



**ZOO INTERCHANGE STUDY  
I-94 NORTH-SOUTH MITCHELL INTERCHANGE PROJECT  
SE FREEWAYS MILWAUKEE COUNTY URBAN DBE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY**

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESEARCH PARK-10437 W INNOVATION DRIVE SUITE, 123 WAUWATOSA WI  
THURSDAY OCTOBER 23, 2008 4:30P – 6:00P**

**ATTENDEES:** Dewayne Johnson-SE Region Director, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT); Reggie Newson-SE Region Operations Director, WisDOT; Roberto “Bob” Gutierrez-I-94 NS Corridor Project Director, WisDOT; Wafa Elqaq, WisDOT; Donna Brown-Zoo Interchange Study Director-WisDOT; Rosalind Roberson, Urban Outreach Strategist-WisDOT; Andrey Moore, Labor Development Specialist-WisDOT; Michele Carter- Civil Right & Compliance Section Manager -WisDOT; Patricia Reikowski-WisDOT; Crystal DuPont-WisDOT; Marlina Williams-WisDOT; Kimberly Stephenson-WisDOT; Roman Martinez-WisDOT; Lakeia Cobbs-WisDOT; June Robinson, WisDOT; Jaya Sharma-4N Consultants Inc.; David Poppert-U.S. DOL; Hector Lerma-UMOS; Willie D. Ellis-Local 139 Operating Engineers; Tim Goetz-Local 139 Operating Engineers; Steve Buffalo-Local 139 Operating Engineers; Greg West- Local 139 Operating Engineers; Jessica Gluckman- Mortenson Construction Co; Annette Taylor- St. Gabriel's C.O.G.I.C; Earl Hill-Hill Monuments; Thomas Buveck- Buveck Consultants, LLC; Gopal K. Adhikary, P.E.- Himalayan Consultants, LLC; Craig Anderson-American Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin; Frieda Webb- Community Business Development Partners (CBDP) Administrators of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Milwaukee County; Samer Abulughod- Bid 40 ABGA; Gary Singh-SFS Group Ltd.; Tom Rave- The Gateway to Milwaukee; Sheila Payton-Office of Congresswoman Gwen Moore, Jimmie Mangum-APB Security, Shelia Mangum-APB Security; Nelson Soler-Latino Entrepreneurs Network; Nacarci Feaster-Local 113; Kay Haishuk- Bureau of Apprenticeship, Department of Workforce Development

**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. Crystal also reviewed the August 2008 meeting accomplishments and outlined the activities, which would be undertaken for the evening.

**Michele Carter-Civil Rights & Compliance Section Manager-WisDOT:** Michele reviewed the Café Mosaic Exercise Results from the August 2008 meeting along with additional barriers and challenges, which might be confronted on the I-94 NS Corridor Project. Participants then were asked to identify and list strategies, which WisDOT could adopt to confront some of the barriers and challenges likely to be encountered on the project. **Willie D. Ellis-IUO Local 139** suggested that WisDOT should create guidelines for bidding to increase participation by DBE firms on projects. **Donna Brown, Zoo Interchange Project Director-WisDOT** stated that ethnic groups and women be added as key people that WisDOT needs to involve in the DBE Advisory Committee to ensure that the barriers and challenges are addressed in a way that benefits the community. **Rosalind Roberson-Urban Outreach Strategist-WisDOT** reviewed opportunities and strengths that WisDOT must build upon to facilitate business and labor development opportunities.

**Craig Anderson-American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin** wanted to know how projects within the I-94 NS Corridor Project would be “unbundled”. **William “Bill” Mohr-I-94 NS Major Project Manager-WisDOT** stated that the I-94 NS Corridor would have over 100 projects. **Craig Anderson** stated that projects should be unbundled in such a way so that state contractors have opportunities to bid on them. **Michele Carter** clarified that high risk projects are critical for construction schedule delivery. Low risk projects are not on a critical path and have reasonable float time for delivery. **Willie D. Ellis** stated that a high percentage of the laborers employed from the out of state contractor on the Marquette Interchange Project were from Wisconsin. **Andreya Moore-Labor Development Specialist-WisDOT** then reviewed the resources needed to ensure that the barriers and challenges are addressed in a way that benefits the community.

**Michele Carter-WisDOT:** Michele divided the members of the DBE Advisory Committee into groups and concurrently with **Rosalind Roberson** and **Andreya Moore** conducted an exercise highlighting opportunities and barriers. **Nacarci Feaster-Laborers Local 113** requested information regarding the retention of graduates from WisDOT’s Transportation Alliance for New Solutions (TrANS) Program. **Michele Carter** mentioned that all TrANS graduate students are monitored through the Civil Rights & Compliance Tracking System (CRCS). **Nacarci Feaster** also suggested that TrANS graduate students should receive training on building relationships with banks and suppliers. Mentoring should also be available to TrANS graduate students to enable them to increase their understanding of the fringe benefits they are entitled to under the Union rules. **Michele Carter** and her staff made notes of all suggestions.

**Bill Mohr-WisDOT:** Bill stated that the I-94 NS Corridor Project was in the final design phase. He explained that Construction had already begun on Loomis Road and Layton Avenue. Bill also stated that future projects for the Mitchell Interchange would include the 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Grange Avenue Structure, College Avenue Interchange, and Westbound Ramps. He informed attendees that plans for Loomis Road and Layton Avenue are available for review on the WisDOT website: [www.sefreeways.org](http://www.sefreeways.org)

**Donna Brown-WisDOT:** Donna stated that the Zoo Interchange Study was in the investigation phase. She also announced that the Zoo Interchange Study Team would present refined modernization alternatives for each leg (north, south, east and west) and the core of the interchange during the second round of Public Information Meetings (PIMs) scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center and October 30<sup>th</sup> at Wauwatosa West High School. Donna encouraged everyone to participate in either of the upcoming PIMs.

She then informed everyone that the next meeting would take place on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2008. The Committee will meet again on January 22<sup>nd</sup> of 2009, at which time the Education Phase of the Committee process will begin.

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### **Monthly Meetings: NEXT MEETING**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008**

4:30-6:00pm

Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center, Banquet Room 2

640 South 84<sup>th</sup> Street

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 3214