



## **Forth Replacement Crossing M9 J1a Community Forum**

**Meeting location:** Kirkliston Community Centre

**Meeting Date/Time:** 22 August 2012 – 7pm

**Subject:** Community Forum South

**Participants:**

**Community Representatives**

Steve Lee (Kirkliston CC)

David Buchanan (Kirkliston CC)

**Transport Scotland – Employers Delivery Team (EDT)**

Lawrence Shackman

John Watt

Allan Buchan (c/o BIG Partnership)

**City of Edinburgh Council**

Darren Wraight

**Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC)**

Ewen Macdonell

**John Sisk and Roadbridge**

Elaine Barrie

**Apologies**

Richard Docherty (John Graham (Dromore) Ltd)

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	Notes	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Meeting chaired by Lawrence Shackman</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Review of minutes and outstanding actions South Community Forum 1 February 2012</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	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
<b>2.2</b>	Minutes were approved for EDT to post on website	Noted
<b>2.4</b>	<b>Outstanding actions paper</b> Circulated in advance of meeting	
<b>J1A101111/ 5.2a</b>	<b>Complaints – redirecting to CLOs</b> The project team understood the previous Kirkliston Community Council representative, had redirected complainants to SRB.	Complete
<b>J1A101111/ 5.2b</b>	<b>FRC Project Update Newsletter</b> Copies are available on request and on the website.	Noted
<b>J1A101111/ 5.2c</b>	<b>CLO contacts</b> Business cards were supplied to HZ to distribute.	Complete
<b>J1A101111/ 5.2d</b>	<b>Kirkliston Community Council meetings</b> EB to confirm if she can attend meeting next Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	SRB
<b>J1A101111/ 5.2e</b>	<b>Factors at Gateside/Buie Rigg</b> EB confirmed no contact was forwarded by HZ, but this action has been superseded as SRB has been hand delivering letters to all relevant households.	Noted
<b>J1A101111/ 6.5</b>	<b>Temporary traffic lights</b> Written response provided.	Noted
<b>J1A010212/ 3.1a</b>	<b>General Vesting Declaration/CPOs</b> LS confirmed EDT provides general update but does not provide individual or geographical details.	Noted
<b>J1A010212/ 3.1b</b>	<b>GVD/CPO Claims</b> LS explained that, where relevant, identified householders can claim before and after works, but that this can be a complex issue – e.g. including part or staged payments.	Noted



	<p>more dangerous for workers.</p> <p><b>Q</b> Will people be made aware of bypass routes to avoid the road blocks. <b>A</b> The Traffic Management Working Group (TMWG) will consider this.</p> <p><b>Q</b> Was the contract within budget? <b>A</b> LS confirmed it was.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (Principal Contract)</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<p><b>Progress update and 3 month look ahead</b></p> <p>EM provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- photos showing extent of works</li> <li>- scope of works - main crossing</li> <li>- project summary</li> <li>- foundations – including caissons installation process</li> <li>- connecting roads north and south – including new Ferrytoll alignment and embankment</li> <li>- south compound offices are complete</li> <li>- Scottish Water – B800 diversion works will take place from Sept for 10 weeks and that letters have been issued to households. Phase 2 will take place in February 2013.</li> <li>- Scottish Power diversions at Dundas and Echline Field are near complete</li> <li>- testing of the main crossing bridge stay cables is taking place in France</li> <li>- soil stripping and construction of noise bunds at Dundas Home Farm are to begin soon</li> <li>- soil stripping at South Queensferry gyratory will take 2 to 3 months and excavation work for the gyratory bridges will also commence</li> <li>- Existing B800 bridge will be demolished probably around Oct 2014, new bridge will be built to the west, the beams for which would likely be placed over a couple of weekends.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q</b> DB asked if traffic from the new bridge will be able to access the B800? <b>A</b> EM confirmed it would, via the Queensferry gyratory.</p> <p><b>Q</b> DB expressed concern that traffic wishing to avoid Newbridge might redirect via Kirkliston, increasing traffic congestion. DB also expressed concerns that problems of stationery traffic on M9 spur will simply be moved to</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<p>Newbridge and this would encourage further “rat running” through Kirkliston.</p> <p><b>A</b> LS explained that an updated Forth Public Transport Strategy has recently been published (on the project website) and the issue at Newbridge has been identified. Steps are being taken to consider how buses could transit across the junction and access the motorway more efficiently and this might also benefit other traffic. In general terms the new slip roads at M9 J1a would assist in redirecting traffic and the widening of the M9 south of J1a, together with the ITS system would also improve traffic flows, assisting Kirkliston.</p>	
<b>5.2</b>	<p><b>Traffic management</b></p> <p>EM presentation covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On-going rock blasting (fortnightly) at Whinny Hill will continue for 2 months and will require a nighttime rolling road block on A90 (up to 30 minutes) along with Castlandhill Road closures for 1 hour and stopping traffic on B980 for 30 mins.</li> <li>- Closure of the B981 is required for 10 mins to accommodate further rock blasts at St Margaret’s Hope (complete in 2 weeks)</li> <li>- In September, Ferrytoll Road utility works will require temp traffic lights with one lane running.</li> </ul>	Noted
<b>6</b>	<b>John Sisk and Roadbridge (M9 Junction 1a Contract)</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<p><b>Progress update and 3 month look ahead</b></p> <p>EB provided presentation of works progress with project overview and look ahead – including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- photos showing extent of works (as at 6<sup>th</sup> July) with verbal update on significant progress since then</li> <li>- east bound diverge – embankments complete, road surface to be applied following period to allow for any settlement</li> <li>- west bound merge – pavement substantially complete, safety barriers and signage to be introduced soon</li> <li>- new part of loop – earthworks and pavement complete</li> <li>- southbound merge to M9 – framework for noise barriers in place, barrier to be largely complete by end of Aug</li> <li>- M9 overbridge – 10 to 12 weeks for full completion (i.e. end of Nov)</li> <li>- Overton Road Bridge – bridge element to be</li> </ul>	Noted

	<p>complete in two weeks, followed by road surfacing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Newmains Bridge – new wall on south side is in place, north wall concreting likely on Monday, lift beams into place next Thursday, complete works by November</li> <li>- Community liaison – further tidy-up works have been undertaken at Kirkliston Primary School, working with West Neighbourhood Park Ranger and supporting the environmental access improvements by Pikes Pool volunteer group.</li> </ul> <p>EB confirmed there had been a reduction in enquiries as the project nears completion.</p> <p><b>Q</b> When will J1a be complete?  <b>A</b> EB confirmed SRB is optimistic the project will be complete by the end of the year, subject to weather.</p>	Noted
6.2	<p><b>Traffic Management</b></p> <p>EB provided presentation of traffic measures including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- M9 overbridge – some intermittent overnight closures are required for painting of beams etc</li> <li>- Overton Road Bridge – EB explained that the road closure was extended due to delays in utility works and SRB is aiming to re-open the road by mid-September (definitely in October)</li> </ul> <p><b>Q</b> Query re inconvenience for residents (wanting to use Overton Road Bridge)?  <b>A</b> EB confirmed SRB is dealing with issues on a case by case basis. Diversion route is through Winchburgh and is difficult if walking. Previously residents had been escorted through the site, but this service was stopped due to safety concerns given the nature of the ongoing works. A taxi service has been arranged for one resident.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Newmains Bridge – EB supplied leaflet notice. Requires very short road closures (holding traffic for 10 to 15 mins – maximum of 30 mins) on 30<sup>th</sup>(also possibly 31<sup>st</sup>) August to allow lifting of beams, between 9.30am and 3.30pm and possibly after 7pm. EB confirmed notices will be put up at the traffic signals at the bridge site and the leaflet also handed out in Winchburgh and to taxi drivers. DW confirmed CEC would be installing portable electronic signage in next 2 days plus discussions are taking place with First Bus to ensure buses get through before closures</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	are implemented.	
<b>J1A220812/ 6.2a</b>	EB to supply electronic copy of leaflet to SL to post on Kirkliston CC website.	SRB
<b>J1A220812/ 6.2a</b>	<p><b>Q</b> Query if beams for Newmains Bridge will come through Kirkliston?</p> <p><b>A</b> EB confirmed they would not as SRB were not allowed to. EB to confirm if same route used for gantries recently installed on the M9 Spur is to be employed. DW suggested the A89 might be used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hard shoulder running to be retained until end of September</li> <li>- Echelon paving (resurfacing) works are planned for whole of M9 spur area from end of September for 8 consecutive weekends, this will involve overnight closures. LS emphasised this will be major works and advanced publicity/advertising will encourage people to avoid the area and find alternative routes. LS outlined benefits of Echelon process including low noise and longer life as it avoids joints.</li> </ul>	SRB
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Community Issues</b></p> <p>No issues were raised prior to the meeting, but the following items were discussed</p>	
<b>7.1</b>	<p><b>Road cleaning</b></p> <p>DB indicated that road cleaning was a major issue raised at the previous Kirkliston Community Council (KCC) meeting and noted that SRB had introduced a more modern road sweeper.</p> <p>EB confirmed that road cleaning operates constantly throughout the day in project locations, but that some locations noted at the last KCC meeting were outside SRB's project area.</p>	Noted
<b>J1A220812/ 7.1</b>	<p><b>Q</b> Query re CEC's responsibilities?</p> <p><b>A</b> DW confirmed CEC also deploy their own street cleansing units and were seeking to organise a meeting with SRB and Walkers Developments (operator of the bin) to discuss how the final clean up will be done. DW confirmed KCC will be invited to this meeting.</p>	CEC
	<p><b>Q</b> Query if road cleaning is taking place at bottom of road between Kirkliston and Newbridge.</p> <p><b>A</b> EB confirmed SRB also has a road cleaning machine there.</p>	Noted

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<p><b>7.2</b></p> <p><b>J1A220812/ 7.2</b></p>	<p><b>Clean up of compound</b> SL expressed concerns re eventual clean up of compound site as original Morrison's compound for the spur has never been removed despite efforts by KCC.</p> <p>DW to check if there is a reason why the original spur compound has not been removed and advise KCC.</p> <p>LS emphasised that as TS procured the land (temporarily) for the site compound through the Forth Crossing Bill, TS are duty bound to ensure that the land is reinstated by the contractors, SRB.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>CEC</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Next Community Forums (proposed)</b></p>	
<p><b>8.1</b></p>	<p>North Community Forum - 20 November 2012</p> <p>M9 Junction 1a Community Forum - 21 November 2012</p> <p>South Community Forum - 28 November 2012</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p>	
<p><b>9.1</b></p> <p><b>J1A220812/ 9.1</b></p>	<p><b>South Queensferry Junction</b> LS proposed that a public meeting be organised when detailed plans are available (e.g. Nov) to brief public on proposed sequence of works and traffic management measures. The format could include afternoon and evening presentations. EDT to organise.</p> <p><b>Q</b> Query if this would take place in one location – e.g. South Queensferry? <b>A</b> LS confirmed this was likely, but could be reviewed based on uptake/demand.</p>	<p>EDT</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><b>9.2</b></p>	<p><b>FRC Newsletter</b> LS confirmed new project newsletter is due to be published on 23 August.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>9.3</b></p>	<p><b>ITS/Bus hard shoulder running</b> LS confirmed leaflets are being prepared as part of education campaign for public and bus drivers.</p>	<p>Noted</p>