MEET THE CONTRACTOR

Events introduce contractors to community

Two ‘Meet the Contractor’ events are being organised to introduce local communities to the companies who will be delivering the Forth Replacement Crossing project.

Both events will take the form of an afternoon drop-in exhibition event that will allow communities to interact with representatives from the contractors involved in the Forth Replacement Crossing project’s Delivery Team followed by a more formal evening presentation and Q&A session and catered event.

This event was agreed at the Forth Replacement Crossing Community Forum in September 2011.

For further details about the ‘Meet the Contractor’ event, contact FRC Project Director on 0131 274 6900.

Contacting the FRC Team

There are a range of ways you can ask questions, provide comments, make a complaint or find out more about the Forth Replacement Crossing project. You can:

- Call the dedicated project hotline on 0800 078 6910
- Email the project team at info@forthreplacementcrossing.co.uk
- Visit the project website at www.forthreplacementcrossing.co.uk

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Meet the contractors at the following dates:

North: 8 September, Queensferry, North Queensferry
South: 10 September, Dunfermline, Dunfermline

Both events will be held at the north and south of the Forth on the following dates:

North: 8 September, Queensferry, North Queensferry – 6pm (public exhibition) and 7pm (presentation followed by Q&A).
South: 10 September, Dunfermline, Dunfermline – 6pm (public exhibition) and 7pm (presentation followed by Q&A).

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FRC Traffic Management update

Effective traffic management is an essential part of minimising the Forth Replacement Crossing project’s construction impact on journey times and public safety.

Potential for disruption to geographic traffic networks due to the extensive works to the bridge and associated infrastructure is a key concern for Traffic Scotland.

Traffic Scotland and Transport Scotland have been working together to develop a traffic management plan that is designed to allow the works to proceed in a safe and controlled manner.

This involves the hardshoulders on the M90 motorway to be modified for Forth Replacement Crossing project operations. The contractors have been working closely with Transport Scotland to develop the traffic management plan, with the intention being to maintain traffic flow and to minimise any potential disruption.

The contractors have been working closely with the local communities over the past few weeks, and the traffic management plan has been developed in consultation with the local authorities. The plan has been designed to ensure that the traffic management plan is as safe and efficient as possible.

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FRC Project on schedule and under budget

Construction will soon commence on Scotland’s biggest infrastructure project for a generation following completion of the procurement process that has delivered significant savings on the project’s estimated price.

All three main contracts that form the Forth project, which has been awarded, with all three successful bids coming in below the original estimated price.

The Principal Contractor to build the north and connecting bridge was awarded to the Forth Crossing Bridge Constructors (FCBC) consortium with a successful under price of £279m, significantly below the original estimated price of £486m to £531m.

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The lower than expected costs of these contracts means the total estimated cost range is now £1.45 billion to £1.60 billion.

This is a significant achievement for the contractors involved in the tender process and means the project is now under budget.

The Firth of Forth Crossing project, which will transform the north of Scotland and connect Edinburgh with Fife, is now under budget.

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City of Edinburgh Council has given planning consent for a dedicated Contact and Education Centre for the Forth Replacement Crossing.

The project will see a purpose-built, 1,200 sq m Contact and Education Centre (EDC) on the north side of the Forth Road Bridge. The facility will provide a co-located contact centre for Transport Scotland and its consultants, adherence to the Forth Crossing Act. The Centre will include a central point for public information, education and consultation purposes as well as providing space for a visitor exhibition and tourist information. The Centre will act as a central point for public education and consultation during construction and, once complete, we will have a unique visitor attraction in three major bridges from three consecutive centuries.

“This facility will be an important place for people to find out about and view their own part in the successful completion of the project,” said FRC Project Director David Climie.

“Provisional public consultation, engagement and the sharing of information has been central to the FRC project’s development so far and we are committed to providing a Contact and Education Centre that offers the public a quality facility for information, education and consultation purposes during construction.”

The EDC is already co-located on site and will have a unique role during the planning application being submitted and on the Contact & Education Centre proposals prior to the planning application being submitted.

“This facility will be an important place for people to get up-to-date information about the project and avoid direct contact with Transport Scotland’s FRC team and contractors.”

Transport Scotland officials have been working closely with FETA, the authority that maintains, operates and ensures the existing Forth Road Bridge, in developing the proposals for the Contact and Education Centre.

“Transport Scotland can be assured that this is a legacy potential after the bridge construction,” said the FETA’s Managing Director, John Graham (Dromore) Ltd.

The Contract is expected to be awarded at the end of this month, with construction scheduled to start during construction.

The Centre will be open to the public in autumn 2011 and is scheduled for completion in 2013.

“The Contact and Education Centre will play a central role in engaging and involving the public, as well as bringing jobs to the local area. That’s why we think giving it our full support and making all the necessary local and scene available.”

Local representatives have also supported the proposals and welcomed being consulted before plans were finalised.

Scottish Borders Council’s Community Committee (POCC) and QOGC are pleased to have had the opportunity so comment on the Contract & Education Centre proposals prior to the planning application being submitted and on the Contact & Education Centre proposals prior to the planning application being submitted.