

ROUTE 18
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS

**COMMUNITY
PARTNERING TEAM**

CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT NO. 6

PROJECT: ROUTE 18 - Section 2F, 7E, and 11H
City of New Brunswick
Middlesex County, New Jersey

PLACE: Conference Room 3A, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
New Jersey Department of Transportation
1035 Parkway Avenue, P.O. Box 600
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0600

DATE: August 9, 2002

SUBJECT: Steering Committee Meeting No. 6

ATTENDEES:

Mr. Steve Lavelle	(SL)	New Jersey Department of Transportation	609-530-3762
Ms. Pamela Garrett	(PG)	New Jersey Department of Transportation	609-530-2721
Mr. John Mycoff	(JM)	New Jersey Department of Transportation	609-530-4924
Mr. Paul Nowicki	(PN)	Gannett Fleming, Inc.	908-755-0040
Mr. Darryl Johnson	(DJ)	Gannett Fleming, Inc.	908-755-0040
Mr. Jeff Grob	(JG)	Vollmer Associates	212-366-5600
Ms. Martine Culbertson (MC)		M.A. Culbertson, LLC	856-795-8485

SUMMARY:

To provide overview of project status, review of CPT Meeting No. 15, discuss outstanding issues and recommendations; to identify agenda items for next CPT Group Meetings and the project schedule. (agenda attached).



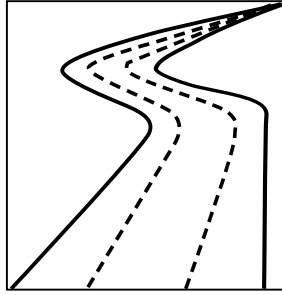
POINTS OF DISCUSSION:

1. (SL) noted that the project is on schedule, design development is progressing and the group meetings need to make recommendations in order to meet the goal of a public meeting in September or October.
2. (PN) reviewed the items: preliminary structural design, ITS components, right of way submission – July 26th, access, cut outs, borings underway, signage and drainage
3. (SL) noted the conversion to a new process and alternate procedures may call for the elimination of certain activities or lessen the review time.
4. (DJ) will coordinate utilities, which can be a key problem area in maintaining the project schedule. He is working with PSE&G and will contact John Taylor regarding policy issues and guidance. ACTION
5. (SL) the conceptual images, which are agreed upon, should be enlarged for the CPT Handbook. (JG) will coordinate with (MC) ACTION
6. (PN) listed the key issues as follows:
 - (a) the pedestrian bridge location at Richmond
 - (b) the right out only access at Richmond
 - (c) demolition of the police station building in Boyd Park
 - (d) one or two access points at Newell Avenue/Phelps Avenue – Tov Manor concerns
 - (e) the waterfront walkway in front of Rutgers boat house
7. (SL) explained the NJDOT position regarding Newell/ Phelps is that either one or two openings on to Route 18 is acceptable, however the roadway out the back of Tov Manor is not NJDOT jurisdiction and is governed by the City of New Brunswick. ACTION
8. (SL) discussed the need to remain within the project study limits and scope in order to meet the schedule.
 - (a) Deimer Park improvements are part of this project
 - (b) George Street and Commercial Avenue intersection is under study for striping and signals
 - (c) ITS from Route 18 2A may be connected to Route 18 2F
9. (DJ) explained that 6 inch City curb is not approved by FHWA ACTION
10. (SL) emphasized the need to meet with the City to discuss the status of the Newell/Phelps Avenue where it is the City's decision to keep both roads open to Route 18 or to have only one opening ACTION
11. (SL) requested that a meeting be set up with DEVCO, Rutgers and the County on a regular basis to review development in the area and minimize potential design changes due to encroachment or unforeseen impacts. ACTION
12. (SL) suggested that (DJ) speak with Rutgers regarding a memorandum of understanding regarding the walkway in front of the boat house and their support for the improvements in the City Docks area. ACTION
13. (SL) asked Gannett Fleming to incorporate the recommendations and refinements into the model for the next Public Information Center meeting. ACTION
14. (SL) discussed the remaining issues to be resolved and reviewed each issue on the matrix individually noting the items, which now have CPT concurrence, and those that are to be worked on later in the development process.
15. (MC) will work with (DJ) to modify the matrix and provide updates depending on outcome of the CPT group meetings in resolving issues. ACTION
16. (SL) requested that (MC) look into a new location and creative agenda or theme for the next CPT meeting. ACTION
17. (PN) noted that the Security Workshop would be held in the fall and was supported by all the CPT groups to examine safety and security in the corridor. (MC) and (DL) will develop a stakeholder's list and determine the meeting logistics. ACTION
18. (SL) asked (SM) to work on having a Public Officials Briefing after the next round of CPT group meetings and prior to the Public Meeting. ACTION

19. (SL) noted in closing that the project continues to stay on schedule and that the next steps for the CPT are as follows: PIC in October, next Steering Committee Meeting in the following week, and CPT Meeting No. 16 in October/November.
20. (PN) suggested a Steering Committee Meeting prior to the public meeting in order to review the materials to be presented.

We believe the foregoing to be an accurate summary of discussions and related decisions. We would appreciate notification of exceptions or corrections to the minutes within three (3) working days of receipt. Without notification, we will consider these minutes to be record of fact.

Martine Culbertson
CPT Facilitator



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| 9:30 a.m. | I. Welcome and Introductions | |
| | • Agenda and Goals | Lavelle |
| | • Review of CPT Meeting No. 15 | Culbertson |
| 10:00 a.m. | II. Project Items | |
| | • Project Status Review | Lavelle/Birch |
| | • Design Issues/City Coordination | Nowicki/Loughlin |
| | • Boyd Park Enhancement | Morgan/Grob |
| | • Corridor Aesthetics | Nowicki/Grob |
| | • Design Development | Johnson |
| | • Environmental/Agency Coordination | Garrett |
| | • CPT Meeting No. 15 - Agenda Items | Culbertson |
| 11:15 a.m. | III. Summary and Close | |
| | • Project Schedule | Birch/Nowicki |
| | • Next CPT Steps | Culbertson/Mikulak |
| | • Action Items / Closing Comments | Lavelle/Kim |



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