

GLE DBE and Workforce Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 16, 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.

1. **Roll Call** – Cyrenthia Jordan, Tyler Bishop, Eric Ampadu, Julie Brekke, Maura Brown, David Davies, Nick Dial, Kristi Dore-Contacessi, Julieann Guglielmo, Barb Lau, Dan McConnel, Alex Merritt, Gilbert Odonkor, Sheila Olson, Christa Seaberg, Sean Skibbie, Jesten Sterry, Jon Tao, William Thao, Jason Tintes, Michael Toney, Elaine Valadez.
2. **Review of January 2023 Meeting Minutes**
 - No one had any changes regarding the January 2023 minutes.
3. **GLE Project Update**
 - David Davies provided the group with project updates regarding the following:
 - i. Blake Road: Active with electrical roughing
 - ii. Continue work at Louisiana Ave Station
 - iii. Kenilworth LRT Tunnel – Secant installation
 - iv. Basset Creek Valley – A lot of progress in the ventricular circulation
 - v. System Contract Work:
 1. OCS poll installation. Serves as progress for public to see.
 2. TPSS (Traction Power Substation): Join work with Excel Energy near Southwest Station
 - vi. Will be rolling out 2023 construction activities in the spring. Will be doing townhall and virtual meetings for the public to gather and learn more about construction in April of 2023.
4. **Joint Venture Project Updates**
 - Christa Seaberg:
 - i. National Annual Women Construction Week upcoming next month. March 6th – March 11th is the week of the Light Rail Project celebration.
 1. March 7th. Second annual network expo. This is a free event in the afternoon. Many businesses attending such as Construct Tomorrow to Building Strong Communities.

2. Roundtable Event: The focus this year will be on mental health related discussion.
- Civil project Workforce Development Upcoming Actions.
 - i. May 4th at Dunwoody. Will be focused on providing student and adult community members a better understanding of trade careers.
 - Aldridge-Parsons System Updates:
 - i. Mike Toney:
 1. Dionne Construction – DBE Subcontractor Replaced
 2. AirFresh-Purchased by Non-DBE Firm
 3. APJV and Premier Electric Participated in Mock interviews at Summit Academy on Friday, January 27th
 4. APJV is working with Civil Team and Dunwoody College May 4th at the Rocking the Rails event.
- 5. Committee Discussion**
- Tyler Bishop:
 - i. The subcommittee discussion should not be called subcommittees as it does not just focused on the Metro Green Line Extension, but other future projects as well. The purpose of this other group is to address other things beyond the light rail such as overcoming common problems/barriers that might occur for future projects.
- 6. Discussion of Meeting locations and Charter**
- Tyler: MDHR is offering their space in Fairview to meet in person after the Federal removal of COVID guidance.
- 7. Announcements**
- Cyrenthia Jordan:
 - i. Two new members were added to the committee.
 1. Derek Givens of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 292.
 2. Noah Pratt of the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters.
 - Julie Brekke: March 23, 2023 from 8:30 am – 10 am. Hosting an event on increasing best practices for hiring BiPOC and or Women in the construction industry. Room capacity is 70 and have 30 signed up so far.
 - Sean Skibbie: Included a link about a training program that MNDOT is offering. Please find the link below in the chat transcription.
 - Gilbert Odonkor: Elevate Construction Program at Hennepin County. Allows any small business that resides in Hennepin County to apply and provides them access to consultant works for up to 25 hours 1:1. The services will include legal, project management, and legal aid for understanding contract, etc.

8. Public Invitation

- Jon Tao – there were no requests received as of noon 2/16/23.

9. Adjourn

- Elaine Valadez motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Gilbert.

Conversations from the Chat

from Julie Brekke to Everyone

14:33

Hello all, just transitioning from phone to WebEx.

from Alex Merritt to Everyone

14:35

How does a CBO get invited to have a booth?

from Alex Merritt to Everyone

14:36

Yay!!

from Julie Brekke to Everyone

14:37

Hi Christa! I know Catrice O'Neal at Brooklynk will be interested in learning more.

Catrice.ONeal@brooklynk.works

from Christa Seaberg to Everyone

14:44

LMJV agrees with APJV on in person meetings

from Christa Seaberg to Everyone

14:59

Bridging Barriers

from Christa Seaberg to Everyone

14:59

Welcome Sean & congrats!

from Christa Seaberg to Everyone

15:02

Participation will be dependent on day/time and conflation with other current requirements for project

from Sean Skibbie to Everyone

15:06

Thank you Christa.

from Sean Skibbie to Everyone

15:06

Is there an option to have a hybrid format?

from Elaine Valadez to Everyone

15:07

Sean, DWAC voted to have in-person meetings for the quarterly meetings and virtual for the other meetings.

from Sean Skibbie to Everyone

15:08

Thanks.

from Sean Skibbie to Everyone

15:15

<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/civilrights/workforce-training-programs.html>

from Elaine Valadez to Everyone
15:16

Thank you Sean.

from gilbert ODKOR to Everyone
15:21

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from Alex Merritt to Everyone
15:24

I was thinking that this may be an accessibility challenge

from Alex Merritt to Everyone
15:28

I am asking who is having success with public invitation/engagement so maybe we can borrow best practices.

from Julie Brekke to Everyone
15:28

^ great question, Alex.

from Alex Merritt to Everyone
15:30

Can we the meeting to a public library and then discuss

from Elaine Valadez to Everyone
15:33

We could rotate meetings between the Heywood location, MDHR, and the Met Council Project Office. All of these locations are accessible and closer to the community groups.

from Christa Seaberg to Everyone
15:36

Thanks Cy!

from Tyler Bishop to Everyone
15:38

Julie also had her hand up for after Elaine

from Alex Merritt to Everyone
15:44

Great point

from jستن.sterry to Everyone
15:44

agree with Barb - you will not see an influx of attendance from the public.

from Julie Brekke to Everyone
15:47

Sounds good, Cy. I think it would be good to share Barb's point on where we are in the execution of the project, which is likely reflected in the lack of engagement.

from Julie Brekke to Everyone
15:47

...share with the Special Projects Team...

from Elaine Valadez to Everyone
15:54

So if LMJV's work is winding down and ending, why is the project extended 3 years?

from Christa Seaberg to Everyone

15:57

The LMJV will be hosting a Transportation Industry Round Table regarding the struggles of retaining =
watch for this in the first half of this year

from Barb Lau to Everyone

15:59

Bye everyone.

from Christa Seaberg to Everyone

15:59

Ciao!!!

from Julie Brekke to Everyone

15:59

Thanks; I need to transition to a 4:00 meeting.