

# **I-275 Public Meeting Summary**

**Date:** June 8, 2021

Time: 5PM-7PM EST

Location: Zoom Webinar

Speakers: Kristin Shaw: Facilitator- WSP, Jeffrey Horne: Presenter- MDOT, Sean Kerley: Speaker- MDOT,

Mikki Taylor-Hendrix: Chat facilitator- WSP

Attendees: 96

#### **Summary:**

Kristin Shaw started the meeting shortly after 5PM, allowing attendees to join the webinar. She introduced the project, provided Title VI content and introduced the presenters. From there, Jeff Horne went into the presentation that was being shared on the screen for attendees to follow along with.

Similar information from the last slide about contact information was provided in the chat in addition to being the last slide shown, allowing attendees to copy information as needed. Once the presentation was complete, Jeff handed it back over to Kristin who then began the Q&A portion of the meeting. Attendees were able to engage and communicate using the chat box, the Q&A tool on the webinar and by raising their hand Icon to then be unmuted and speak.

Attendees participated using all three options.

For questions typed into the chat and Q&A tool, Kristin read off questions allowing Jeff and Sean to respond as applicable. In addition to questions, there was positive feedback regarding the website and the meeting itself. There was a high level of participation from attendees and many questions were asked and answered.

While the project team was able to answer most questions and took contact information down for the questions that needed a follow-up. There were a few questions that aligned with a separate MDOT project on Ford Rd. Once more information is out about the Ford Rd Blvd project, the attendees will be contacted and sent the available information.

In addition to the meeting being recorded, the chat and Q&A tool were saved and added to this document.



# **Q&A Chat option:**

#### **Cameron Carley**

Does this project involve any landscaping? If so, what details do you have or when can we expect those? **R FRANK** (otherumaccount@gmail.com)

What repairs are being done to the Huron River Bridge? This bridge was completely removed and replaced only 10 years ago.

#### John Lacny

Given that material costs are rising, is bid final? Or, will they rebid?

## **Aaron Staup**

Are there or will there be seasonal shutdown periods and what can be expected for reopening of certain sections of I-275 during those times?

#### John Lacny

Maybe you answered it? Are the material price increases forecasted in the bid?

John Stewart (jcstewart1949@comcast.net 734 459-8811)

sound (Bradbury) access at Ann Arbor road -massive construction project Hebry Ford Hospital

#### John

Will construction work be avoided on parallel surface streets during this project? Streets such as Haggerty, Newburgh, Merriman, etc.?

## Kevin Kosmyna

Can you explain the split merge express lanes a bit more? Will it be that once you're on it you stay in it for the length of the construction zone or will there be other opportunities to exit?

#### **Bob Carlini**

What kind of "improvements" are planned for Ford Rd. exit?

#### John Lacny

Are the vendors confident that they have access to all materials to complete the job on time given material shortages being experienced with all industries?

#### John

Who is your pavement consultant?

### **Kimberly Gimmarro**

At what exit an northbound traffic rejoin 275 North? (clarification needed)

### **Cameron Carley**

What can we expect at the Ann Arbor road interchange and when?

This question has been answered live

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## **Aaron Staup**

Is Dan's Excavating utilizing their own concrete plants? If so, where will those be located?

#### John Lacny

How do you manage/review cost containment within the accepted bid?

This question has been answered live



#### **R FRANK**

So it is not a complete tear-out? We are land locked between that bridge an a set of train tracks that are always blocked

#### James Sobetski

Is the official detour Telegraph Road? While I assume locals will be using roads like Haggerty or Newburgh and Halstead

## **Cameron Carley**

Will WB 96 to NB 275 traffic be impacted?

# Questions asked in meeting (audio):

Phyllis Brenner: Didn't unmute. Circled back with her

K Senior: Lives in Bradberry area Joy and Hagerty. Condo close to 275 Wall.

Question: is there any federal funding for this

Will there be a mandatory sound study that will be done so when it gets complete, if the noise is higher than it should be, will the wall be extended.

**Jeff's response:** Two types of programs that require noise study as federal requirements. Modifying footprint or widening location. Do not for reconstruction, add sound walls. If the existing footprint doesn't change but noise increases- falls into type two (not changing existing footprint, they are not required to do sound study or mechanism for funding to modify existing sound wall since they aren't modifying the alignment or adding lanes to I-275

## John Stewart: <a href="mailto:jcstewart1949@comcast.net">jcstewart1949@comcast.net</a> 734 459-8811

Remembers when 275 was first constructed. Remembers getting sound barrios on the Livonia side. Worried about other sound barriers from Henry Ford construction. Invited folks to speak in Plymouth township. Was told by Kirk Sty... says need and money is there for sound walls.

Jeff's Response: Type of triggers for sound wall study don't apply here

#### Bryan Garchar (spoke and added question in the chat)

Will the ramp be widened for Ford Rd as it backs up traffic as it stands now.

**Jeff's response:** IT has been looked at as there's a no turn on red there for safety concerns. Mentioned another project in the area happening/planned.

**Bob Mac:** 275 & Ford Rd. Get a lot of water off the interstate. Is there any drainage enhancements coming through this project? – he also wants info on Ford Rd. Project 00bobmac@gmail.com 7345640300

**Jeff's response:** Yes. Talks about open drainage. Lowering median ~1.5 -2 ft which and replace underneath the freeway which will improve water access into median for relief.

**Mike:** question on well water- Contracting company had it's wanted to do a well. City wanted them to not cause any problems with water in the area, but they did. Neighbors lost all water I their well. Wanted to know what MDOT is doing to ensure this doesn't happen again/ to them.

Jeff: We haven't seen plans on paper for portable batch plan about where the water would be coming from. Water should be far enough away that it won't impact the residents



**Wendy Hopper:** (holyfool@gmail.com 734 657 8921) Daily commuter on 275 from 94- 12 Mile. Would like to know what's being done to mitigate slow downs and accidents. Wanted to ensure we were aware of it. Will any of the construction help that?

**Jeff's response:** This project isn't going to modify at all. Won't improve mobility but will improve safety as the conditions will be improved. MDOT is looking at that interchange to see what types of improvements can be made with another project

Jeff provided update on public meetings expected to take place every year as progress is made on the project.

Abby L. would like information on Ford Rd project- only found News reporting and no official MDOT reporting online bunnywings4@yahoo.com

# **Chat Dialogue:**

17:04:39 From Mikki Taylor Hendrix to Everyone:

Please take this 3-question survey: https://bit.ly/2STZVTS

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires MDOT to provide the opportunity for everyone to comment on transportation programs and activities that may affect their community.

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17:10:02 From D LI to Everyone:

What grade concrete will be used?

17:10:35 From Kristin Shaw to All panelists:

Hello D - we will note this and address your question during the Q&A! Thank you 17:10:45 From D LI to Everyone:

Can the project be managed like I-96? Shut down, get it done timely and reward for early completion.

17:10:54 From Kristin Shaw to Everyone:

Hello D - we will note this and address your questions during the Q&A! Thank you

17:12:10 From Mikki Taylor Hendrix to Everyone:

Rebuilding Michigan Corridors: For more information, visit www.Michigan.gov/MDOT5YearPlan or contact MDOT Public Involvement Officer Monica Monsma at MonsmaM@Michigan.gov.

17:15:03 From Kristin Shaw to Everyone:

Thank you everyone for joining us tonight! We will be having a Q&A at the end of the presentation, please feel free to share your questions here in the chat!

17:17:00 From D LI to Everyone:

Non-reinforced? Is this no rebar? Does this impact crumbling risk/pot holes, etc.?

17:17:06 From John Lacny to All panelists:

Is there any chance of cost overrun?

17:17:07 From Ken Burcaw to All panelists:

will the entrance ramps and exit ramp to m-14/I-96 & I-94 be widen?

17:18:04 From Patti Najduk to All panelists:

Who are the 15 contractors, are they listed somewhere?

17:18:06 From Lawrence Hintz to All panelists:



The I-275 Metro Trails southern terminus is Will Carleton Road, however, the trail south of Huron Road is in very bad shape and is not maintained, could this project include a funds to repair the trail south of Huron Road, if not, the real end of the trail is Huron Road, The I-275 trail is such a nice resource for biking and walking, especially in these times. Why not fix the trail for the mile or so that needs repair?

17:18:32 From David Mulligan to All panelists:

Is there a need for noise abatement along the renovation section, e.g. new sound walls, grooving of payment, etc. There were a lot of iterations for sound abatement between 5 mile and 9 mile, and I still think the local residents complain about the traffic noise.

17:18:59 From Kevin Kosmyna to All panelists:

Can you explain the split merge express lanes a bit more? Will it be that once you're on it you stay in it for the length of the construction zone or will there be other opportunities to exit? 17:19:23 From Joy Hyde to All panelists:

is there a way to see this presentation later as we were not able to see the presentation from the beginning

17:19:23 From Anita Yeager to All panelists:

You may have covered this as I joined late but will traffic be routed onto Haggerty?

17:19:39 From Jane Domzalski to All panelists:

What impact do you expect the project to have on other North-South roads? (Telegraph, Haggerty, Beck, etc.)

17:20:24 From David Mulligan to All panelists:

Grooving of \*pavement\*

17:22:06 From Anita Yeager to All panelists:

Or did I hear there will always be two lanes open so traffic will not be routed onto haggerty? 17:22:45 From David Mulligan to Everyone:

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17:24:18 From John Lacny to All panelists:

How do you manage/review cost containment within the accepted bid?

17:24:41 From D LI to Everyone:

Is the ongoing pot hole issue in MI related to quality / grade of concrete? I compare a GREAT job to the one done along MI Ave (Ford Truck plant in Wayne east of 275) lasting many decades and limited issues - done on the midnights shift. How does replacing this ensure we are not filling pot holes? 17:24:56 From John Wysocki to All panelists:

have you looked at a fiber additive in the concrete

17:26:15 From Martin ingman to All panelists:

will the road markings be reflective, like on 75 in Ohio, or not reflective like current NO road markings

17:27:48 From D LI to Everyone:

When the surface selection along 275 closer to 7 mile was made (better slip resistance?)... it ended up being scraped off due to the additional sound that negatively impacted nearby residence. Where can we locate options being considered and or find data on what was selected.

17:28:29 From SHARON McCARTHY to All panelists:



Keeping on the topic of noise abatement and considering that a "new" type of concrete will be used (12" non-reinforced, high durability) on this project, have any studies been conducted on the noise of the tires traveling on the pavement?

17:29:18 From R FRANK to All panelists:

email address for R. Frank

17:29:33 From R FRANK to All panelists:

otherumaccount@gmail.com

17:29:46 From Craig Walker to All panelists:

How does this effect the I696 proposed construction?

17:32:06 From Bryan Garchar to Everyone:

Hello, northbound exit to Ford Road has 2 turning lanes to westbound Ford and 1 lane to eastbound Ford. When there have been traffic backups previously, turning right to eastbound Ford has backed up. Especially the time of day when no turn on right is allowed. Can this be addressed as backups will be more likely?

17:32:36 From D LI to Everyone:

To Ira's point: who repairs and what is the SLA for resolution? Is there an email, phone or database we can report issues to and track progress.

17:34:18 From Mikki Taylor Hendrix to D LI and all panelists:

Hi D LI, Here's the contact information for you. Project Ombudsman

(248) 275-8375

MDOT-275Feedback@michigan.gov

17:34:35 From D LI to Everyone:

@ Mikki. Thank you!

17:37:22 From Kimberly Gimmarro to All panelists:

Will 275 North ramp remain open at 6 mile (understanding the construction is south of this) through the project?

17:39:33 From D LI to Everyone:

Thank you to the team for NOT sending traffic via detour along roads parallel to 275, (Haggerty/Newburgh).

17:44:28 From Molly Martin to All panelists:

Are the materials locally sourced?

17:44:33 From Patti Najduk to All panelists:

Thank you

17:44:39 From D LI to Everyone:

Will the bridge rebuilds be structural or also improving aesthetics. Beautify... like the bridge near Wixom (off 96), yes I know that is Oakland County not Wayne.

17:44:42 From Mikki Taylor Hendrix to Everyone:

Contractors on this project: https://www.revive275.org/construction-partners/

17:58:41 From Mikki Taylor Hendrix to Everyone:

communication with project staff: www.Revive275.org

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18:03:50 From Nicholas Bayley to All panelists:



What traffic management devices will used to help split merger traffic to determine which lane is moving best?

18:06:30 From Mikki Taylor Hendrix to Everyone:

Sound Wall FAQs: https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,4616,7-151-9621\_11041\_25846-504041--,00.html

18:07:35 From Gerald Olkowski to All panelists:

This may have been asked before, but will construction be goping on at night?

18:07:45 From Gerald Olkowski to All panelists:

sorry, going on

18:27:42 From Abby Lahtinen to All panelists:

The Ford Road Boulevard Project was discussed a few minutes ago. I would also be interested in getting some information on that project. I live at Ford and Haggerty. Both the 275 and Boulevard projects will impact me. Did you say you would be posting that someplace? Thank you. =) 18:29:37 From Mikki Taylor Hendrix to Abby Lahtinen and all panelists:

Hi Abby, If you don't mind sharing an email address, we can send you information on the Ford Rd project. Please share with me directly or to panelists.

18:29:48 From bob mac to All panelists:

00bobmac@gmail.com

18:30:27 From bob mac to All panelists:

2011 lotz rd

18:30:40 From bob mac to All panelists:

7345640300

18:30:59 From Abby Lahtinen to All panelists:

Thank you. My email address is bunnywings4@yahoo.com

18:38:18 From Wendy to All panelists:

Wendy Hopper 734 657 8921

Thanks very muchñ

18:44:00 From Jane Domzalski to All panelists:

Thank you for this meeting. I hope the opportunities to meet this way will continue after pandemic restrictions are lifted.

18:46:55 From Mikki Taylor Hendrix to Everyone:

Reminder: Contact information for MDOT staff on this project is communication with project

staff: www.Revive275.org

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18:47:17 From Wendy to All panelists:

Please send me info about the Ford Blvd project

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18:47:57 From Gorette Yung to All panelists:

Thank you for a well organized public meeting and a very nice project website.

18:48:48 From Wendy to All panelists:

Very much appreciate these opportunities to interact.

18:51:06 From Kristin Shaw to Everyone:



Thank you everyone for joining us tonight! Looks like we will wrap up a bit early, please feel free to reach out at any time if you have additional questions about the project or would like to hear about future opportunities to engage. MDOT-275Feedback@michigan.gov or (248)275-8375. Thank you all! 18:51:35 From Mikki Taylor Hendrix to Everyone:

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## **End of Meeting**