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9th Meeting: Tuesday, April 26, 2011
Martin's Point Health Care Center – Marine Hospital
331 Veranda Street, Portland
6:00-8:00 pm

Agenda

- 6:00 pm Welcome, goals of the meeting – Sally
- Approval of meeting notes
- 6:05 pm Reports from MaineDOT about cross-section and alignment elements.
- 6:25 pm Aesthetic Design: Possible recommendations to MaineDOT based on March 22 and 29 meeting outcomes – discuss and test for consensus

Style-related issues:

The following statement about aesthetic design that draws from all group reports is offered to discuss and test for consensus.

- Not looking for a specific style. Bridge aesthetics should be treated as a holistic and complete package. It should result from a partnering of civil engineering design with architectural/aesthetic design from the very beginning of the design effort. Make the bridge simple and elegant to complement the landscape and environment. The design should be fully “integrated” with its context and itself. Conceptually the bridge design should be based on a compelling generative idea that guides the design from the largest to the smallest detail. Each part should contribute to the whole with no extraneous or superficial elements.

Additional concepts taken from group reports to discuss to determine whether there is consensus:

- The design elements should recognize the different scale of Portland and Falmouth and make some differentiation between the treatments on either end of the bridge.
- The bridge should be slender, elegant and refined with graceful proportions.

Theme-related issues:

Test whether there is consensus on not identifying a theme.

- Theme-related concerns of the group seem expressed in the style-related issues discussion. There appears not to be a desire for a theme beyond concepts relating to how the bridge fits its context and environment as stated above.

Lighting issues:

There was not an indication of consensus on lighting issues.

- The position that appears to come the closest to consensus is for lighting for the multi-use path but not the vehicular lanes. (Note: We've had no discussion yet with the towns as to whether they are willing to sign an agreement to maintain and pay the ongoing cost of lighting.)
- There is some interest in lighting from underneath.
- The type of lighting used (if it is used) needs more discussion.

Additional suggestions reported out that need group consideration – Leanne will comment

- Would like to see one or more bump outs required in the RFP to provide a refuge for resting, fishing, or viewing scenery out of the flow of traffic.
- The design should accommodate cross walks or a separate crossing, for example, provide an under bridge passage, on both sides of the bridge.
- The bridge design should provide for connectivity with existing and planned trails.
- The alignment should be such that it provides minimal impact on adjacent properties.

6:50 pm

Public Involvement Pre and Post-Project Award – Leanne & Sally

1. Expectations for scope of public involvement prior to RFP

Remaining Advisory Committee meetings

- Scoring Criteria
- Review of RFQ language about aesthetic design professional
- Review of RFP language for applicable sections
- Participation of Advisory Committee members on scoring teams – timing and process for consideration

Public information meeting – likely July

2. Expectations for scope of public involvement during proposal period

Possibility of D-B bidders meeting to educate them about CSS and the community/Advisory Committee process and to establish MaineDOT's expectations for how D-B bidders should address public involvement

3. Expectations for scope of public involvement post bid award

Public information meeting to introduce winning team and outline anticipated final design/construction process and timeline.

What form should additional public involvement take?

- Should the current Advisory Committee continue to function?
- Should a different/alternate Advisory Committee be formed?

What topics should the public involvement address?

- It may be that the RFP calls for a 2-3 holistic packages of design details (railing, lighting, etc.) that will fit within the D-B teams' budget. The AC or other group would review the 2-3 package options offered by the winning team and choose what they feel is the best choice given their consensus opinions about what will best fit the Vision and context.

Should there be a small sub-committee that continues to work with MaineDOT and the D-B team to address final design choices (as has happened on Veterans Bridge)?

- 7:05 pm Breakout into small groups to recommend approach to public involvement requirements in the RFP
- 7:35 pm Reports out from small groups
Discussion
- 7:55 pm Approach to discussions at next meeting; schedule for next meetings
- 8:00 pm Adjourn

Next Meetings:	May 10	6-8 pm
	June 14	6-8 pm