

**MONROE AVENUE BRIDGE
COMMUNITY LIAISON TEAM MEETING MINUTES**

May 11, 2006
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Team Members in Attendance:

David Fromm – Del Ray
Buddy Johnson – Del Ray
Pat Phibbs – NorthEast
Mariella Posey – NorthEast

Absent:

Michael Babin – Slaters Lane Businesses
Miles Keogh – Lynhaven
Kevin Reilly – Potomac West Business Association
Stephen Rideout – Old Town Greens
Patricia Schubert – Inner City

Also in Attendance:

Duncan Blair - Land, Clark, Carroll, Mendelson & Blair P.C.
Kurt Fischer – Shirley Contracting, Inc.
Emily Baker – City of Alexandria, Transportation & Environmental Services

PYD Update Regarding Upcoming Construction Activities and Associated Detours and Team/Community Input

Kurt Fischer updated the team on the latest construction activities. Most work is still contained within the field of Potomac Yard. Substructure work and concrete work on the footings for piers and the bridge abutment continues. The team is almost finished with pile driving on the north side of the bridge. Pile driving will begin on the south side of the bridge in approximately a month and a half.

Siltation and erosion control is ongoing to ensure all dirt and dust remains on the Potomac Yard property. Because of the extensive earth work, trucks are cleaned before they leave the yard.

Median removal continues on the bridge near Slaters Lane to allow for future traffic shifting to the southwest. Once the traffic lanes are shifted, the number of traffic lanes and speed limit will remain the same. The pedestrian crossing will also be maintained throughout construction.

Vibration monitoring of pile driving continues to remain well below the threshold limit. Once pile driving moves to the south side of the bridge, the monitoring device will be moved. It will be positioned in close proximity to the houses closest to the pile driving.

Upcoming work includes installing the bridge abutment, excavation and earth work for internal road network, driving of new piles, as well as substructure and concrete work. The progression of all work is dependent upon weather conditions.

The closure of access from Slaters Lane to Route 1 northbound and southbound Route 1 to Slaters Lane is expected to occur around the middle of June. Access from Slaters Lane to northbound Route 1 will remain closed for 12 months. Access from Route 1 southbound to Slaters Lane will remain closed for 30 months. During this closure, a “jug handle” detour utilizing Fayette and First Street will be implemented. A traffic signal has been installed at the intersection of First Street and Route 1 to aid in traffic flow. Pedestrian and bicycle access will remain along Slaters Lane throughout construction.

Access to southbound Route 1 from Slaters Lane will remain open; the slip ramp will not be affected by this construction.

Two weeks before the Slaters Lane closure, the community will be notified via electronic signs announcing the detour, media alerts to local media outlets, an email notification to the Potomac Yard list serve and announcements on the Potomac Yard Web site, www.potomacyardalexandria.com.

Presently, there are advertisements in both the Del Ray Sun and the Alexandria Gazette Packet notifying the community that the businesses along Slaters Lane remain open throughout the construction of the Monroe Avenue Bridge.

Wrap Up and Adjourn

The next Community Liaison Meeting is Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreational Center, 2701 Commonwealth Avenue. An e-mail reminder will be distributed to the community and it will be posted on the PYD Web site at www.potomacyardalexandria.com.