



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A substantial amount of concrete was poured this month; there were seven concrete pours in 30 days. One weekend pour was massive, totaling 32,000 square feet -half of the intermodal facility floor was put in place. As each week and month go by, the site evolves and exposed areas are shrinking as concrete is laid over the earthen floor. The Banks was wet with April showers throughout the month; and although the weather delayed some activities, the scheduling flexibility allowed progress to persevere. The rain did not gravely affect the schedule, just rearranged it. Contractors continue to make progress on site, rain or shine

Highlights this month are summarized below:

### Safety

Over 556 workers attended the Construction Manager’s jobsite safety orientation program, and have worked over 43,627 hours on site through April 30, 2009, without a lost time accident. Stringent safety guidelines allow the project to maintain a safe project site, a notable, ongoing achievement for such large scale project.

### Inclusion

The overall participation for Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) for construction is 35.3%, exceeding the 30% goal. With minority workforce participation at 22.14%, and women workforce participation at 2.22%, we are exceeding the combined minority and women workforce participation goal of 22% established by the Public Parties.

### Budget

The Phase 1 of the IDMA remains within budget. The project team is working with staff from Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati to identify potential uses of stimulus funds and their impact on project financing. Once developed, these uses will be presented in a report to public officials for their approval. Once stimulus funding is confirmed, more information will be provided regarding the scope and schedule for any Phase 2 activities.

### Schedule

Bid Packages 5 and 7 are in full construction, propelling progress forward. Approval to bid Bid Package 6 is anticipated in early May and Bid Package 8 will be released for bid shortly thereafter. Maintaining the construction schedule through spring’s inclement weather is critical to prevent impacts on future construction. Every effort is made to keep construction on schedule, adjusting activities as necessary to preserve overall project milestone dates.

Progress throughout the month can be seen looking at the pictures below.



32,000 square feet of concrete placed April 24-25, 2009



Freedom Way East rebar installation on elevated decking

\*Please see Appendix C, Glossary of Acronyms, for an explanation of the acronyms contained within.



## SITE PROGRESS

Rebar and concrete were the “materials of the month.” Trucks hauling rebar entered the site and delivered loads so crews can continue to set rebar necessary for the following activities: column formations, decking for Freedom Way East (FWE) and Freedom Way West (FWW), and for the FWE street grid. These materials are critical to the intermodal facility. As the installation of rebar and placement of concrete continues, the structure evolves and the intermodal facility and street grid become more recognizable.

Steady work in FWW this month has raised the structure up to street level. Crews erected scaffolding and completed the placement of decking. Now, extensive rebar and embedded materials are being installed in preparation for the first street-level deck concrete placement in June.

Several activities this month were achieved in Block 26. April’s schedule was full with concrete pours; six total pours occurred in this area. The numerous pours are indicative of all of the completed prep work necessary to place such a significant amount of concrete. Installation of underground utilities and successful testing of those utilities occurred throughout the month. Excavation and pouring of pile caps wrapped up. Tying rebar for columns and shear walls continued, as well as rebar installation for the FWE street grid. Scaffolding was erected and decking installed in FWE. Progress was made on the Walnut Street soil retention wall; crews mounted wood lagging, drilled anchorage and established the drainage system. Duke Energy placed the chilled water main lines. The numerous activities in Block 26 are vital to maintain the concrete placement schedule. Block 26 will be the starting point to the overbuild’s development.

Communication and coordination among the design teams for the Phase 1 of the IDMA and for the overbuild continue to be critical to the progress of the project. Weekly meetings allow for open communication and immediate resolution of potential design issues. Efficient, timely responses to design issues are of utmost importance to keep the design and construction schedules on track.

Activities continued to make substantial progress on schedule, including the following:

- Six slab-on-grade concrete pours occurred this month and one elevated pour in FWE.
- Auger cast pile drilling in Block 26 continued throughout the month and was completed.
- Block 26 column installation was completed, propelling the contractor into Block 20 to begin auger cast pile drilling for both the intermodal facility and the Parks project.
- Underground storm and sanitary piping installation in Block 26 and Block 16 continued.
- Installation of the Walnut Street soil retention wall is nearing completion.
- Building and installing shear wall forms in Block 26.
- Excavation and placing Block 26 pile caps is complete; all pile caps associated with Block 26 are critical to intermodal facility construction.
- Auger cast pile drilling in Block 16 progressed.
- Building of scaffolding for the elevated decking continued at FWE and FWW, and rebar placement began atop the decking in both areas.
- Deck drains were installed in FWE and FWW to provide adequate drainage.

Bid Packages No. 8, 9, 10, and 11 are being developed and will be included in this report once the scope is fully defined for each bid package.

For a description of the Bid Package contents and associated Trade Contracts, please see Appendix A.