



ALAMO RMA

GEC ACTIVITIES REPORT November 2010

The GEC efforts this month focused on construction and engineering oversight, technical support, and environmental tasks on:

- Construction inspection for US 281 Superstreet Project,
 - Environmental studies for Loop 1604 Superstreet Project
 - Design oversight for US 281/Loop 1604 Interchange Project,
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Following are summaries of the GEC activities on these projects during the month of November 2010:

US 281 Superstreet

Construction oversight and inspection services are nearing completion on the US 281 Superstreet Project. All major construction activity has been completed. Oversight and inspection services will continue as the contractor finalizes minor construction punch list items.

Loop 1604 Superstreet

Design

Design activities are complete for the Loop 1604 Superstreet improvements.

Environmental

Environmental activities include the continued preparation of the Categorical Exclusion for the underpass improvements at Loop 1604 and SH 151. A public meeting was held for the underpass improvements Categorical Exclusion on November 18. Also, coordination on archeological and endangered species issues continues.

US 281/Loop 1604 Construction Oversight

Design and Construction Oversight Staff have been co-located with staff from the Alamo RMA and the Design-Build team in the field office and continue to progress toward the initiation of construction in January.

Design Oversight

Oversight staff has been attending weekly meetings and workshops with the design/build team, conducting over the shoulder reviews, setting up document control, and reviewing plan submittals. 30% Roadway and Bridge Plan Packages have been reviewed and final comments have been provided to the Design-Build team. Additionally, the Construction Quality Management Plan has been reviewed and final comments have been provided.

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Other reviews have included the Illumination Master Plan and Large Sign Layouts. The Project Mitigation and Safety Plan and Hazardous Material Management Plan have been approved.

Construction Oversight

Although construction will not begin until January, construction oversight staff has continued preparation of document control and inspection reporting procedures for approval by FHWA, reviewed draw request and baseline construction schedules, monitored ongoing test hole drilling, and attended weekly meetings with the design/builder.

See attached monthly report for details of the design and construction status for the US 281/Loop 1604 Interchange project.