



**ROUTE 52 CAUSEWAY REPLACEMENT PROJECT
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 3 REPORT**

DATE: April 10, 2003
 TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 LOCATION: Office of Michael Baker, Jr., Princeton, NJ - Conference Room

ATTENDEES:	REPRESENTING:	PHONE:
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1. PURPOSE OF MEETING

To provide project status, review CPT Meeting No. 2, discuss outstanding task force or project items, and identify next steps for public officials meetings and public information center meetings. (Agenda attached)

2. MEETING SUMMARY

I. Project Status

(DL) opened the meeting and noted that the project is on schedule for final design. Communities appear satisfied with the artist renderings and design refinements developed through outreach efforts with the CPT.

II. CPT Update

(MS) reviewed the project issues which Baker is currently working on:

- On-going dialogue with the property owner of the Chinese Restaurant regarding acquisition
- Malibu Beach mitigation efforts
- Refinements to MacArthur Boulevard improvements, landscaping discussions are needed (AI)
- Multi-use path has been shifted to the south side of the causeway
- Modifications have been made to the bulk heads and loading areas on Rainbow Island
- The end-unit of the condominium complex in Ocean City will be kept
- Heron rookery requires additional analysis to determine potential impacts to Visitors Center

(FG) reviewed the Causeway Aesthetic issues:

- Preparing renderings for the PIC meetings
- Looking for input on the lighting options for the causeway-develop questionnaire for PIC (AI)
- Two options have been developed regarding the railing style - traditional or contemporary
- Examining options for visual screening for 9th Street neighborhoods, anti graffiti (AI)
- Ocean City is looking at 9th Street east of Bay Avenue improvements to tie in - local aide

Other item comments:

- Baker to contact Walter Sharpe regarding the status of the Chinese Restaurant acquisition for staging site, access and parking (AI)
- Baker to call Ray Fender and Peggy Worthington to inform them that the end unit of the condominiums will not be taken. It is no longer impacted with the shift of the multi-use path to the south side of the causeway.

Mobility Access and Circulation presented by (MS)

- With the shift of the sidewalk, the curve is improved and there is improved access and circulation in Somers Point
- Goll Avenue with left turn to Shore Road will be one way into historic area
- The multi-use path flows down on to Rainbow Island and then back up onto the causeway so to minimize points of conflicts with vehicles (would need to cross ramps if path remained up)
- Baker needs to look into development plans for the Theatre site (AI)
- Circulation and access renderings needed for the Theatre site and Joe's cafe and hotel site (AI)

(BF) informed the Steering Committee members of the Public Information status:

- There has been a lot of interest in the project web site
- The goal for this task force is "to get the message out"
- A press release will be sent shortly to announce the project progress and upcoming meetings

- Public announcements to be sent out by April 25th
- Website inquires or technical report revisions should be sent to Bill Felix
- Coast Guard public notice for their process will be circulating the area
- A draft PIC project handout will be sent to (DL) from (BF) and press release
- Public Officials meetings in Ocean City April 23 and 24, in Somers Point April 24
- Public Information Center meetings: May 20th in Ocean City, Middle School, 3-7 p.m. and May 28th in Somers Point, City Hall, 3-7 p.m.

Staging and Traffic Management presented by (MS)

- Once the design is finalized then this task force will look into signing, ITS, cameras and other mechanisms to assist with traffic management during construction
- Baker to contact Jude Depko at the NJ Turnpike Authority to review signing on the Parkway

(MR) presented an update on the Environmental Process efforts:

- Due to the heron rookery located near the Visitors Center various options for shifting the Visitor's Center away from the nesting area were examined to minimize impacts
- Alternative 2 was recommended in order to allow for partial screening of the area during nesting season and no screening for part of the area
- Wetland delineation is on-going
- The Malibu site is under investigation as a possible mitigation site. A strategy meeting has been scheduled internally at NJDOT with DEP and Green Acres (Dave Smith) for on-going coordination

Next Steps:

- (CB) to work with Bill Felix and Tony Marsella in dealing with meeting logistics for the public officials meetings and PIC meetings
- (MC) to conduct courtesy calls and to provide email/fax notice to the CPT members of the upcoming meetings
- Mansion site efforts need to be coordinated with Steve Hardegen, SHPO including archeological requirements and lead-time to obtain property and determine design, circulation and access

(MS) summarized the efforts to be done in the near future and next steps for the CPT

- Final plans for alignment shift, traffic signal on Jersey Avenue, visitor's center and dredge site
- Prepare display boards for PIC meeting (AI)
- Work with Walter Sharpe to move forward with Chinese Restaurant right-of-way (AI)
- Finalize plans for bump out rest areas and fishing areas along the causeway (AI)

(DL) adjourned the meeting thanking the Steering Committee for the team effort and moving the project forward and resolving community concerns. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm

3. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

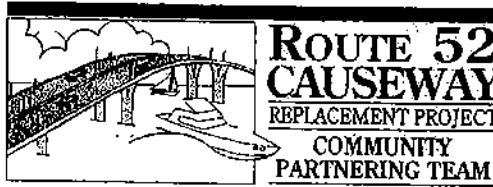
Date : Thursday, June 26, 2003

Time : 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location : New Office of Michael Baker, Jr., Princeton, NJ

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
RT52 CPT Facilitator



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AGENDA

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I. Welcome and Introductions

- Agenda and Goals
- Project Status

II. CPT Update and Outstanding Issues

- CPT Meeting No. 2
- Causeway Aesthetics TF
- Mobility, Circulation & Access TF
- Public Information TF
- Environmental Process TF
- Staging and Traffic Management TF

III. Project Items and Next Steps

- Other Design/Community Issues
- Public Officials Meetings
- Public Information Center Meetings
- Other Items

IV. Summary and Close

- Project Schedule and Action Items
- Feedback / Closing Comments