

Green Line Extension DBE and Workforce Advisory Committee
Held Virtually Online and Streamed Live
Thursday, August 17th, 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**
- 2. REVIEW MEETING MINUTES [July 20th, 2023]** – No changes were made
- 3. METRO GREEN LINE EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE**
 - a. Nick Dial**
 - i. Vertical circulation foundation at west lake street station
 - ii. Kenilworth tunnel – completing the struts and whaler
 - iii. Cedar lake parkway open to traffic
 - iv. TPSS 301 traction power feeder cable pulling
 - v. Golden triangle interlocking wayside signal equipment installation
 - vi. Highway 62 dry standpipe installation
 - vii. OCS poles and arms being installed in Hopkins in segment 9
 - viii. The Hopkins rail support facility will be used by signals, communications, track, and traction power. The facility will function as an extension of the current Minneapolis rail support facility
- 4. CONSENT BUSINESS**
 - a. Workforce Participation [Workforce Reports as of June 2023]**
 - i. Sean Skibbie – How are the numbers trending and any trades to focus on?
 1. Christa Seaberg – next slides will provide more detail on trends and particular trades to focus on
- 5. NON-CONSENT BUSINESS: CONTRACTOR UPDATES**
 - a. Civil Updates**
 - i. Christa
 1. Working on having a DBE closeout meeting for the project that will have 1:1 meetings following reports of those DBE

2. Working on meeting with the Metropolitan Council on a monthly basis to keep moving forward
3. Looking forward to October for the Construction Inclusion week in which one of the day is dedicated to work with small businesses. Will be planning an event or social media blast about the DBE on the light rail project
4. Will provide a breakdown of the participant's hours, not people, but hours of trades. POI in laborers were recorded at 39% which is above the 32% goal
5. IN/OUT breakdown: July was low and that is typical
6. Volunteered at the MN Trades Academy Career Day @ Junior Achievement. It is an 8 weeklong program and had 42 students from the Minneapolis, Saint Paul, etc. school district to participate this year

b. Systems Updates**i. Mike Toney**

1. In September 15, APJV and Premier Electric will participate in mock interviews
2. Volunteering at MN Trades Academy Career Day on August 7
3. Most of the hours were electrical and engineers. Hitting the goal of 31%
4. The DBE subcontractor that worked in June are Gunnar Electric, Safety signs, etc.

c. DBE Commercially Useful Function Site Visits**i. Ashanti Payne:** Had two interns that worked on the Commercially useful function site**ii. Rhana Elhassan:**

1. Conducted virtual and onsite visit. The visits were an hour long each and after returning, provided follow up to the constructor workers
2. Construction site visit – Talked to TI trucking stone brook, E+J Erectors, etc. contractors and did over 30 meetings
3. Key takeaways were to see that equity programs do create real and positive impact to the community. Understood the work and policy that occurred in real time

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ashanti:** Presented DBE progress to FTA this week. Many counties commissioner and mayor had questions on workforce and you can view those meetings on YouTube and through the Council's external website at MetroCouncil.Org

7. PUBLIC INVITATION

- There was no request from the public to speak today

8. ADJOURN

- a. Motioned: Sean Skibbie**

- b. Seconded: Elaine Valadez**

Next Scheduled Meeting: September 21st, 2023, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm will be held in person at the Green Line Extension Project Office
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