

Jacques Cartier Bridge Good Neighbourly Relations Committee

Update on work on the Jacques Cartier Bridge (Montreal sector)

MINUTES

Meeting held February 6, 2018 (7:00 p.m.)

Centre St-Pierre, 1212 Rue Panet, Montreal, QC H2L 2Y7

Representatives present

THE JACQUES CARTIER AND CHAMPLAIN BRIDGES INCORPORATED (JCCBI)

- + José-Luis Mosquera, Engineer, Construction
- + Manon Leroux, Director, Projects
- + Cathy Beauséjour, Communications Advisor
- + Kathleen McDuff, Communications Coordinator

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- + Anne-Sophie Harrois, Communications
- + Pierre-André Volcy, Noise Control Technician, Permits and Inspection Division

WSC

- + Guy Lemay, Site Supervisor
- + Yannick Lafleur, Site Supervisor

SPVM

- + Christophe Van-Eyck, Officer, Poste de quartier 22

STELLAIRE CONSTRUCTION

- + Francis Mainguy, Contractor

Meeting called to order

Cathy Beauséjour welcomed everyone and summarized the points of business that would be discussed at the meeting.

Manon Leroux introduced the committee members who were at the meeting.

Updates on work

PRESENTATION BY MANON LEROUX

(Manon Leroux's full presentation is available on the Citizen Forum page at www.JacquesCartierChamplain.ca)

Manon Leroux announced that the contractor responsible for the structural steel work currently being done between De Maisonneuve Boulevard and Sainte-Catherine Street is Stellaire Construction. The monitoring team will be the same one as for the previous work phase (WSC).

She then outlined the work that will be carried out over the coming weeks:

- Scaffolding installation.
- Set-up of noise mitigation measures.
- Surface preparation with grinding and sandblasting.
- Steel repairs: six workers will be removing rivets during the day.

The goal will be to do as much noisy work as possible during the day. However, some reinforcement work must be done at night, as it requires lane closures on the bridge.

Manon Leroux then went over the work shifts as well as the number of employees at the site for each shift.

Francis Mainguy said that work will be done during four weekends starting near the end of March.

Noise mitigation measures

Manon Leroux summarized the noise management program. The first measure was the installation of sound level meters. Readings from these meters have been monitored since the work started. The second measure is optimization of the work site to better manage lighting, which was bothering some nearby residents. This measure also aims to minimize the alarms of trucks backing up. The contractor is using vehicles with white-noise back-up alarms.

Other measures include:

- The use of prebuilt gangways to reduce the installation time and noise to construct them. Another approach is to use screws instead of nails for most of the work.
- Confinement of compressors (shelter made from plywood, soundproofing panels and soundproofing wool).
- Sound barrier installed near 2004 De Maisonneuve.
- Low-noise generator.

Other work

Manon Leroux overviewed upcoming work. The next work phase will start between Tansley and De Maisonneuve in summer 2018.

She then indicated that priority work to replace a strut under the multipurpose path will be done by mid-March. This work will last 3 weeks, which includes the start-up and dismantling time. The contractor for this project is Interlag.

Work is ongoing to replace guard rails on the multipurpose path and sidewalk. It was mentioned that the pilot winter maintenance project for the multipurpose path is ongoing. The VéloBus is running at peak hours between the Papineau and Longueuil metro stations. This shuttle takes cyclists and their bikes across the bridge during rush hour, which they are not able to do in the metro.

Cathy Beauséjour explained that snow removal tests are being done on the multipurpose path. The approaches being tested include mechanical snow removal with equipment adapted to the multipurpose path and the use of low-salt deicing products. She said that these tests are being done with an engineering firm to assess the impacts of different methods on the structure. A snow-melting mat and heated waterproofing membrane will be tested on the path. A weather station will also be set up soon to monitor weather conditions on the path.

Discussion period

QUESTION	ANSWER
<p>Victor Balsis raised an issue: During the periods of thawing and freezing, water accumulates on the sidewalk on Sainte-Catherine Street, east of the Brunet pharmacy. He understands that JCCBI intends to install catch basins in the long term. However, last winter it was mentioned that a temporary solution would also be found. With the current weather conditions, a lot of water is flowing off the bridge. Many people pass by this area, including seniors and people in wheelchairs who have to cope with the ice and slush. He asked JCCBI to pay attention to this, because we are heading into a critical period of the season. This area is the only one that has this problem.</p>	<p>Manon Leroux said that she would talk to Denis Jacob to confer with Operations and Maintenance, which is already aware of the situation.</p> <p>Cathy Beauséjour added that this situation will be resolved when the development project under the bridge is complete. She invited people to contact JCCBI if the situation occurs again to see whether the team can do something. We will follow up with Operations and Maintenance.</p>
<p>Victor Balsis: Is there any news about the development under the bridge?</p>	<p>Manon Leroux said that no contract has been awarded yet, as we are still in the process of drafting the terms of the projects.</p>
<p>A resident: Noise has been discussed as the main issue, but will there be dust as well?</p>	<p>The dust will be contained in the acoustic enclosures.</p>
<p>Another resident: Will the worksite create an additional parking problem?</p>	<p>No, there will be no additional parking problems, since what should be in place already is.</p>
<p>The same resident: What type of work are you doing? Jackhammering?</p>	<p>Manon Leroux explained that workers are removing rivets and adding reinforcing plates. She added that there will be sanding and grinding work as well. She said that a pilot project is being done with acoustic enclosures, and adjustments will be made over time to improve things as needed.</p>

The previous resident: Some people live just underneath this area. Will the work be noisy for them?	Manon Leroux said that it will be noisy but that, thanks to the enclosures, the noise will be much better compared to what it was in the past.
The previous resident: Will this work cause traffic problems?	It was mentioned that the steel work will require closing lanes during 4 weekends.

Cathy Beauséjour said that the best way to stay informed was to subscribe to our newsletters and social media accounts.

Meeting adjourned

The committee meeting ended at 7:30 p.m. The meeting minutes will be available from JCCBI's website at www.JacquesCartierChamplain.ca on the Citizen Forum page.

The next committee meeting will be held between mid-April and mid-May at the Centre St-Pierre. An invitation will be mailed to sector residents and emailed to everyone subscribed to our Jacques Cartier Bridge newsletter.

For any questions in the meantime, residents, business owners and users can contact JCCBI at:

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To stay informed about the work, people can register for the "Jacques Cartier" alert via JCCBI's website or follow us on Twitter @pontJCBridge.