



**SR 0202 Section 7WM
Bucks County
Kansas Road Mitigation Site**

**Community Meeting at Warrington Township Building
March 19, 2008 at 7:00 PM**

Meeting Summary

Purpose of Meeting: To provide an update on the status of the proposed construction access to the Kansas Road Mitigation Site since the Community Meeting on January 23, 2008 with the residents of the Redstone Drive Community.

Attendees:

Madeleine Fausto	PennDOT		610-205-6848
Bob Eppley	PennDOT		610-205-6713
Eric Frary	Michael Baker, Jr., Inc.		215-442-5312
Laura Bolton	Michael Baker, Jr., Inc.		215-442-5360
Mike Boles	Boles, Smyth Associates		215-561-2644
Pat Quigley	PAQ, Inc.		610-584-1829
Bryan McAdam	CKS Engineers		215-340-0600
Timothy Tieperman	Township Manager	Warrington Township	215-343-9350
Mike Mrozinski	Zoning Officer	Warrington Township	215-343-9350
Rebecca Kiefer	Township Supervisor	Warrington Township	215-348-6270
Paul Plotnick	Township Supervisor	Warrington Township	215-343-9350
State Rep. Katharine M. Watson			
Doug Platz	Deputy District Director, Congressman Patrick Murphy	doug.platz@mail.house.gov	215-348-1194
Matthew M. Mellet	112 Redstone Drive		
James L. Orr	114 Redstone Drive		
Matthew D. Landis	117 Redstone Drive		
Raymond H. Maletz, Jr.	123 Redstone Drive		
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James McNamee	152 Redstone Drive	jgjmck@comcast.net	
Chris Etgen	162 Redstone Drive		
Jose and Jossie Vazquez	201 Oak Avenue		
Thomas R. Brennan, III	202 Oak Avenue		
Patricia Dallmer	308 Crimson Court		
Raj Malathker	311 Crimson Court		
Richard Forney	370 Kansas Road		

1. Since the last meeting, PennDOT has initiated coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to investigate alternative construction access for the Kansas Road Mitigation site.
2. PennDOT must consider several alternatives for access the Kansas Road mitigation site as required by the ACOE and PADEP to find the least impacting practical alternative to wetlands and waters of the US and Commonwealth.



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3. PennDOT used the residents' comments from the last meeting as a basis for identifying the alternatives in the analysis. These alternatives were prepared to address concerns, especially the health and safety concerns related to the number of trucks on Redstone Drive. Some of the alternatives do not solve all of the original residents' concerns.
4. As suggested by residents at the January 23rd meeting, alternative access entrance into the mitigation site through the Bradford Dam was investigated. This was determined not to be a viable option because it included community impacts along Bradford Avenue similar to the impacts on Redstone Drive and would involve greater impacts to natural and cultural resources than the other alternatives currently under consideration.
5. PennDOT has proposed the use of Alternative No. 6, which has an entrance off of County Line Road with a temporary stream crossing to reach the mitigation site areas KR-B and KR-C.
6. Information regarding the alternatives analysis and coordination with elected officials was submitted to the ACOE and PADEP on February 15, 2008. As of this meeting, PennDOT had only received a response from the ACOE. The ACOE asked for more information to justify the approval of the proposed access that requires a temporary stream crossing. The ACOE has declined to participate in a field view to investigate the location of the temporary stream crossing until PennDOT provides additional information and justification. PennDOT and its consultant scheduled a field view for Thursday, March 20th to look at option No. 6 in more detail. After this field view, PennDOT will provide the ACOE and PADEP with more detailed information concerning the recommendation for alternate access using a temporary stream crossing.
7. There are two options being considered for the temporary stream crossing:
 - A pipe culvert stream crossing covered with stone that directly impacts the streambed
 - A temporary bridge that will likely require excavation for a foundation in wetlands. There is also potential for impacts to archeological resources for this option. Additional studies are necessary to determine whether archeological resources are present and can be avoided.
8. A resident asked when PennDOT expects to hear back from the ACOE and PADEP concerning the recommendation for the temporary stream crossing. PennDOT will submit more information to the agencies by the end of the month to address the comments regarding construction access for the Kansas Road Mitigation Site as well as responses to the agencies' comments on the proposed Parkway. The permit for the mitigation site is not a standalone permit. It is one part of the overall permit needed for the Route 202 Section 700 Parkway Project.



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9. PennDOT does not know when a permit decision will be made by the agencies and whether that decision will be a permit denial, or a permit with special conditions that are unacceptable to PennDOT. PennDOT could not guarantee that the agencies would approve the temporary stream crossing.
10. The Warrington Township Supervisors noted that the Township Engineer completed a study to determine if Redstone Drive should be weight restricted. The Township will act on an ordinance proposing the weight restriction on Redstone Drive on April 1, 2008. Signs would be posted soon after the meeting if the Township passes the ordinance. The posting will restrict large trucks from using Redstone Drive, except local deliveries, school buses and trash trucks. PennDOT stated that the weight restriction information would be included as an element in the resubmission to the agencies as part of the justification for using County Line Road to access the mitigation site during construction.
11. It was noted that the stream crossing was primarily intended for the earth moving activities. The access at Redstone drive would still be used for other activities during construction such as landscaping. The landscaping time frame would include two or three planting seasons (each planting season spanning 2-3 months).
12. PennDOT would also use the Redstone Drive access for post construction monitoring and maintenance work in the future. The maintenance work could include replanting dead or deer browsed vegetation, in order to comply with conditions of the permits. The monitoring will be specified in the permits also and probably occur a couple times a year (one monitoring in the Spring and one in the Fall), and will continue for up to 5 years after the construction and planting is completed. Permit conditions may result in monitoring work continuing past the five (5) year period.
13. Residents requested that the temporary stream crossing be used as long as possible. They would prefer the landscaping and planting activities access the site by the temporary stream crossing rather than through the Redstone Drive access entrance. PennDOT would try to use this access for the construction activities as much as possible. PennDOT noted that temporary steam crossings could possibly be in place for up to 12 months. In some cases they have been extended longer, but that cannot be guaranteed. The construction schedule and sequence needs to be considered for the grading, fence placement and planting activities. PennDOT must allow the contractor reasonable access to the site without impacting work that is already completed if all work cannot be finished before the temporary stream crossing must be removed.
14. In anticipation of landscaping trucks possibly using the Redstone Drive access, PennDOT is still proposing the installation of a protective fence to provide visual shielding in addition to the 1.5-foot high silt fence required for erosion and sedimentation control. Mr. Tom Hughes stated that he is concerned that neighborhood kids would try to climb over the fence. PennDOT offered to meet with him and Mr. David Cohen, whose property is also adjacent to the access. Mr. Cohen shares the same concerns and would like to discuss other fencing options to minimize safety and quality of life concerns.



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15. A resident questioned how long the fence [separating residents properties and the PennDOT easement] would need to stay up while the landscaping/planting work was being completed. The fence is planned to be in place during the landscaping/planting work (2-3 planting seasons). The estimated location of the fence will have it run straight from the back of the sidewalk to the access entrance. The silt fence will be 1.5-foot high. A resident asked who is responsible for the fence. The contractor is responsible for the fence and is required to maintain it and repair it immediately if it is damaged at any time.
16. Mr. Hughes stated that the access easement runs through his property and is concerned that he would also be legally liable if an accident occurs during construction. Mr. Hughes wants PennDOT to indemnify him. PennDOT will check with their legal counsel and construction unit on how to address this and will contact Mr. Hughes.
17. The stone construction access will be in place during the same time period the fencing is in place. It was asked if there is an alternate to the gravel road. Residents are concerned of damage caused to their property by pieces of gravel that would potentially be kicked up by construction vehicles. PennDOT stated that the fence was added to protect residents' property as much as possible. If the residents have a specific fence type that is more desirable, PennDOT will consider a substitution for the visual/protective screen.
18. A resident asked when the construction would begin. PennDOT could not start construction of the Parkway until the permit is issued by the ACOE and PADEP. PennDOT is hoping to receive a favorable permit decision from the agencies within the next few months so construction for the roadway and the mitigation site could get underway later this year or early 2009. The first step of the wetland mitigation project would be the earth moving activities after the erosion and sedimentation controls are in place.
19. It was noted that residents must realize that the access entrance on Redstone Drive will be used for some type of activity, most likely during the landscaping/planting phase. The impacts will be much less than the earth moving activities. In general, vehicular access will not be required for the site monitoring activities. Workers will usually walk into the wetland area to monitor the site.
20. PennDOT plans to post signs around the wetland mitigation area. These signs will prohibit trespassing and will give contact information to report illegal activity. Residents were asked to call PennDOT or the Township if they see illegal activity going on in the site.
21. Mr. Doug Platz stated that Congressman Murphy sent a letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers expressing his support for the proposed mitigation of impacts to the Redstone Drive Community by using County Line Road for construction vehicle access.



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22. Residents asked what steps were next in the process. PennDOT's action items include the following:
- Field view on March 20th to further investigate alternative access option No. 6 and possible locations for the temporary stream crossing
 - As requested by the ACOE, PennDOT will be providing more information to the agencies concerning alternative access option No. 6 and the temporary stream crossing
 - PennDOT will be resubmitting the permit application (for the entire Parkway project) at the end of March/beginning of April
 - Local representatives Greenleaf, Watson and Murphy will be meeting with the ACOE and PADEP during the week of March 24th to discuss the alternate access entrance options that would best address and resolve the issues of the Redstone Drive community.
 - PennDOT and their consultants will continue to work with the residents and township and keep them up-to-date on the advancement of the Kansas Road Mitigation Site as part of the Route 202 Parkway Project.

Revisions to these minutes may be recorded by contacting Mike Boles at (215) 561-2644 within ten (10) business days.