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Update on early work activities

The project team (the city and the contractors, Kiewit, Hatch and SYSTRA IBT, have been doing some early work activities and limited site preparation this fall ahead of construction.

To keep you informed and aware of the work happening on the bridge, please find below an update on early work activities happening on the east and west side approaches. Please note that activity will pause temporarily in mid-December and continue again in early January.

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- **Archaeological field investigations** – Studies were done as part of the requirement to investigate any potential archaeological items in the area. Several tests were taken and nothing of archaeological significance was encountered. A report will be sent to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport recommending that no further archaeological investigation is needed.
- **Bathymetric survey** – As part of analyzing possible construction methods, a bathymetric survey was needed to measure the water-depth of the project corridor. This was completed in October 2018. Information gathered has been reviewed by the project team and will form part of the preferred construction means and methods to be used for the in water portion of construction. More information on how the bridge will be constructed will be available in early 2019.
- **Geo-environmental engineering**: Sampling will continue into mid-December and include collecting samples from the water boreholes for chemical analysis to help determine soil characteristics. Samples gathered will be sent to testing labs to determine soil characteristics which will form part of the environmental mitigation program.
- **Geotechnical investigations** – Crews have been collecting soil and rock information from the site area for use in designing foundations for the bridge structures. A total of seven in water boreholes have been completed at proposed pier locations, with the eighth hole scheduled for completion during the first week of December. Once the in water program is completed, borehole investigations will continue on both shore lands to acquire more information to assist with the design of the bridge. The on