

Southwest LRT DBE and Workforce Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 21, 2022

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

[\[Handouts\]](#) [\[Presentation\]](#)

1. **ATTENDEES** – Ashanti Payne, Jon Tao, Scott Beutel, Elaine Valadez, Gilbert Odonkor, Kendra Kron, Marvin Smith, Sheila Olson, Julie Brekke, Tony O’Brien, Alex Merritt, Maura Brown, John O’Phelan, Sheila Kauppi, Thomas Scott, Nic Dial, David Davies, Brianne Lucio, Dale Even, Christa Seaburg, Katy Maus, Michael Toney, Chris Gannon, Monica Robinson, Eli Brandenburg
2. **BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES UPDATE (Slides 3-5)**
 - a. Thomas shares that there are currently 43 BSC participants for 2022. 81% are Women, BIPOC, and Veterans.
 - b. Thomas shares that they have the participation of 15 trade unions in BSC.
 - c. They are currently in the process of 8 weeks of virtual training, including construction management and supervision. They also just wrapped up 4 weeks of emotional intelligence training with Twin Cities RISE.
 - d. Thomas shares some more information on what the cohort will be going through during their training at BSC.
3. **GREEN LINE EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE By David Davies and Nic Dial (Slides 6-16)**
 - a. Nic shares information on the change order they signed with LMJV in March.
 - b. Nic shares that the settlement agreement adds 34 and a half months. The new Civil construction completion date will be September 18th 2025.
 - c. Nic shares information on the dispute resolution process.
 - d. Nic shares the revised preliminary cost and revenue date, which is \$2.65-\$2.75 Billion and RSD in 2027.
 - e. Nic shares some updates on various sections of the project. This includes Noise and Retaining Wall Construction in Minnetonka, Blake Road Pedestrian Underpass in Hopkins, and others.
 - i. Question: Does the council have a plan for fuel escalation on the project? And if yes, does that include trucking?
 - ii. Nic says that they fuel escalation after 2021 should be negotiated with the contractor.
4. **DBE ACHEIVEMNT REPORTING**
 - a. **DBE Progress Reports by Ashanti Payne (Slides 17-18)**
 - i. Ashanti shares the DBE achievement as of November 30, 2021. Total DBE% to date across all contracts are at 20.2% out of the 15% goal. Progress is good according to Ashanti regarding DBE achievement progress.
 - b. **Civil: LMJV DBE Activities by Christa Seaberg (Slides 19-22)**

- i. Christa shares LMJV's list of upcoming DBE participation for the month of March.
- ii. Christa shares their DBE Highlight of the Month, which was Boys Water Products. They are a 2nd tier subcontractor/ supplier under Minger Construction. Their total contract to date is \$900,000 with an estimated completion date of Summer '24.
- iii. Christa shares LMJVs DBE outreach/ GFE efforts for March 2022.
- iv. Christa shares LMJV's update on change orders, which was approved at \$210,850,954 and DBE job-to-date participation is at 20.46%.
 1. Question: Gilbert Odonkor asks if the 20.46% DBE participation related to just the change orders or the participation on the project overall?
 2. Christa says it is the entire project including the change orders.
 3. Question: Gilbert also asks if the settlement agreement between LMJV and the Metropolitan Council, where do the DBEs fall in terms of change orders and impacts to their business.
 4. Christa says in regards to legalities there should not be a great impact, but in regards to the LMKV and their subcontractors, you should see an increase, because the growth of the monetary amount include work being done by some DBE contractors.

c. Systems: APJV DBE Activities by Chris Gannon and Mike Toney (Slides 23-25)

- i. Chris shares with the settlement with LMJV, the start of their access has been impacted and moved mostly to 2023.
- ii. Chris shares APJV's one month look ahead, which includes Material storage buildout in Golden Valley, delivery of TPSS to the Golden Valley Warehouse, and work with Gunnar Electric and Public Solutions at Wooddale Avenue Station.
- iii. Chris shares APJV's update on change orders, which are approved thru 3/1/22 at \$12,067,611 and DBE job-to-date participation is at 17.2%.
 1. Question: Gilbert Odonkor asks what their process is regarding change order approval?
 2. Chris says there is additional change orders that have DBE participation, and they are working through them with the council. They have been good in terms of timeliness for getting change orders approved by the council and sent through to their subcontractors.

5. WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION REPORTING

d. Workforce Participation Reports by Elaine Valadez (Slides 26-32)

- i. Elaine shares the Civil workforce participation percentages. They are sitting at 28,623 hours for the month of February, with 1,923,252 total hours. To date, women are at 8.19% and POCI are at 23.34%. Overall, 0.64% are unspecified.
- ii. Elaine shares the breakdown of workforce participation hours by ethnicity/gender for Civil.

- iii. Elaine shares the Civil Workforce Trucking Participation hours where MBE is at 26,639 hours, ZTS is at 4,372 hours, and Rock-On Trucks is at 1,375 hours.
- iv. Elaine shares the Systems Workforce participation percentage. They are sitting at 120 hours for the month of February, with 2,911 total hours. To date, women are at 10.96%. and POCl are at 13.95%.
- v. Elaine shares the breakdown of workforce participation by ethnicity/Gender for Systems.
- vi. Elaine shares the Franklin O&M participation percentage. They are sitting at 44 hours for the month of February, with a total of 112,305 Hours. To date, woman are at 8.89% for women and 23.21 % for POCl. They have 4.59% unspecified.
- vii. Elaine shares the breakdown of workforce participation by ethnicity/gender for Franklin O&M.

e. Civil: LMJV Workforce Activities by Christa Seaberg (Slides 33-39)

- i. Christa shares LMJV's workforce activities for the month of April. This includes monthly SWLRT meetings, continual update meetings with LMJV representatives & Lunda field operations on upcoming hiring needs, and much more.
- ii. Christa shares LMJV's workforce activities for the month of March. This included Meeting with MDHR, annual superintendent training, WIC Week, and much more.
- iii. Christa shares some photos from some workforce activities.

f. Systems: APJV Workforce Activities by Mike Toney (Slides 40-41)

- i. Mike shares System's contract workforce activities. This includes the following to meet their workforce goal: APJV limited scopes available for craft labor through 2022, participating in Mock interviews at Summit Academy, and participating in BSC's "Talk with Trades" outreach event on March 29th with LMJV team.

6. Discussion: Meeting In-Person vs Virtual (Slides 42-43)

- a. Ashanti shares that we can meet in person now that the council has moved to in-person public meetings starting April 25th.
- b. Ashanti shares that there have been internal discussions with the regional administrator and OGC and one of the things that has been made evident is that this committee is not subject to the open meeting laws that govern the council and standard committee meetings. Which means we can choose to remain virtual or go in person.
- c. Ashanti opens up the discussion with a goal of having a vote by the committee to decide how the committee moves forward.
- d. Question: Alex asks if there is any consideration to having hybrid meetings for Quarterly meetings, and staying virtual for the rest of the meetings?
- e. Ashanti says they have not received guidance but that it is on the table.
- f. Scott says Human Rights could potentially host future in-person meetings.

