Meeting Minutes for Public Outreach Meeting #3 November 19, 2021

Jeff Parker of CHA Companies was the moderator for Public Outreach Meeting #3.

Jeff commenced the meeting at 11:04 a.m.Jeff addressed the format of the meeting, which consisted of a presentation of 17 slides; followed by a question and answer period.

- Slide 1 State Project No. 0301-0047
- Slide 2- Jeff Parker Public Outreach Agenda, which consisted of:
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Project Overview
 - c. Design-Build Team
 - d. Design Status
 - e. Current & Upcoming Field Work
 - f. Impacts to Vehicles, Pedestrians and Commuters
 - g. Questions
- Slide 3-9 Project Overview Slides Jeff Parker
- Slide 10 Design Build Team Tim Caulfield
- Slide 11 Design Status Tim Caulfield
 - a. Completed Design
 - Drainage
 - Retaining Walls
 - Garage Foundations



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- b. Final Stage of Design: Major Components
 - Precast garage over 900 pieces
 - Electrical and plumbing
 - Elevators
 - Pedestrial bridg
- c. Semi-Fianl Stage of Design
 - Architectural fine tuning look of garage
 - Station renovations
 - Platform extension
- Slide 12 Current Site View from the Existing Train Station September 2021
- Slide 13 Current Site View from the Existing Train Station November 2021 shows 95 wall progression, drainage and foundation.
- Slide 14 Current and Upcoming Field Work
 - Construction of new site drainage
 - Removal of old site drainage along the railroad
 - Construction of retaining walls along I-95
 - Construction of garage foundations
 - Construction of retaining wall along railroad Tim spoke to the rock elevation and how it will allow us to construct the concrete foundation on the rock elevation.
- Slide 15 Current and Upcoming and Field Work Drawings Tim spoke to each component
- Slide 16 Impact to Vehicles, Pedestrians and Commuters
- Slide 17 Closing of Track 5 Stairs-Prior to closing wayfair signs will be posted. YCC is working with the MNR and DOT on this process.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Jeff Maron commented that he liked the camera views and that they were very informative. He had concerns about the closing of the track 5 stairs, and the available access for commuters who normally do not like to cross Washington Blvd.. Also how people who use the "Kiss and Ride" will access the station.

A. Jeff stated that access will be through the station. Crossing of Wasington Blvd will be required. Tim reviewed slides 19 & 20, which show the detour and also slide 21, which show the station closure and the available access points. Tim pointed out that there is going to be very little impact due to the number of access points in the station. The Kiss and Ride access will not be impacted

Q. Jeff Duarte of Empire State Realty Trust expressed concern over the closure of the sidewalk on S. State Street. He stated that they were informed that access would be maintained. He expressed major concern over the impact on his tenants and his ability to lease space at First Stamford Place. He wanted to know if the walk way could be opened at specific hours.

A. Jeff indicated that when the structure is being built, the sidewalks will be closed for approximately 20 weeks, as per the contract. There are discussion as to alternate routes for pedestrians. On going discussion as to public safety with city and contractors.

Q. Jeff Newman was concerned that starting on Dec 6 the access will be closed. He had discussion with CTDOT, and was told access would still be available. Asked to readdress period of time of closure of sidewalk. He would like serious follow up. He also addressed the extended closure of the tunnel access. Jeff then spoke to the possibility of a ped bridge across Greenwich Ave and the river to Platform 4. He also expressed the desire of his tenants to walk rather than use the shuttle that is provided during rush hours.



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- A. Jeff indicated that there maybe ongoing discussion as to the pedestrian bridge. He is not aware of the tunnel closures. They are performed and coordinated under a different contract and project. He invited Dan Baker to update the tunnel project.
- Dan Baker indicated that the original opening date of the tunnel was November 12th. Once the contractor started the demo, they found additional leaks. The repairs are hopefully will be done in December. They are also updating the lighting. The tentative reopening is scheduled for January 2022.
- Judy with District 5 acknowledged ESRT concerns about pedestrian access. They have to adhere to the contract, but they are willing to look at other considerations to be taken to allow pedestrian access during the 20 week closure.
- Q. Senator Miller commented on Jeff Newman's comment. Whenever there will be a change that the stakeholders be notified. She was talking about the tunnel access changes.
 - A. Mike Mendick was able to connect and he stated that the tunnel job is ancillary to the Yonkers project. He highlighted the Tunnel Project is not correlated to the Yonkers Project. He stated that they have a pending meeting with the City of Stamford, and will bring concerns to them.
- Q. Thomas Madden ask if a website can be updated with changes.
 - A. Jeff indicated that the website is in the process of being updated.



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Q. Robert Stein wanted to know the location of the Welcome to Stamford sign and where will the solar panels be placed and what kind of contribution will they have to the lighting cost.

A - Tim Caulfield of YCC said sign will be on the glass panel of pedestrian bridge. The color change is being considered so that the color blue will be in keeping with the official blue of The City of Stamford. The solar panels are photo voltaic. They are the latest technology and are very thin sheets of material. They will be placed on top of the south baskets, and partially on the east and west facade. They will contribute direct power to the facility. Lights will be LED, which will be very efficient.

Q. David asked if the recorded meeting can be accessible. Jeff indicated that they will be available within the next couple of weeks.

Jeff ended the meeting at 11:53.

