



**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 APRIL 23, 2009 4:30P – 6:00P**

ATTENDEES:¹

WELCOME-INTRODUCTIONS

Crystal DuPont–Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT): Crystal welcomed everyone to the meeting. She requested that everyone introduce himself or herself. Handouts were provided to each committee member upon registration and discussed after the introductions. Crystal also reviewed previous meeting presentations by Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms. She then reviewed the agenda for the evening and introduced the first speaker, Michele Carter.

Michele Carter, Civil Rights and Compliance Manager-WisDOT: Michele reviewed the “WisDOT Contracting Processes” PowerPoint presentation. (Please refer to your email for “WisDOT Contracting Processes” presentation) Michele also briefly explained other training and workshops offered by WisDOT such as Pre-Bid meetings, Contractor Workshops, and DBE Certification Workshops.

The following link contains information regarding WisDOT Apparent Bid Results for the Letting of April 28th, 2009:

<http://roadwaystandards.dot.wi.gov/hcci/bidletting/reports/2009/042809/apparentbids042809.pdf>

Kathleen “Kitty” Reed-WisDOT: Due to the human cases of swine flu (H1N1) virus infection that have been identified, it is the decision of WisDOT to postpone the Wisconsin Transpo Expo on May 21, 2009 to a later undetermined date. We will continue to work towards a successful event with anticipation of rescheduling for next school year. WisDOT will be hosting the first-ever Wisconsin Transpo Expo Conference. This one-day event will expose middle school students to professional and technical careers in the transportation industry. The goal is to inspire and educate these young minds through interactive workshops, exciting guest speakers, presentation of engineering projects by high school students and challenging competitions. WisDOT invites businesses, professionals and educators to come together and invest in the workforce of tomorrow through this special event. Kitty announced that the event currently has 700 student participants and 40 exhibitors. **Reggie Newson, SE Region Operations Director-WisDOT** expressed thanks to Kitty and also mentioned that the Frank Busalacchi, Secretary of WisDOT, is really interested in perusing such programs with a focus on minority involvement.

Tracy Gilliam-Zoo Interchange Supervisor-WisDOT: Tracy explained the limits of the Zoo Interchange Study and stated that the engineering analysis is in progress. Tracy also stated that he is anticipating the Zoo Interchange Study Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to be signed

¹ Please see attendees at the end of document.

in the middle of May. For more information on the Zoo Interchange Study, please refer to the website: (<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/sefreeways/zooindex.htm>.)

Bill Mohr-I-94 North-South Mega Manager-WisDOT: Bill stated that construction has started and that the Project is in its final design phase. Please refer to the new I-94 NS Corridor website which features information regarding closures, news, traffic, directions, updates, construction schedule, and much more at the following website: (<http://www.plan94.org/>)

Donna Brown-Zoo Interchange Study Director-WisDOT: Donna announced that it is imperative that all committee members attend the next meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at the Pettit National Ice Center. She also mentioned that letters will go out to committee members whom have not attended previous DBE Advisory meetings.

Monthly Meetings: NEXT MEETING

May 21st, 2009

4:30-6:00 pm

Pettit National Ice Center, 2nd Floor Hall of Fame Room

500 S. 84th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53214

Free parking in the adjacent parking lot

ATTENDEES: Roberto “Bob” Gutierrez- I-94 NS Corridor Project Director, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT); Wafa Elqaq, WisDOT; Reggie Newson-SE Region Operations Director-WisDOT; Donna Brown-Zoo Interchange Study Director-WisDOT; Michele Carter, Civil Rights and Compliance Manager-WisDOT; Rosalind Roberson, Labor Development Specialist-WisDOT; Patricia Reikowski-WisDOT; Crystal DuPont-WisDOT; Kimberly Stephenson-WisDOT; Roman Martinez-WisDOT; Kitty Reed-WisDOT; Marlina Williams-WisDOT; Jessica Gluckman-Mortenson Construction; Donna Eurick-USDOL; David Helton-USDOL; Annette Bass- St. Gabriel's C.O.G.I.C; Ola Baiyewu -First Choice Pre-Apprenticeship Training; Bill Mohr-I-94 North South Project Manager; Tracy Gilliam-Zoo Interchange Supervisor; Earl Hill-Hill Monuments; Alicia Griffin-Serendipity Communications; Jake Barger-Marketing; Jerome Powell-JP Landscaping; Kay Haishuk-DWD; Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr.-Milwaukee County Supervisor-13th District; Bruce Spann-Spann & Associates; Nyesha Turner-Emerging Business Enterprise (EBE); Greg West- IUO Local 139; Tim Goetz-IUO Local 139; Steve Buffalo-IUO Local 139; Thomas Burse-Buveck Consultants; Nacarci Feaster-Local Laborers 113; Lauren Coughlin- Engineering Management Consulting Services (EMCS), Inc