



**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 NOVEMBER 20TH, 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.; Tim Anheuser-Forward 45; 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; Thomas Burse- Buveck Consultants, LLC; Gopal K. Adhikary, P.E.-Himalayan Consultants, LLC; Nyesha Turner-Emerging Business Enterprise; Frieda Webb-Community Business Development Partners (CBDP) Administrators of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Milwaukee County; Samer Abulughod- Bid 40 ABGA; Leni Siker-SFS Group Ltd.; Tom Rave- The Gateway to Milwaukee; Jimmie Mangum-APB Security; Nacarci Feaster-Local 113; Kay Haishuk- Bureau of Apprenticeship, Department of Workforce Development; Supervisor Willie Johnson Jr.-Milwaukee County 13th District; Ugo Nwagbaraocha-Diamond Disks International

WELCOME-INTRODUCTIONS

Kimberly Stephenson-WisDOT Kimberly welcomed everyone to the meeting. She requested that everyone introduce themselves. Handouts were provided to each committee member upon registration and discussed after introductions. Kimberly also reviewed the previous DBE Advisory meeting accomplishments and explained the agenda for the evening.

Tim Anheuser-Forward 45: Tim reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Careers In Motion program for 2008. He mentioned that it is a program, which focuses on engaging grade school students in Science, Engineering, Communications, and Transportation careers at WisDOT. Tim also stated that the program includes field trips, video conferencing students in other countries such as India, and pedestrian traffic safety tips.

Emlynn Grisar-WisDOT: Emlynn conducted an exercise with WisDOT staff demonstrating the effects of life without the public involvement process at WisDOT during mega project reconstruction. She mentioned that WisDOT places a high priority on public involvement and plans to conduct a full and open process to allow any interested organizations, agencies, and individuals to bring forth their concerns about the project. Emlynn mentions that the public involvement process includes understanding the audience on individual projects, honesty, keeping the public informed, remaining accessible, providing timely responses, and

demonstrating how public information is used at WisDOT. Emlynn also mentioned that WisDOT utilizes radio, television, advertisements, hotlines, and the Internet as tools of communication. Lastly Emlynn mentioned that WisDOT has diverse outreach public involvement specialists to support project communications.

Michele Carter-Civil Rights & Compliance Section Manager-WisDOT: Michele presented a handout of notes comprised by committee members containing best practices, resources, needs, strengths, opportunities, barriers, concerns, priorities, and strategies regarding mega project reconstruction. She requested the committee to add or clarify these notes. **Tom Rave-Gateway to Milwaukee** inquired about mobility concerns facing construction workers whom don't have a valid drivers license. Michele clarified how the Drivers License Recovery program provides assistance for such individuals. She also stated that mobility is a major concern. **Thomas Walker-Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association (WTBA)** felt that emerging business integration should be a complete effort in which WTBA should be involved. **Bob Gutierrez-I-94 NS Corridor Project Director** mentioned that the DBE Advisory committee has gotten off to a great start in taking a proactive approach towards opportunities and barriers as it relates to project involvement. **Warren Jackson-Social Development Commission (SDC)** mentioned that he appreciated the efforts of WisDOT in stressing the importance of opportunity from the top down.

Tracy Gilliam-Zoo Interchange Supervisor: Tracy stated that the Zoo Interchange Study started on November 20th, of 2007. He briefly reviewed the history of the Zoo Interchange Study from start to the present. Tracy mentioned that WisDOT is moving forward to choose a preferred alternative, and that a final copy of the Environmental Impact Statement should be available by the end of 2009. Lastly, Tracy mentioned that construction on mitigation routes are anticipated to begin in 2012.

Bill Mohr-I-94 North South Project Manager: Bill stated that the I-94 NS Corridor Project was in the final design phase. He explained that some construction had already begun in addition of the upcoming LET dates of December 30th, 2008 and February 2nd, 2009 for 27th Street including; Grange Avenue, College Avenue, and the Airport Spur. **Bob Gutierrez-I-94 NS Corridor Project Director** mentioned that there is currently a 30% DBE participation rate for the projects Bill mentioned. **Thomas Walker-WTBA** questioned how LET's coming soon would be shared with the public. **Donna Brown** assured the committee that there would be a process to inform contactors and the public regarding any upcoming construction projects.

Donna Brown-Zoo Interchange Study Director: Donna informed everyone that the next meeting would take place on January 29th of 2009, at which time the Labor Education Phase of the Committee process will begin.

Monthly Meetings: NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2009

4:30-6:00pm

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