

Green Line Extension DBE and Workforce Advisory Committee
Held in Person at the Green Line Extension Project Office and Streamed Live
Thursday, April 24th, 2025
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

- a. Attendees: Barb Lau, Tyler Bishop, Brian Bee, Tyronne Carter, Christa Seaburg, Connie Doman, Dan McConnell, Nicholas Dial, Mike Toney, James Mockovciak, Elaine Valdez, Nicholas Dial, Gilbert Odonkor, Kristi Contacessi, Ashanti Payne, Sean Skibbie, Jon Tao, Julie Ann Guglielmo, Rick Martagon

2. REVIEW MEETING MINUTES [February 20th, 2025]

3. METRO GREEN LINE EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE

- a. Pedestrian Walkway in the west portal of the Kenilworth LRT Tunnel in Mpls.
- b. Waterproofing installation at the Kenilworth LRT Tunnel
- c. Final structural concrete pour at the Kenilworth Tunnel
- d. Backfill and wailer removal operations at the Kenilworth Tunnel
- e. OCS final wore hanger clipping at Opus Station

4. CONSENT BUSINESS

- a. DBE Achievement [DBE Reports as of February 28, 2025]
 - i. HRSF is still under goal but following through with their commitment
 - ii. Civil and Systems progressing well and will share timelines during their update

5. NON-CONSENT BUSINESS: CONTRACTOR UPDATES

- a. Civil Updates
 - i. DBEs onsite – E&J Rebar, Gunnar Electric, MBE, PWS, Reiner, Stonebrook, Safety Signs, All Phase
 - ii. DBE completion tracking report has not changed since January 2025 and won't see any updates till July this year.
 - iii. Workforce
 - 1. Total Hours: just under 4M hours
 - 2. 19% POCI and 6% Female – Total to date
 - 3. Month of March – POCI 28% and 2.50% Female participation

4. 6 trades exceeding Workforce goal of 32%
5. Activities are very strong:
 - a. Women in Construction Rosie's and Robbie's Roundtable
 - b. Laborers Annual Career Fair
 - i. Over 500 attended
 - ii. Hired 3 with 1 going to be on the Light Rail Project
 - c. Diverse Perspective Training
 - i. Talk Save Lives (suicide prevention)
 - d. Building Strong Communities
 - i. Mock Interviews
 - e. Workforce Leadership Council
 - f. Training Introduction for Hennepin/Carver County Workforce Board
 - g. Annual Bridge Tomorrow Event
 - i. Junior Achievement & South H.S. Presentation
- iv. Most contractors will have their work completed by or before November
- v. Workforce Outreach will continue which includes education, retention, advocacy and participation of the team.
- b. Systems Updates
 - i. No significant changes in crew size. Plan to hold at 8,000 Craft Labor Hours per month through 2025
 - ii. Participated in mock interviews at Summit Academy, Jr Achievement Outreach
 - iii. Workforce: Feb 2025 – 3,703 hours, 11.44% POCI and 6.29% for Female.
 - iv. Elite, Gunnar and Stonebrook Fence onsite in January
- c. HRSF Updates
 - i. DBE projected timeline:
 1. Waterproofing by Experts will be onsite by June 3rd
 2. M3Sisty – supply delivery by June 30th
 3. AW Painting - November 2025
 - ii. Have not been on site due to waiting on steel
 - iii. Workforce: 15% POCI and 6% female participation
 - iv. Zero subs on site Feb and March
 - v. No new work since December 23
 - vi. Pour Footings on May 1st
 - vii. Barb Lau asked about tariffs and increasing steel prices and how this is impacting the businesses and this part of the project. Connie will check with the Project Manager and get back to Barb regarding this.
6. Committee Discussion
 - a. Dr Carter requested if there is a summer event calendar for the various activities that are happening on the project to lend support and attend the events as time permits
 - i. Tyrone Carter will be included in the distribution list when events are happening
 - ii. Try to figure out how to put together a calendar of ongoing events

- b. Barb brought concerns regarding the increase in steel and how Small Business will not be able to stock steel without additional costs as prices continue to increase.
- c. MNDOT has a resource/video pertaining to tariffs for small businesses. Sean Skibbie to check who shared the information and will send it out to Barb Lau.
- d. Dan recognizes the contractor's DBE achievements that wasn't highlighted at the Feb. meeting.
- e. LMJV will continue their reporting as is, without any changes or updates. Ashanti will follow-up with LMJV.
- f. APJV supplied Pay App 41 information as requested and Jon confirmed he received it

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. 11th Annual Construction Crew Career Fair on Tuesday, April 29th from 8am – 11am at the laborers building in Minneapolis.
- b. Building Strong Communities (BSC) will conclude 2025 Cohort. 112 people completed 12 weeks of training and will be available to go into the construction industry. Contact Rick Martagon for hiring needs.
 - i. Best way to promote and celebrate is to get the candidates placed within an organization. Need to get them in front of the contractors and exposure to contractors for hire/apprentice programs.
 - ii. Lunda has been talking with 4 potential hires from BSC.
 - iii. Encourage females to apply for scholarships at AWC. AWC looking for candidates. Send people to AWC website to apply.

8. 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.

No one signed up for public comments.

9. ADJOURN

Next Scheduled Meeting: June 26th, 2025, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm will be held in person at the Green Line Extension Project Office
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