibration,</p>	Noted Noted Noted

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<p>SCF28112/ 7.2</p>	<p>please call FCBC and they will arrange for a vibration monitor to measure the levels.</p> <p>Q LC asked why there was no vibration monitor at Echline? A EM understood they are removed for calibration from time to time. EM to check and advise Forum members.</p>	<p>FCBC</p>
<p>7.3</p>	<p>Grass cutting Echline Field LS confirmed this will be undertaken before Christmas, weather permitting.</p> <p>LS confirmed additional work to kill vegetation near pavements adjacent to Inchgarvie House will take place in summer 2013.</p> <p>Q Query if grass will be cut each year? A LS said grass will be maintained.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>7.4</p>	<p>Report on the Sustained / High Intensity Rainfall Events in the South Queensferry area</p> <p>DW confirmed City of Edinburgh Council (CofEC) has no further comment to make on the report. DW confirmed an internal report has been produced by CEC for its internal use.</p> <p>LS confirmed EDT report could be used for insurance purposes.</p> <p>AP confirmed EDT could not provide further comment as this was outwith the remit of the FRC project and a private matter for residents to take forward with their insurance companies.</p> <p>Q DT highlighted support is being provided by the UK Government for householders impacted by flooding in England and Wales and he asked why this was not being provided here for those impacted by flooding in the Springfield area ? A AP emphasised this was outwith the remit of the FRC project.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>7.5</p>	<p>FRC Project Website</p> <p>LS restated that October monitoring results would be published very soon and, as discussed, TS will check status of vibration results. (see 2.4 SCF011111/7.3c</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>SCF281112/7.5</p>	<p>and SCF011111/7.3d and 7.2)</p> <p>DT highlighted that noise and air monitoring results from end of May were not on the FRC website. Web links supplied previously by EDT did not work.</p> <p>EM confirmed hand held monitoring has been undertaken. EM to check status of monitoring results, in particular for Echline and Springfield, and advise DT/LC what is and is not available.</p> <p>Q EW asked if FRC website restructure had been completed? A AP confirmed that maintenance was ongoing and that a significant update was planned for 2013.</p> <p>Q EW asked if responses to enquiries are published on website? A LS confirmed a summary of enquiries and complaints received is published on the website.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>FCBC</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>7.6</p> <p>SCF281112/7.6</p>	<p>HGVs A904 Concerns re speed of HGVs were highlighted.</p> <p>Q Query if contractors have been warned re compliance? A EM confirmed yes they have and frequently.</p> <p>Q EW asked if voluntary code of conduct similar to that introduced by Hunter Demolitions could be applied? Drivers who repeatedly break the code – e.g. speeding – are dismissed by the company. In agreement with West Lothian Council, HGVs are prevented from entering some locations at certain times. Local residents report HGVs breaking the code and the company checks tachometers. A EM to speak to Alan Johnston re potential for similar approach.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>FCBC</p>
<p>7.7</p>	<p>Air Quality – Echline & Springfield DT highlighted issue around plumes of dust had been raised and had not been resolved.</p> <p>EM said that this has been discussed with his colleague and he had been assured dampening measures were being used.</p> <p>EM emphasised that if a dust cloud became visible, contact him immediately and he will come to the site.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

