



**S.R. 30 – S.R. 981 Improvements Project
PennDOT Engineering District 12-0
Unity Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania
Project Number: 0415**

Project Briefing No. 12

Date: *Wednesday, November 9, 2005*
Time: *8:30 AM*
Location: *DeNunzio's Italian Chophouse and Sinatra Bar
Arnold Palmer Regional Airport
200 Pleasant Unity Road
Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650*

Those in attendance included the following individuals:

Name	Organization
Jerry Bendo	PennDOT
Alan Bailey	PennDOT
Tim Quinn	Unity Township
Jake Blank	Unity Township
Donald Snyder, Jr.	Unity Township
Rick Williams	Saint Vincent College
Bob Clouse	Saint Vincent College
Henry Fitz	Westmoreland County
Andy Stofan	Latrobe Area Chamber of Commerce
Scott Sistek	Representative Tom Tangretti
Jack Stroud	PNC Bank
Doc Giffin	Arnold Palmer
Jerry Palmer	Arnold Palmer
Chuck Chamberlain	Greater Latrobe School District
Bob Regola	State Senator
Dwayne Pickels	Westmoreland County Airport Authority
Stanley Oakes	Kennametal Facilities
Rosanne Rodgers	SAI Consulting Engineers, Inc.
Amy Hrivnak	Olszak Management Consulting, Inc.



Welcome and Introduction

- ✓ Rosanne Rodgers of SAI welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the purpose of today's meeting. The meeting's purpose is to not only update Unity Township's officials and other interested stakeholders on the project's status since February 3, 2005, but also to provide details regarding the project's next steps. To attain the goal of the meeting, a PowerPoint presentation was given that covered the following topics of discussion pertinent to this project:

Project Limits

- ✓ Showing maps, Rosanne reviewed the different project limits and reminded everyone the limits of the current project being completed (S.R. 30 Section Q01).
- ✓ As a safety measure, project limits were extended north to include the S.R. 981/Monastery Drive intersection improvements.
- ✓ The intersection will be a three lane section with widening for a turn lane at Monastery Drive.
- ✓ The existing traffic signal will be upgraded at this intersection.
- ✓ An additional right turn lane will be added from eastbound Monastery Drive to northbound S.R. 981.

Design Status

- ✓ The constructability review and project 'right-sizing' were completed during the summer 2005.
- ✓ As a result of the 'right-sizing' there are no changes to the proposed lane configurations.
- ✓ There are also no changes to the proposed signalized intersection improvements at the following locations:
 - S.R. 30/S.R. 1045
 - S.R. 30/S.R. 981
 - S.R. 30/Mt. Laurel/Sharkey's Plaza
 - S.R. 981/Arnold Palmer Drive
 - S.R. 981/Monastery Drive



- ✓ The bituminous pavement design has changed; improvements will now involve milling and overlay activities and also bituminous roadway widening.
- ✓ The proposed traffic control during construction has also changed. Further details of these changes are described at the end of this section.
- ✓ The S.R. 30 and S.R. 981 roadway pavement design has been revised and is pending approval.
- ✓ The final design survey and geotechnical drilling is complete.
- ✓ The storm water management and erosion control plans have been submitted and approved.
- ✓ The NPDES permit has been obtained.
- ✓ The joint permit application has been submitted and is pending approval.
- ✓ The traffic control during construction has been revised from a two (2) phase traffic control plan (i.e. one travel lane in each direction) to providing for two (2) travel lanes in each direction along S.R. 30.
- ✓ It is anticipated that this project will require a two (2) year traffic duration, involving construction during the 2006 and 2007 seasons.

Right-of-Way and Utilities

- ✓ PennDOT right-of-way appraisals are nearly complete; only one (1) outstanding account remains.
- ✓ It was reinforced that right-of-way clearance is critical to meeting the construction schedule.
- ✓ The final design utility meeting was held on November 3, 2005.
- ✓ A follow up meeting to the November meeting will be held in December 2005.
- ✓ A substantial amount of utility modifications need to be done prior to and concurrent with the construction of the project.



- ✓ Like the above mentioned right-of-way clearance, it was reinforced that utility clearance is also critical to meeting the construction schedule.

Public Involvement

- ✓ The project's website, www.sr30and981improvements.com will be updated to reflect the changes resulting from the project's 'right-sizing' this summer. The targeted completion date for all updates is November 2005.
- ✓ The website will be maintained and contain all of the up-to-date project details through the construction phase.
- ✓ Another public officials' and public meeting is anticipated to be held prior to construction (spring 2006). The primary focus of the meetings will be to discuss and gather feedback on the traffic control proposed during construction. The meetings will likely again be held at DeNunzio's Community Room in the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport. Details regarding those meetings will be available on the website as well and mailed to the project stakeholders prior to the event.

Next Steps

- ✓ Final design activities will continue to be completed. As a review, the activities associated with completing final design include:
 - Right-of-way and utility clearance
 - Permit acquisition
 - Traffic control designs
 - Plans, specifications, and estimate submissions
- ✓ PennDOT reported that the current estimated letting date for this project is March 30, 2005.
- ✓ The plan specification package is due at the end of January 2006.

Additional Comments

- ✓ Rosanne opened the meeting to questions and comments from the participants in attendance.
- ✓ Several comments were made from Andy Stofan and the Unity Township officials thanking PennDOT and SAI for the updated proposal calling for keeping two (2)



travel lanes open in each direction during construction. It was expressed that this was good for the residents, school buses, as well as tourism in the area.

- ✓ PennDOT and SAI reminded all present that no displacements will result from this project and its improvements. On average, sliver property impacts are resulting from the remaining work to be completed.
- ✓ It was recommended that the context sensitive solutions (CSS) group get back together for an update meeting. As a result of the project's 'right-sizing' the median areas (double barrier with soil) will no longer be addressed as an option. However, options involving island areas and embankments are still to be considered and addressed.

Adjournment

- ✓ Rosanne then adjourned the meeting.