

## Southwest LRT DBE and Workforce Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 19, 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 by Thomas Scott (Slides 3-5)**
  - a. Thomas shares a video from Building strong Communities highlighting the current cohort and their experiences over the last 12 weeks.
  - b. Thomas shares that 17 of their 35 graduates have already been placed in Union construction apprenticeships less than 2 weeks after graduation.
3. **GREEN LINE EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE By David Davies and Nic Dial (Slides 6-34)**
  - a. David shares some outreach highlights, such as multigenerational engagement. This includes preschool construction event, Tour of University of Minnesota engineering students, and MnDOT retirees event connected with professionals who have worked on large capital improvement projects.
  - b. David shares progress along various areas of the Green Line extension project, including Eden Prairie, Minnetonka, Hopkins, St. Louis Park, etc.
  - c. David shares progress updates related to the Systems contract.
4. **DBE ACHEIVEMNT REPORTING**
  - a. **DBE Progress Reports by Jon Tao (Slides 35-36)**
    - i. Ashanti shares the DBE achievement as of March 31, 2022. Total DBE % to date across all contracts are at 20.1% out of the 15% goal. Progress is good according to Jon regarding DBE achievement progress. All Contracts are exceeding their goal.
  - b. **Civil: LMJV DBE Activities by Christa Seaberg (Slides 37-22)**
    - i. Christa shares their DBE Highlight of the Month, which was Egan’s DBE Inclusion; they have 12 DBE subcontracting under them.
    - ii. Christa shares LMJV’s update on change orders, which was approved at \$210,850,954 and DBE job-to-date participation is at 19.37%.
  - c. **Systems: APJV DBE Activities by Chris Gannon and Mike Toney (Slides 23-43)**
    - i. Chris shares APJV’s new DBE subcontractor, which is Elite Fiber Optics FE with a \$3.2 million subcontract. They will provide and install Fiber Optic cable.
    - 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 4/1/22 at \$12,137,690 and DBE job-to-date participation is at 17.01%.

## **5. WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION REPORTING**

### **d. Workforce Participation Reports by Elaine Valadez (Slides 44-51)**

- i. Elaine shares the Civil workforce participation percentages. They are sitting at 34,401 hours for the month of March, with 1,961,475 total hours. To date, women are at 8.17% and POCI are at 23.33%. 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 4,388 hours, and Rock-On Trucks is at 1,375 hours.
- iv. Elaine shares the Systems Workforce participation percentage. They are sitting at 140 hours for the month of March, with 3,055 total hours. To date, women are at 10.44%. and POCI are at 13.42%.
- 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 67 hours for the month of March, with a total of 112,456 Hours. To date, woman are at 8.88% for women and 23.68 % for POCI. They have 4.58% 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 52-57)**

- i. Christa shares LMJV's workforce activities for the month of May. This includes monthly Subcontractor meetings, weekly LMJV team meetings, monthly GFE meetings, and regular meetings with Building Strong Communities.
- ii. Christa shares LMJV's workforce highlights for the month of May. This included a project tour, interviewing potential hires, attending the BSC graduation, and more.
- iii. Christa shares that LMJV has hired 3 BSC graduates, and 4 have been hired by project subcontractors.
- iv. Christa shares some photos from LMJV's workforce activities.
- v. Christa shares LMJV's new hires and transfers. This includes 2 transfers, 7 rehires, and 1 new hire.

### **f. Systems: APJV Workforce Activities by Mike Toney (Slides 58-59)**

- i. Mike shares System's contract workforce activities for the month of May. This includes the following to meet their workforce goal: APJV limited scopes available for craft labor through 2022, participating in various meetings and "get togethers" to celebrate "National Safety Week", and continuing to expand their participation with Summit Academy and Building Strong Communities.

**6. LS Black Constructors: Franklin O&M Project Summary by Brian Leitch and Monica Robinson (Slides 60-66)**

- a. Brian shares their DBE summary on the Franklin O&M Project. Through last month of April, they are at 18.99% DBE participation.
- b. Brian shares some lessons learned regarding DBE participation on the Franklin O&M project. This includes discussions on how they will work with DBEs to solidify subcontracts and commitments, and what GFEs worked in terms of the DBE perspective and what did not, etc.
- c. Brian shares some DBE questions and examples.
- d. Brian shares the Workforce summary on the Franklin O&M Project as of 4/30, which is at 21.0% for POCI and 8.9% for women.

**7. ADJOURN**

- a. Ashanti adjourns the meeting at 3:53 PM.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at Hopkins: Green Line EXTENSION Civil Field Office, LMJV Conference Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor); 11400 K-Tel Drive Hopkins, MN