

220711-Agency Coordination Meeting #2

Monday, July 11, 2022 10:00 AM



Meeting Summary

Project: Arlington Avenue Bridges	Date: July 11, 2022
Topic: Agency Coordination Meeting #2	Location: RTC hosted Zoom

Participants:

Judy Tortelli – RTC, AAB Project Manager	Doug Maloy – RTC, Engineering Manager
Kayla Dowty - CTWCD	Mitch Cowles - NDEP
Alex Wolfson, City of Reno	Candace Stowell - RSIC
Khalil Wilson - City of Reno, Engineering Manager	Andrea Gutierrez – FHWA, Dist. 2 & 3
Jessen Mortensen – NDOT, Bridges	Abdalla Abdelmoez - FHWA
Roger Trott – NDOT, Environmental (via phone)	Samuel Bohannon - USACE
Philip Kanegsberg – NDOT, LPA Coordinator	Michael Fong - USACE, PM, 408 Permission Section
Eric Scheetz – TRFMA	Kaci Stansbury – Jacobs Project Manager
Lauren Ball – RTC, Communications Team	Sean Vogt - US Fish & Wildlife
Jim Clarke – Jacobs, Environmental	

Agency members not in attendance:

Kerrie Koski - City of Reno, City Engineer	Chad Matty – FHWA, Bridge Engineer
Angela Fuss – City of Reno, Asst. Development Services Director	Karen Gonzalez, NV Div State Lands
Tawana Kelly – FHWA, R/W and Utilities	Andrew Dixon, NV Div Env Protection
Rebecca Palmer - SHPO	Chris Young – NDOT, Environmental
Nicole Fresard - USACE	Anthony Sampson - PLPT
Jason Gipson - USACE	Scott Carey - RSIC
Brian Luke - USACE	George Robison - TRFMA
Dan Doenges – RTC, Planning	Laura Meyer – Jacobs, Environmental

1. Purpose of the Meeting - Judy Tortelli
 - a. Updates since last Agency Mtg held February 2022
2. Environmental Study Updates - Jim Clarke
 - a. NEPA process
 - i. Federal \$7M RAISE Grant - NEPA required
 - ii. Likely Categorical Exclusion but will confirm once we know impacts.
 - iii. Resource technical reports to be prepared this late summer/fall
 - iv. Impact analyses based on 30% design
 - v. Anticipate NEPA clearance in Feb/Mar 2023
 - b. Cultural Resources
 - i. Database search conducted for historic properties during feasibility study
 - ii. Native American consultation: NDOT sent invitations to tribes in late 2021.

- iii. Section 106 compliance
 - 1) Consulted on boreholes; SHPO concurred with No Adverse Effect.
 - 2) Produced Draft Areas of Potential Effect map and Screening Form
 - 3) Coordinating with NDOT Cultural Resources staff on review of APE map, Screening Form, and content of Architectural History Survey Report.
 - iv. Next steps:
 - 1) Historic survey/documentation
 - 2) Prepare draft report/effect determination
 - 3) Consult with tribal governments, SHPO, and 106 consulting parties.
 - c. Parks & Recreation Resources
 - i. Seven park/ recreation resources are located within the study area
 - ii. Wingfield Park/Whitewater Park
 - 1) Approx. 0.09 acre of 3.2-acre park permanently converted to transportation use adjacent to Arlington Avenue for expansion of bicycle/pedestrian facilities.
 - 2) For public safety, park (including river access to/from park) closed to public during two-year construction period.
 - iii. Truckee River Walk Trail
 - 1) Short-term trail closures during construction. Trail access provided via detours.
 - iv. Have worked closely with the City of Reno on 4(f);
 - d. Section 4(f)
 - i. Section 4(f) of U.S. Dept. of Transportation Act protects “significant” parks and recreation areas.
 - ii. Section 4(f) has a de minimis provision that allows a “use” (or impact) when project would not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that qualify the park for protection under Section 4(f)
 - iii. Approval for de minimis requires agreement from owner (City) and opportunity for public comments.
 - iv. Propose de minimis impact for Wingfield Park/Whitewater Park and Truckee River Walk Trail.
 - e. Threatened and Endangered Species
 - i. Six federally protected species included in database search conducted for study area
 - ii. No habitat present for non-aquatic species
 - iii. Two aquatic trout species could be present.
 - iv. Coordination meeting being held this week on these two species and next steps
 - i. Geotechnical bore in stream: FWS concurred with No Effect to the two protected fish species (Cui-ui and Lahontan Cutthroat Trout) assuming work occurs between July-November
 - v. Overall project: Preparing a Biological Assessment for two fish species
 - vi. Team will also consider state listed species.
3. Section 408 Permit(s) Updates - Judy Tortelli
 - a. Separate permits: Geotechnical Borings and Overall Project
 - b. Geotechnical Boring Application
 - i. Mistakenly done for only the one boring within the OHWM within north fork (boring to be done from atop the existing bridge and bored through the bridge deck and into the river channel)
 - ii. USACE and CTWCD onsite on June 13 observed geotechnical boring (at 3rd location; 2 near south bridge completed week prior) in progress within the 14,000 cfs floodplain.
 - iii. Immediate work stoppage;
 - iv. Geotechnical Section 408 Permit Application to be resubmitted to CTWCD end of July 2022
 - c. Overall Project Application
 - i. Submit to CTWCD in October 2022 for review prior to submittal to USACE in December 2022.
 - d. Utilities will also require individual Section 408 Permits
 - i. Design Team to assist utility companies to ensure done timely, and correctly
4. Design Updates and Decision Made - Judy Tortelli
 - a. Not identified on slide 13 - midblock widening to accommodate loading/unloading zone areas and RTC Flex Ride transit stops
5. Bridge Updates - Kaci Stansbury
 - a. North Bridge - Precast Prestressed Box Beams
 - i. Deck poured on top - 6-Inch Concrete slab; additional pour for sidewalks
 - ii. Utilities to go through the hollow centers
 - iii. Overlook areas on both sides
 - b. South Bridge - Precast Prestressed Voided Slabs
 - i. Deck poured on top - 6-inch concrete slab; additional pour for sidewalks

- ii. Utilities to go through voided centers
6. Landscape and Aesthetics - Judy Tortelli
- a. Options to be presented to public as identified by the Aesthetic Stakeholder Working Group
7. Next Steps - Judy Tortelli
- a. Judy to work with Phil to revise funding in LPA; grant template forms
 - b. Candice asked when enviro docs will go to tribes and how much involvement Michon Eben has had in the project to date
 - c. Public Meeting advertisement must include acknowledgment for Section 106 and De Minimus; required by law to get input from Public
 - d. Del requested design team to contact Jim Murphy, NDOT, to update on project and request his involvement and attention
 - e. Website: www.ArlingtonBridges.com
 - f. Presentations are/will be posted to the website