

Green Line Extension DBE and Workforce Advisory Committee

Held in Person at the Green Line Extension Project Office

[6465 Wayzata Blvd, St Louis Park, MN 55426 \(5th floor\)](#)

Thursday, June 15th, 2023

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE: If you'd like to offer public comment at a virtual meeting, please pre-register by emailing public.info@metc.state.mn.us. Be sure to include "Green Line Extension DBE and Workforce Advisory Committee" as the meeting you would like to offer public comments for.

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to the Co-chair Ashanti Payne at Ashanti.payne@metc.state.mn.us or Co-chair Tyler Bishop at Tyler.Bishop@state.mn.us.

AGENDA [\[Presentation\]](#)

1. **ROLL CALL** - Ashanti - sign in in place of roll call. Attendees online: Tyler Bishop, Liz Ward, Tony O'Brian, Sean Skibbie, Kristi Dore-Contessi
 - a. Experiencing technical difficulties so there are no slides for the Webex meeting.
2. **REVIEW MEETING MINUTES [May 18th, 2023]** Tyler asked Elaine to co-chair the meeting. No changes to meeting minutes.
3. **METRO GREEN LINE EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE**
 - a. **David Davies**
 - i. Public Involvement - 1st round of public construction walking tours. Conducted 5 tours in May. Program these tours between 15 - 20 people and they sign up through website. First come first serve. If have interested parties are happy to do as needed tours.
 - ii. Milestone - Southwest Station bus and waiting facility Ribbon cutting on May 31st.
 - iii. Current phase of work at SW Station - Pile driving is going to wrap up this month and will be another milestone.
 - iv. City West Station and Plaza in Eden Prairie - some newly completed elements. Plaza near the station is almost completed.
 - v. Smetana and Felti Roadway Bridges, Minnetonka - Rail recently installed where people can see the progress.
 - vi. Minnetonka Hopkins LRT Bridge – Rail installation in Minnetonka and going into the Hopkins areas.
 - vii. Shady Oak Station, Hopkins - more station work including fencing and platform.
 - viii. Blake road station - Hopkins – Roof work being done. Not as far advanced as some of the others but still progressing.
 - ix. Freight rail milestone: Southerly Connector at Louisiana Ave Station is almost ready to go.
 - x. St Louis Park - Wooddale Ave closed for a month to complete LRT crossing and utility work.
 - xi. Beltline recently completed similar crossing work. It was closed for about a month and is now open to the public.
 - xii. Minneapolis West Lake Street Station: Vertical construction being done.
 - xiii. Kenilworth LRT Tunnel - preparing for excavation and LRT Tunnel east and west.

- xiv. View of existing pedestrian/trail connection for the tunnel showing recent waterproofing installation over top along with tunnel walls and ceiling construction within the tunnel itself.
- xv. Cedar Lake Channel Trail Bridge is currently closed to recreational traffic. Third of 3 bridges being constructed. Pouring concrete for the bridge and walls completed and represents the work involved and project commitment to the environment.
- xvi. Bryn Mawr Station – structural steel being erected. Elevator and tower for trust bridge going up and another will be done.
- xvii. Basset Creek Valley Station – steel erections going up.
- xviii. Glenwood Ave LRT and Roadway Bridges - Glenwood opening later this year. Concrete work being completed and hoping to get public out to see before the bridge opens because it is a unique site.
- xix. Concrete pour at 5th Ave/7th Street bridge.
- xx. Ashanti: Any questions
 - 1. Elaine Valdez: is Glenwood ever going to be reopened?
 - 2. David Davies: Yes, it will open later this year.
 - 3. Ashanti Payne: Has vandalism been an issue?
 - 4. Nic Dial: Yes, with Graffiti in the city in the suburbs it is sporadic. Working on getting the graffiti as timely as possible.

4. CONSENT BUSINESS

a. Ashanti: Questions on DBE Reports

- I. Barb Lau: Concerns with reports showing red on contracts with DBEs as a deduction. Looks like a deducted change order for small businesses and has concerns how it is impacting small businesses.
- II. Christa: LMJV working closely with Blackstone. It is a work in progress.
- III. Nic: The reports don't reflect the work because it is more at the end of the project. It is a reporting issue versus a deduction. Working with LMJV on ensuring reports are correct.
- IV. Ashanti: One of the goals is to get clarification on reporting and accountability.
- V. Barb: Update the reporting in the columns to show gender first and then ethnicity.

b. Elaine: Motions to review the DBE achievement and workforce reports as a group once per quarter.

- I. Christa seconds the motion.
- II. Ashanti: The committee can move forward with the recommendation.
- III. Jon: People are always welcome people to ask questions on consent items.

c. April DBE Achievement [[DBE Reports](#)] Jon Tao

- I. Exceeding participation goals, as of April 30th, for both civil and systems contract
- II. Achievement over time has plateaued but recently have seen increases in participation.
- III. When looking at contracts as a whole it is up \$55 million.
- IV. 5% increase for Minnesota DBEs vs DBEs from other states.

d. April Workforce Participation [[Workforce Reports](#)] - Elaine Valdez

- I. Elaine presents workforce participation.

5. NON-CONSENT BUSINESS

a. Civil Updates - Christ Seaberg:

- I. Christa working with subs on a project close out process.
- II. There are DBE increases and not from just change orders.
- III. Bi-weekly internal review of DBE financial reports to support DBEs
- IV. Planning a DBE Meeting and Networking event in August or September.

- V. Monthly DBE review meetings to review BCE status on the project.
- VI. Elaine: Recommend adding a column to the DBE Achievement Update slide to describe the increase.
- VII. Celebrating the project is above industry standards for workforce. Iron workers, carpenters, laborers continue to increase in participation. Laborers for POCI over 30%.
- VIII. Ashanti: The licensed trades have a lot of representation, but the percentage is low with POCI and women.
- IX. Christa: need to have dedicated programs to increase participation and ensure the safety and knowledge of the work being done. Will email total companies' breakdown to everyone.

b. Systems Updates - Mike Toney

- I. Mock interviews at Summit on June 30th
- II. Stonebrook Fence fully executed contract.
- III. Fiber Optics installation in July/August
- IV. Breakdown in workforce – will put in a spreadsheet and email it out.
- V. Jon: It would be helpful if a slide in included to share with committee members.
- VI. Elaine: Aldridge did an Electrical training to a diverse audience at Summit Academy. MNDOLI has approved pre-apprentice training for electrical workers with several companies.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS - Ashanti

- a. Ashanti: National Initiative called Equity in Infrastructure. Public and private agencies have signed on to the pledge with MNDOT being one of them. Call to action for contractors to get involved.
 - I. Sean: There are a lot of equity initiatives coming out of USDOT. Signed the pledge and 13 DOTs that have signed onto it. Another program is Justice 40 – 40% of the project should go to disadvantaged communities in proximity of that project.
 - II. Elaine: Will this be discussed at the next DBE and Workforce Collaborative meeting?
 - III. Sean: Will have to petition to get on the agenda to give a more comprehensive update.

7. PUBLIC INVITATION

Invitation for interested people to address the advisory committee. Each speaker is limited to a three- minute presentation. Speakers must pre-register as you sign in for meeting attendance at the beginning of the in-person meeting.

- a. Ashanti – no one signed up for public comment.



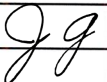

8. ADJOURN - Ashanti

Next Scheduled Meeting: July 20th, 2023, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm will be held virtually online.

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Initials	Last Name	First Name	Title	Organization/Agency Name
	McConnell	Dan	Business Manager	Mpls. Building and Construction Trades Council
	Merritt	Alex	VP, Program Operations	Twin Cities RISE
	Pratt	Noah	Union Business Rep	North Central States Region Council Carpenters
	O'Connell	Sam	Director of Community Relations	Metropolitan Council
	O'Brien	Tony	Director of Academy Programs	Summit OIC
	Odonkor	Gilbert	Manager of Construction Procurement	Hennepin County Purchasing and Contracts
	Olson	Sheila	Chief Services and Programs Officer	Goodwill Easter Seals
	O'Phelan	John	CHC Program Manager	Ramsey County Solutions
<i>Red</i>	Payne	Ashanti	Assistant Director	Metropolitan Council
	Pomplun	Joo Hee	Executive Director	The Alliance
	Roy	Trevor	Sr. Communications Specialist	Southwest Project Office
<i>CNS</i>	Seaberg	Christa	Project EEO/ Diversity Representative	Lunda/CS McCrossan Joint Venture
	Skibbie	Sean	Director of Office of Civil Rights	MNDOT
	Smith	Marvin	President	National Association of Minority Contractors
	Sterry	Jesten	Project Manager	LMJV
<i>JVT</i>	Tao	Jon	LRT DBE Specialist	Southwest Project Office
	Thao	William	Program Coordinator, OEEO	Metropolitan Council
	Tintes	Jason	Systems Engineer - IS	Metropolitan Council
<i>WLT</i>	Toney	Michael	EEO Officer	APJV
<i>EFC</i>	Valadez	Elaine	Equity and Inclusion Officer	MN Dept. of Human Rights
	Woyee	Leslie	Contract Compliance Officer II	City of Mpls. - Contract Compliance
	Zelle	Charlie	Chair	Metropolitan Council

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	Alexander	Jim	Project Director	Southwest Project Office
	Ampadu	Eric	Senior Contract Service Analyst	Hennepin County
	Bell	Mark	Project Manager	APJV
	Bishop	Tyler	Equity & Inclusion Supervisor	Mn Dept. of Human Rights
	Bogie	Mary	Regional Administrator	Metropolitan Council
	Brekke	Julie	Executive Director	HIRED
	Bronson	Christine	Sr. Dir. Of Services and Programs	Goodwill Easter Seals
	Brown	Maura	Representative	Hire MN
	Burns	Johnnie	Director of Contract Compliance	City of Mpls. - Contract Compliance
	Davies	David	Community Outreach Coordinator	Southwest Project Office
	Dial	Nick	Assistant Director of Construction	Southwest Project Office
	Dore-Contacessi	Kristi	Assistant Project Manager	APJV
	Engstrom	Eric	Union Business Rep	Local 563 - Laborers
	Even	Dale	Professional Engineer	Lunda/CS McCrossan Joint Venture
	Ginis	Sophia	Manager Public Involvement	Southwest Project Office
	Givens	Derrick	Union Business Rep	IBEW 292 - Electricians
	Gold	Catherine	Hennepin County Lead	Hennepin County
	Guglielmo	Julie Ann	Small Business Specialist	Metropolitan Council
	Hinton	Chris	Construction Program Manager	Summit OIC
	Hollick	Joan	Director of Transit Systems Development	Southwest Project Office
	Jordan	Cyrenthia	Director of Office of Equal Opportunity	Metropolitan Council
	Klem	John	Associate Director	HIRED
	Koski	Aaron	Sr. Manager - Workforce Development	Metropolitan Council
	Kron	Kendra	AWC President	Association of Women Contractors
	Lau	Barb	Executive Director	Association of Women Contractors
	Lucero	Rebecca	Commissioner	Mn Dept. of Human Rights
	Lucio	Brianne	Equity and Inclusion Officer	Mn Dept. of Human Rights
	Martagon	Rick	Director of BSC	Minneapolis Building & Construction Trades Council