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September 27, 2024

Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority  
C/O Mark Dubay  
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Dear Mr. Dubay:

Attached please find the September 2024, Great Lakes Tunnel Project (GLTP) Monthly Progress Report, which serves to update the Mackinac Straits Corridor Authority (Authority) on key activities progressed over the past month and highlight activities planned for October 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Guy Krepps', is positioned above the typed name.

Guy Krepps  
Project Director  
Great Lakes Tunnel Project

**Enclosure:** September 2024 Progress Update

**CC:** Tom Schwartz – SVP, LP Strategic Projects & Partnerships; Charles Drayton – Associate General Counsel;  
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# Great Lakes Tunnel Project: Monthly Status Report

STATUS THROUGH: SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

MILESTONES & DELIVERABLES	DUE DATE	STATUS
Preliminary Engineering Activities Work Plan	February 4, 2019	Completed
Identify Project Specifications Team	March 1, 2019	Completed
Procurement and Contracting Execution Draft Plan	April 30, 2019	Completed
Procedures for Establishing Escrow Accounts	September 16, 2019	Completed
Geotechnical Data Report	December 31, 2019	Completed
Submit Request for Proposals (Draft); and Complete Preliminary Engineering Activities (as described in the Work Plan)	April 30, 2020	Completed
File Government Approvals and Permits for Tunnel Construction	Within 180 days after Geotechnical Baseline Report	Completed
Commence Construction	No later than 180 days after receiving Government Approvals and Permits	Not started
Tunnel Completion Report	Upon substantial completion of the Tunnel	Not started
Tunnel Operations and Maintenance Plan	Upon substantial completion of the Tunnel	Not started

## ACTIVITIES & ITEMS OF NOTE

- **Environmental Permitting Update:**
  - Continue on-going regular meetings with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to discuss the permitting process, maintaining the schedule, review of survey reports, discussing mitigation measures, and responding to Data Requests.
  - Undergoing additional Marine Survey work for the month of September.
  - Biological and historical resource surveys completed.
  - Final above ground architectural report completed September 6, 2024.
- **Law and Regulatory Update:**
  - Continued to defend the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) Order in the Michigan Court of Appeals: Amicus briefs were filed on September 19, 2024; two were filed in support of Enbridge and the MPSC decision (Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Small Business Association of Michigan); and one was filed by the Attorney General requesting a remand for further proceedings specifically related to public need and whether there is a feasible and prudent alternative to the Project.
  - EGLE contested case was dismissed September 5, 2024, by stipulation of the parties (EGLE, Enbridge, and Bay Mills Indian Community).

## Stakeholder Outreach Update:

- September engagement included:
  - 1 event
  - 2 sponsorships
  - 1 presentation

- 1 tour
- Sponsored key, local and regional events including: the Great Lakes Marine Hall of Fame and the Mackinac Bridge Antique Tractor Crossing & Show.
- Hosted a community open house at the Enbridge information center and a business summit for the tribal business community.
- Conducted a tour of the Enbridge Straits Maritime Operations Center (ESMOC) for members of the Delta County board of commissioners.
- Updated the Line 5 Newsroom website ([www.enbridge.com/line5newsroom](http://www.enbridge.com/line5newsroom)) with articles and videos in September.
  - September 4, 2024: [Resolutions support tunnel construction under Straits of Mackinac](#)
  - September 11, 2024: [National Video Game Day – Sept. 12](#)
  - September 18, 2024: [National Cooking Day Sept. 25](#)
- Facilitated in person meetings with Mackinac Straits Partners and several local communities' leadership along with state agencies and other key stakeholders.
- **Project Management and Construction Contract Update:**
  - Continue working collaboratively with the Tunnel construction contractor to support permitting and develop plans for construction.
  - Continue supporting the environmental permitting efforts.
- **Operations Update:**
  - Completed planned maintenance activities including integrity tool runs.
  - Provided tours to stakeholders of ESMOC and pump station.

## PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER

- **Environmental Permitting Update:**
  - Planning to complete additional marine survey work.
  - Continue on-going regular meetings with the USACE to discuss the permitting process, maintaining the schedule, review of survey reports, discussing mitigation measures, and responding to Data Requests.
  - Finalize wetland boundaries (federal and state).
  - Draft the Biological Assessment.
- **Law and Regulatory Update:**
  - Continue to support the environmental and regulatory permitting efforts.
  - Defend the MPSC Order in the Michigan Court of Appeals.
  - Anticipate reply briefs will be filed in Michigan Court of Appeals.
- **Stakeholder Outreach Update:**
  - Continuing to conduct on-going community engagement meetings and events.
  - Continuing to update the Line 5 Newsroom website with information on the GLTP.
  - Straits Cheboygan Community Tour and Tribal Tour at Straits.
- **Project Management and Construction Contract Update:**
  - Continue working collaboratively with the Tunnel construction contractor to support permitting and develop plans for construction.
  - Continue supporting the environmental permitting efforts.
- **Operations Update:**
  - Routine planned maintenance activities.
  - Provide tours to Tribal, Community, and Agency stakeholders of ESMOC and pump station.