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Martin's Point Bridge Advisory Committee
Maine Department of Transportation

7th Meeting: Tuesday, March 29, 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 Discussion of cross section options to test for consensus - Sally
- 6:15 pm Recap, comments on discussions reported in meeting notes from last meeting
- 6:25 pm Areas of possible consensus for recommendations to MaineDOT – discuss and test for consensus
- RFQ – require team to have architect or aesthetic design professional, engaged in team proposal and during the post-bid award period, in all aspects of final design addressing visual impact and in public involvement process
 - RFP - Bridge aesthetic design should focus on driving experience in relation to the geographic/local community context (see Vision statement)
 - RFP - Bridge aesthetic design should focus on views to the water by all modes and views to the bridge from all perspectives (see Vision statement). Railings should be open as should views below the bridge to the extent possible.
 - RFP - Aesthetic design of bridge elements should differentiate in some manner the Portland connection from the Falmouth connection.
 - RFP – Aesthetic design of bridge elements should reflect minimalist intent in terms of the bridge structure to put emphasis on natural environment and scenic views.
- 6:45 pm Issues for further consideration regarding bridge project aesthetics - Sally
- Review and comment on context statements prepared by Cheri, Sue Ellen and Patrick
 - Style-related issues -
 - What elements or approach would reflect southern Maine, the bridge's context as part of a coastal – local roadway, the

bridge's context as more urban on one side, more cottage/residential on the other?

- Color – is the color of steel and/or concrete elements of importance? Are there preferences in this area?

- Theme-related issues –
 - While it seems a “theme” per se is not desired, does the Committee want the bridge to serve as a gateway to each community?
 - If you do, how would you want this expressed?

- Lighting – Different opinions have been expressed
 - Should there be lighting on the bridge generally?
 - Should lighting be limited to the multi-use pathway?
 - Should the bridge be lit from underneath the deck?
 - If lights are used, is it adequate to specify it be non-polluting, not disruptive to neighbors, etc.?

Note re lighting: MaineDOT's policy is that they will only include lighting in the RFP as a requirement if they have agreements in place with both municipalities for the electric bill and maintenance prior to issuing the RFP.

- How can Advisory Committee members be assured that the technical points for meeting AC recommendations will be considered weighty enough to have influence over D-B team decisions?
- In the list of program requirements desired, just what level of detail and description is needed/desired?

7:25 pm Breakout into small groups to recommend approach to aesthetic design considerations in the RFP

7:45 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 Meeting: April 26 6-8 pm