



**ZOO INTERCHANGE STUDY
I-94 NORTH-SOUTH MITCHELL INTERCHANGE PROJECT
MILWAUKEE COUNTY URBAN DBE STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESEARCH PARK-10437 W. INNOVATION DRIVE, SUITE 123
MILWAUKEE, WI 53226**

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2008 5:30P – 7:00P ROOM 114
CHAIR-DEPUTY SECRETARY RUBEN ANTHONY JR., WISDOT**

COMMITTEE:

Dept. Secretary Ruben Anthony Jr.-Committee Chair; Reggie Newson-SE Region, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT); Donna Brown- WISDOT; Carrie Cooper- WISDOT; Patricia Reikowski-WISDOT; Bill Mohr-WISDOT; Tracy Gilliam-WISDOT; Kitty Reed- WISDOT; MANOJOY NAG- WISDOT; Crystal Dupont-WISDOT; Kimberly Stephenson-WISDOT; Roman Martinez-WISDOT; Jaya Sharma-4N Consultants Inc.; Donna Eurick-U.S. DOL; David Poppert-U.S. DOL; Gloria McCutcheon-WISDNR; Bill Stark-FHWA; Frieda Webb-Community Business Development Partners; Jeffrey Mantes-City of Milwaukee DPW; Leslie Jorgenson-Office of State Senator Jim Sullivan.

WELCOME-INTRODUCTIONS

Dept. Secretary Ruben Anthony Jr.-WisDOT, welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced himself to the committee, and requested that the attendees provide introductions. Ruben then gave an overview of the Milwaukee County Urban Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Steering Committee's role and responsibilities. He explained the DBE Strategies initiated on the Marquette Interchange (MChange) Project that have been further developed for current mega projects. Ruben highlighted the MChange Project's success of being completed ahead of schedule and under budget. He clarified that each project's committee may focus on different needs and plans for involvement, and provided an example of the I-94 N/S Corridor Project committee efforts; Racine and Kenosha counties would focus on job creation while Highway 41 Project would focus on business development.

Donna Brown-WisDOT, stated that both the DBE Steering Committee and the DBE Urban Advisory Committee would focus on Milwaukee County efforts. These currently include the Zoo Interchange Study and the I-94 NS Corridor Mitchell Interchange Project. Ruben then announced that Crystal DuPont would lead the efforts for the Zoo Interchange Study and Kimberly Stephenson will lead efforts for the Mitchell Interchange Project.

Crystal DuPont-WisDOT, reviewed the agenda, handouts, and updates concerning the DBE Steering Committee meetings. **Kimberly Stephenson-WisDOT**, provided a review of the previous DBE Advisory Committee meeting held on August 21st, 2008. She also highlighted the exercise used to assist them in understanding the transportation process through the Transportation Mega Program Process Chart (TMPP), and distributed a copy of the I-94 NS Corridor Mitchell Interchange Newsletter.

Bill Mohr-WisDOT, I-94 NS Corridor Mega Project Manager reviewed the I-94 NS newsletter information and answered questions from the committee.

Tracy Gilliam-WisDOT, Zoo Interchange Supervisor, and **Carrie Cooper-WisDOT**, Environmental Planner provided a more detailed explanation of the TMPP chart. Tracy clarified the process to reconstruct or build roadways in the 5 stages depicted within the TMPP chart. Carrie zeroed in on the study phase of the Environmental Analysis (EA)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. Which

is completed on all mega projects. Depending on the impacts either an EA or EIS is completed. The EA is initially used to determine whether a project needs to further proceed to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which fully documents project effects on the quality of the environment. Carrie indicated that both the EA and the EIS considers animals, wetlands, and includes an Environment Justice (EJ) analysis. Carrie also stated that all draft EA and EIS documents outline alternatives and are reviewed for comments during public information meetings (PIM) and the final public hearing. Once the final draft is completed, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reviews all documents for a Record Of Decision (ROD).

Ruben requested Bill Mohr, I-94 NS Project and Tracy Gilliam, Zoo Interchange Study indicate where each effort is to date on the TMPP chart. Tracy stated that the Zoo Interchange Study has held information meetings from January-May 2008. Information on alternatives were presented during a set of PIM's that would be further refined for public input. Bill stated that the Mitchell Interchange Project on the I-94 NS corridor is in the final design stage. He indicated that the Mitchell Interchange Project is a combination of (4) projects including College Avenue, Grange Avenue, 27th Street structures, and the Airport Spur.

Ruben reviewed DBE and Labor strategies, and best practices from the MChange. He stressed that familiarity and reliability are key factors heavily considered during hiring of DBE's by prime contractors. **Kitty Reed-WisDOT**, reviewed the TrANS Program that provides opportunities for outreach, training, case management, retention, and education as well as contractor incentives that employ qualifying DBE's registered with WisDOT. Ruben added that the TrANS Program includes a very diverse group of trainees.

Donna Brown indicated that DBE and Labor strategies would be made available electronically following further refinement. Donna then opened discussions concerning future meeting times. The Committee agreed that future meetings begin at 4:30 p.m. and conclude at 6:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Quarterly Meetings

- Wednesday December 3, 2008 from 4:30-6:00pm
Location:
Milwaukee County Research Park
10437 W. Innovation Drive, Suite 123 (Room 121)
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226