

Green Line Extension DBE and Workforce Advisory Committee
Held Virtually Online and Streamed Live
Thursday, May 18th, 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 – Elaine Valadez** did the roll call
- 2. REVIEW MEETING MINUTES [April 20, 2023]**
 - a. **Elaine:** No changes were made at the time.
- 3. Building Strong Communities Update:**
 - a. **Rick Martagon:**
 - i. Shared about the Building Strong Communities Program outcome.
 - ii. 482 applicants to the program. Had 86 committed to the program and 62 graduated. Had folks from Rochester, Duluth, and the Twin Cities that made the program diverse. Over half are working in the trade that they have chosen.
 - iii. **Ashanti:** Was this year a better year in recruiting?
 1. Yes. Last year was around 42 in terms of total participation. 72% is a great number for completing the program and the people are going into the career opportunities in high paying position.
- 4. METRO GREEN LINE EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE**
 - a. **David Davies:**
 - i. West lake Street: Working on the station itself and starting to see the platform extend to the bridge.
 - ii. Kenilworth Tunnel: Took the public on a tour. Continuing construction and getting the public as close as possible in a safe way to get a direct understanding of what is going on.
 - iii. WPA Wall Reconstruction: Completed the Works Progress Administration Historic Retaining wall that connects back to the project's environmental commitment
 - iv. Cedar Lake Channel: Continues to be under construction. Hopes to reopen Cedar Lake channel this summer to early fall.
 - v. Pedestrian Bridge: Retaining wall construction on-going, vertical circulation building elevator tower being constructed.

- vi. Glenwood Avenue Bridge: There is a real progress on this project. Hoping to have this open later this year and will represent a significant milestone to reconnect north Minneapolis to the West and downtown.
- vii. 5th Avenue/7th Street: Can drive under this work now.
- viii. Overhead Contact System: Can see the progress by seeing the installation of the catenary system overhead.

5. JOINT VENTURE PROJECT UPDATES:

a. Civil Updates

- i. **Elaine:** Christa Seaberg will be sharing the hires and retention broken down by gender and ethnicity and by month starting this month.
- ii. **Christa Seaberg:**
 - 1. Will be showing each month of hires and voluntary leave starting this month.
 - 2. **Jon Tao:** See the new hire and there are four of them. What trades are they from?
 - a. It is unclear right now, but moving forward, will provide a detailed report to show the trades they are in
 - 3. **Elaine:** You mentioned that there are a lot of transfers out, where are they listed?
 - a. At the bottom where it said, "Out Report" and in the "Transfer" category
 - 4. Rockin' The Rails: Everyone was talking about when the next one would start and had about 178 people. 9 unions were present, 87 completed exit surveys, 10 contractors were there, and 7 community-based organizations to interact with the community and had over 100 volunteers.
 - 5. Moving forward, will be meeting twice a month to review any change order that has DBE participation.
 - 6. Will be working with Elaine in the Department of Human Rights regarding a project close out.
 - 7. Also doing project tour and presentation that includes union and community organizations.
 - 8. Will be hosting third subcontractor/CBO mixer lunch

b. Systems Updates

i. Mike Toney:

- 1. APJV and Gunnar Electric set Four Traction Power Sub Stations and Two Signal Houses during the second week of April.
- 2. Will participate in in Summit Academy in June to help with Mock Interviews.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Bench Program by Antonio Elias from Met Council

- i. **Antonio Elias** (Manager of the Engagement and Development Unit (EDU) at the Council):

1. Bench Program:

- a. Is a program of certified MCUB(s) in which Prime Firms can access to contract in the following areas of landscaping, etc.
- b. EDU will assist prime firms in their selection process. Provides feedback to stakeholders involved on how to better and expand the program.
- c. To qualify:
 - i. Be a MCUB Business in the areas of landscaping, building services, or snow removal.
 - ii. EDU will determine a pre-approval selection.
 - iii. Once chosen, the business will be entered into the system for prime firms to contact them directly.
- d. **Milestone goals:**
 - i. Have certified small business received opportunities to sub-contracts.
 - ii. Accomplished the implementation stage of the MCBP program in which to develop trainings to prepare small business to compete for master contracts.
 - iii. Envision opening and expanding MCUB services and contracts.
- e. **Elaine:** What is the difference between MCUB and DBE?
 - i. MCUB is with the Council and can be both DBE and MCUB. There is not much difference between the two.
 - ii. **Ashanti:** MCUB does not require a separate certification. If you are Minnesota based and certified as a DBE, automatically enrolled into the MCUB program. If you are in the state program targeted group, Women Owned, BIPOC owned, you are automatically enrolled into the MCUB program.
 - ii. **Ashanti:** Would like to promote the Blue Line Extension project that is starting up next month. More information is on the flyer that are in the handouts. Please share that flyer with your peers.
 - iii. **Ashanti:** Would like to talk a bit about the builder's risk insurances policy program and the rail liability insurance program.
 1. It's a risk insurance policy provided by the contractor that covers damage to property or materials. The Council has purchased a blanket insurance that no longer requires contractor to get it themselves for the "builder" insurance. There is a small fee that you will pay for the "rail" insurance.

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. **Elaine:** We did not have anyone that had signed up.

8. ADJOURN

- a. **Motioned by:** Maura Brown
- b. **Second by:** Elaine Valadez

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: The next meeting on June 15th, 2023, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm will be a hybrid, with participants having the option of attending in person at the Green Line Extension Project Office: 6465 Wayzata Blvd., Ste. 500 (5th Floor), St. Louis Park, MN 55426 or remotely.

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Action Items

Item No.	Item Description	Responsible Party	Date Identified	Date Due	Date Completed	Status	Action Required/ Comments
1	LMJV to share out the company's and remaining subcontractor's diversity: separated into construction trades and administrative staff	LMJV	04-20-23	06-15-23		OPEN	
2	LMJV to share hires/retention: broken out by gender/ethnicity monthly	LMJV	04-20-23	5-18-23		OPEN	
3	MDHR requested LMJV provide their logs to the union halls to date	LMJV	04-20-23			OPEN	

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