



**ZOO INTERCHANGE STUDY
I-94 NORTH-SOUTH MITCHELL INTERCHANGE PROJECT
SE FREEWAYS MILWAUKEE COUNTY URBAN DBE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS
MEETING SUMMARY
PETTIT NATIONAL ICE CENTER-500 S. 84TH STREET, MILWAUKEE, WI
THURSDAY JUNE 25, 2009 4:30P – 6:00P**

ATTENDEES:¹

WELCOME-INTRODUCTIONS

Crystal DuPont -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 the previous Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Advisory meeting accomplishments. She then reviewed the agenda for the evening and explained the group exercise for both the Labor Development Subcommittee meeting and Business Development Subcommittee meeting.

Manojoy Nag-Zoo Interchange Mega Manager-WisDOT: Manojoy explained the limits of the Zoo Interchange Study and stated that the engineering analysis is in progress. Manojoy also mentioned WisDOT will host two open-house hearings on the DEIS: **Tuesday, June 23, 2009, 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2009, 4 to 8 p.m.** Both events will take place at the Tommy Thompson Youth Center at State Fair Park Gate #5, 640 S. 84th St. in West Allis. The public hearing is an important time for the community to voice their opinions on the Zoo Interchange Study. For more on the Zoo Interchange Study, please refer to the following website for information regarding the Zoo Interchange: (<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/seffreeways/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/>) .

¹ Please see attendees at the end of document.

**SE Freeways Milwaukee County Urban
DBE Business Development Subcommittee Meeting**

Co-facilitator: Kimberly Stephenson

Step 7: Define and Begin Next Steps:

- Recap Mission, Goals & Objectives, and Tasks
 - Additional discussion on Business Development Subcommittee:
 - “Voice” for WisDOT
 - Identify businesses within the communities
 - Outreach regarding projects and/or programs
 - Potential Business opportunities
 - ***Important focus:** help set goals for the project(s) within Milwaukee County

- The subcommittee gave the following individuals and/or organizations names to be added to the Business Subcommittee Roster:
 - South Suburban Chamber of Commerce : Barbara Wesener, Executive Director
 - National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP): Jerry Ann Hamilton, President of the Milwaukee Branch
 - NAACP: Elmer Anderson, focus on transportation issues
 - African American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) of Greater Milwaukee: Curtiss Harris, Executive Director
 - AACC of Greater Milwaukee: Wallace White, chairperson
 - Urban Economic Development Association (UEDA) of Wisconsin: Bill Johnson
 - Northcott Neighborhood House, Inc.: Mac Weddle, Executive Director
 - Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC) Wendy Baumann, President (Business and Advisory/Finance)
 - Career Youth Development, Inc (CYD): Charles Walton, President/CEO
 - Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce (MMAC): Peter Beitzel
 - Business Council (TBC): Devon Turner, Vice President of Urban Affairs (MMAC). The Business Council is the affiliate of MMAC.
 - The Milwaukee Department of Public Works (DPW) : Jeffrey Mantes, Commissioner
 - Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD): Jose Galvan
 - The Milwaukee County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW): Jack H. Takerian, Interim Director
 - Center for Teaching Entrepreneurship (CTE) in Milwaukee: ReDonna Rodgers, Founder and Executive Director

Community Assessment-recap

Opportunities:

- Stimulus projects (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act-ARRA)
- Unbundling
 - Main sublets
 - Stand along projects
- Right of way
- Real Estate
- Relationships/Networks
- Partnerships : WisDOT/Consultant/ Community
- WisDOT offers a variety of training and workshop opportunities
- Contract Administration quality control and quality insurance
- Safety Owner Controlled Insurance Programs (OCIP) on Mega Projects
- Website (interactive resource tool)
- Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting (DBE)
- Contractor's Workshop (understanding the industry and the culture of the industry).

Barriers:

- Transportation (Business)
- Capital:
 - Credit, bonding, and funds to perform work on the project
- Technological Knowledge:
 - Staging of the project
 - Transportation skill sets
- Transportation and government, not for a start up business.
- Skills (strong) both Business and Administration knowledge
- Supply in number (DBE participation) on transportation projects
- ***Important:** Business being able to utilize internet and computer to access business opportunity.
- How to be part of a prime team from a DBE standpoint (relationship), who are you marketing? What is your tool?
- Strategy of unbundling
- Racism
- Participation on projects

**SE Freeways Milwaukee County Urban
DBE Labor Development Subcommittee Meeting**

Co-facilitator: Crystal DuPont

Step 7: Define and Begin Next Steps:

Labor Subcommittee Structure- recap

- Recap Mission, Goals & Objectives, and Tasks
 - The Subcommittee was advised that the purpose of the meeting was to identify barriers and opportunities confronting labor so that in future meetings strategies and best practices could be discussed to remove some of the barriers.
 - Subcommittee members were given handouts on Strategies used for expanding labor opportunities on WisDOT mega projects. They were also provided handouts showing the current members of the Subcommittee.
 - Subcommittee members were asked to identify any other individuals who they thought should be included on the roster of members. No additional names were provided by the members in attendance.

Community Assessment-recap

Opportunities:

- Mega projects creates opportunities for labor in various trade classifications
- Increased opportunities will result in economic development for community
- Opportunities for training of new labor
- Opportunities for training as apprentices

Barriers:

- Driver License suspension or having no drivers' license poses problems for potential applicants looking to get into the trades
- Few individuals helped through Driver's License Recovery program
- Current practice by TrANS Program of accepting only those applicants with less than 5 points assessed on their driver's license
- Transportation problems for laborers with suspended/revoked or no driver's license
- Problems with child care
- Limited monitoring of contractors to ensure that union dues are paid timely
- Laid off employees are given preference over new hires which limits opportunities for new hires
- Limited ability to monitor non union contractors to ensure that they are paying fringe benefits to their employees

- ❖ Sub-committee members were very enthusiastic to discuss strategies for removal of barriers. They were informed that future meetings would be devoted to discussing strategies and best practices.

Crystal DuPont/Kimberly Stephenson -WisDOT: Crystal and Kimberly reviewed logistics for the upcoming meeting.

Monthly Meetings: NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 23, 2009

4:30-6:00pm

Updated Location: WisDOT Milwaukee Office

1001 West St. Paul Avenue

Milwaukee, WI 53233

Room: Wisconsin Room (2nd Floor)

Free Parking

ATTENDEES: Dewayne Johnson, Southeast Regional Director, WisDOT; Roberto “Bob” Gutierrez-I-94 NS Corridor Project Director, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT); Donna Brown-Zoo Interchange Study Director-WisDOT; Michele Carter, Civil Rights and Compliance Manager-WisDOT; Crystal DuPont-WisDOT; Kimberly Stephenson-WisDOT; Roman Martinez-WisDOT; Donna Eurick-USDOL; 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, WisDOT; Manojoy Nag-Zoo Interchange Supervisor, WisDOT; Earl Hill-Hill Monuments; Alicia Griffin-Serendipity Communications; Jake Barger-Marketing; Jaya Sharma, 4N Consultants Inc.; Thomas Burse, Buveck Consultants, LLC; Nyesha Turner, City of Milwaukee, DOA: EBE Program; Bruce Spann, Spann & Associates; Gabriel M. Devougas, City of Milwaukee, DOA: EBE Program; Nacarci Feaster, Laborers Local 113.