



ZOO INTERCHANGE STUDY
I-94 NORTH-SOUTH MITCHELL INTERCHANGE PROJECT
SE FREEWAYS MILWAUKEE COUNTY URBAN DBE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
TOMMY G. THOMPSON YOUTH CENTER-640 S. 84TH STREET, MILWAUKEE, WI
THURSDAY MARCH 12TH, 2009 4:30P – 6:00P

ATTENDEES: Roberto “Bob” Gutierrez- I-94 NS Corridor Project Director, WisDOT; Wafa Elqaq, WisDOT; Donna Brown-Zoo Interchange Study Director-WisDOT; Rosalind Roberson, Labor Development Specialist-WisDOT; Dewayne Johnson-SE Region Director; Patricia Reikowski-WisDOT; Crystal DuPont-WisDOT; Kimberly Stephenson-WisDOT; Roman Martinez-WisDOT; David Poppert-U.S. DOL; Steve Buffalo-Local 139 Operating Engineers; Greg West- Local 139 Operating Engineers; Greg Lewis- St. Gabriel's C.O.G.I.C; Annette Bass- St. Gabriel's C.O.G.I.C; Tom Rave- The Gateway to Milwaukee; Ola Baiyewu -First Choice Pre-Apprenticeship Training; Bill Mohr-I-94 North South Project Manager; Tracy Gilliam-Zoo Interchange Supervisor; David Harris-Local 113; Hector Lerma-United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) INC; Samer Abulughod- Bid 40 ABGA; Nyesha Turner- Emerging Business Enterprise Program; Bruce Spann- Spann & Associates; David Harris- Local No. 113; Leni Siker- SFS Group Ltd. Warner Jackson-Social Development Commission (SDC); Thomas Walker-Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association (WTBA); Nacarci Feaster-Local No. 113; Kay Haishuk-Department of Workforce Development; Gopal K. Adhikary, P.E.- Himalayan Consultants, LLC; Earl Hill-Hill Monuments; Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr.- Milwaukee County Supervisor-13th District; Frieda Webb- Milwaukee County-Office of Community Business Development Partners; Wally Rendon-Hispanic Business & Professional Association; Jo Wynn-Walkin’ In My Shoes, Inc.; Yolanda Santos-Adams-Urban League and Neighborhood Outreach Specialist; Keyla Holmes-Universal General Contracting

WELCOME-INTRODUCTIONS

Crystal Dupont-WisDOT: Crystal welcomed everyone to the meeting. She requested that everyone introduce themselves. Handouts were provided to each committee member upon registration and discussed after the introductions. Crystal also reviewed the previous DBE Advisory meeting accomplishments. She then reviewed the agenda for the evening and introduced the first speaker, Wally Rendon.

Wally Rendon-Hispanic Business & Professional Association: Wally mentioned that his program supports work with small business owners while working with most local agencies. Wally mentioned that his program is also known for the following:

- Promote economic development for emerging Hispanic businesses
- Provide a forum where members grow together
- Work with other business organizations and professionals to improve the business climate for all minorities including African American’s and Hispanics.
- Leverage members' joint power for greater financial, human and legal resources

Lastly, Wally mentioned that his organization received a grant to increase supplier diversity for Racine County and the surrounding area.

Steve Buffalo-Operations Engineers Local 139: Steve stated that The Local 139 apprenticeship program accommodates both prospective heavy equipment operators and those with limited experience; however all applicants must have a valid drivers license. Steve mentioned that career goals are endless and apprentices may receive formal education at the Fox Valley Institute in Coloma, Wisconsin. They encourage the members to utilize the training center during lay offs to learn more skills. Apprentices may earn at least \$45k per year annually. **Greg West- Local 139** mentioned that most work is seasonal and work will normally thrive in the spring and summer.

Operations Engineers Local 139 Membership Information	
Current Members	9,200
Retired Members	2,400
Unemployed Members	1,900

4 Experience Levels broken down into 1,500 hour pay periods totaling 6,000 hours	
Period 1	Level 1
Period 2	Level 2
Period 3	Level 3
Period 4	Level 4

Jo Wynn-Walkin’ In My Shoes, Inc.: Jo Wynn mentioned that her program is committed to the increasing issue of underserved homeless populations throughout the United States. The program provides survival backpacks to its applicants and offers its resources to anyone whom is in need of assistance. The primary goal of the street outreach program is to provide positive alternatives to ensure their safety, and maximize available opportunities and assistance. Jo Wynn stated that the program has 100 community partners and that it is continuing to connect with other resources across the state of Wisconsin. **Warner Jackson-SDC** encouraged Jo Wynn to take an integrated service encouragement approach to receive additional funding.

Yolanda Santos-Adams-Urban League of Racine and Kenosha: Yolanda mentioned that she works with African American, Hispanic, and other minorities in both Racine and Kenosha Counties. She also mentioned that she has worked in collaboration with WisDOT to form the Kenosha and Racine Partnership events, which included non-profit agencies in both communities as well as the public. Yolanda mentioned that she is a former school board supervisor in the Kenosha Unified School District whom works very closely with community leaders in both Racine and Kenosha Counties.

Rosalind Roberson-Labor Development Specialist-WisDOT: Rosalind represented **Michele Carter, Civil Rights and Compliance Manger-WisDOT** and is one of the team members of the Civil Rights and Compliance section at WisDOT. Rosalind reiterated to the committee that WisDOT’s responsibility is to build roads. She mentioned the job center in Racine and alerts the committee that there will be a job center opening in Green Bay, Wisconsin this year. Rosalind encouraged all committee members to continue attending and actively participating in DBE Advisory Meetings. Lastly, Rosalind mentioned that contractors are required to fulfill DBE goals or be granted a Good Faith Waiver on behalf of WisDOT for not being able to meet DBE goals. **Thomas Walker-WTBA** suggested that WisDOT share with the committee the DBE Good Faith

Waiver process. He also clarified that WisDOT can reject bids if DBE goals are not met and reassign them to the second responsible.

Tracy Gilliam-Zoo Interchange Supervisor: The Zoo Interchange Team is conducting environmental and engineering work now through the end of 2009. This study phase includes developing alternatives to improve the corridor, evaluating impacts of those alternatives, preparing a document that addresses environmental concerns, and selecting a preferred alternative. These activities included ongoing data gathering and assessment of potential impacts. Tracy indicated that the 2012 construction start date for the Zoo Interchange has been modified to 2013, however details would be provided at the next DBE Advisory Committee Meeting.

Bill Mohr-I-94 North South Project Manager: The project team is proceeding with a 2009-2016 reconstruction plan for the I-94 North-South Corridor in southeastern Wisconsin. Bill distributed the following handouts, 09 Construction Events and a Contractor Workshop flyer regarding the I-94 North-South Corridor. Bill mentioned that minor mitigation projects will take place this spring and that the next round of LET's would be in April of 2009. The project team currently has 26% DBE design participation and 32.5% DBE construction participation to date.

Donna Brown-Zoo Interchange Study Director: Donna alerted the committee to future activities to be undertaken by the DBE Advisory Committee. She indicated that the next meeting takes place in two weeks on March 26th, 2009 and to expect presentations to be made by various business organizations. In May of 2009 the education phase of the Committee will be completed and the Committee would be split into two groups, one group focusing on business issues and the second group focusing on labor issues. Donna informed everyone to think about other possible locations and times for the business and labor committee to meet.

Monthly Meetings: NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009

4:30-6:00pm

Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center, Banquet Room 2
640 South 84th Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 3214