



**Rock County Stakeholder Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday; February 19, 2014; 3:30 – 5 p.m.**  
**Beloit Utilities and Engineering Facilities**

**Meeting Summary**

**Attendees**

Gregory Boysen, Public Works Director, City of Beloit  
Michele Carter, WisDOT DBE Program Chief  
Vincent Fisher, WisDOT, OBOEC  
Sheila DeForest, City Counselor, City of Beloit  
Alicia Griffin, Serendipity Communications, DBE Outreach Coordinator  
Lynn Jones, E&T Community Action, Inc.  
Stan Miliam, Office of Senator Tim Cullen  
Ericka Rebout, Rock Roads  
Debbie Schanke, DWD Bureau of Apprentice Standards (by telephone)  
Kim Schauder, WisDOT Supervisor, I-39/90  
Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator, Rock County

**Topic:** Welcome and Agenda Review

**Action:** None

**Discussion:**

- Announcement of upcoming activities hosted by the DBE Program Office
  - Partnership for Employment Workshop on February 27, 2014  
Northern Workshop  
Wisconsin DOT US41 Mega-Project Office  
1940 W. Mason Street  
Green Bay, WI

**Topic:** 2014 Meeting Dates, Time and Location Review and Approval

**Action:**

1. Alicia Griffin will send out an electronic survey/poll to RCSC Members by Monday, February 24, 2014 to gather feedback on changing the meeting date and time to the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from 4 – 5:30 p.m.
2. Alicia Griffin will send out a revised *draft* meeting schedule before the end of February reflecting the input obtained from the survey/poll.
3. Alicia Griffin will set up a dry-run of a virtually held meeting (to last no more than 10 minutes) no later than March 28, 2014.



### Discussion:

- Vincent Fisher announced that beginning with the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will be going to a non face-to-face meeting for every other monthly meeting. That would mean that one month's meeting would be held at one of the locations (e.g., Beloit Utilities and Facilities or Blackhawk Technical College) and the other would be some form of virtual meeting. At the very least, the virtual meeting would be a conference call meeting.
- Sheila DeForest indicated that will be available to attend the May and June meeting; but, is unable to make the March meeting.
- Stan Miliam asked is this change had already been decided or is it still open for discussion.
- Vincent Fisher shared that the July meeting will be a face-to-face meeting. During this meeting, the RCSC members will then decide the meeting frequency.
- Vincent Fisher shared that we will not have a December meeting because we will be taking a holiday break.
- Stan Miliam indicated that he's not opposed to non face-to-face meetings; but, suggested that we needed some sort of visual connection (e.g., Skype, etc.) so that participants can see some of the exhibits. Michele Carter indicated that the DBE Program Office has done various forms of webcasting so that participants can see the same document on the screen. She indicated that there are some products/services that would require payment for use, while there are others that can be used for free. Vincent Fisher indicated that the DBE Program Office would not want the meetings to be just a conference call. That would be a low hanging fruit and low bar. He further clarified that we will be experimenting and having further discussions about this at the March meeting. After some experimentation, we are hoping to have a dry run before the March meeting. Alicia Griffin asked that we change the dry-run deadline from the next scheduled RCSC of March 19, 2014 to the end of the month.
- Alicia Griffin asked if there was some flexibility in changing the meeting date from the third Wednesday of the month. Stan Miliam asked for some input/discussion about potentially different meeting dates and times. Michele Carter suggested that we do a poll on the date of the meeting. Randy Terronez shared that the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays are good for him. Debbie Schanke indicated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month is not an option for her. Michele Carter proposed doing a poll of all RCSC participants suggesting the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. as a preferred meeting date/time and to request suggestions of possible alternatives to that proposal.
- Stan Milian suggested that the RCSC Members have one dry run 'virtual' meeting on an off day/time from our regularly scheduled meetings. It was agreed that a dry run would be held before the end of March 2014.
- Lynn Jones proposed the possibility of meeting quarterly face-to-face after the July meeting.
- It was confirmed that the only current, concrete meeting date and time is March 19, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. The remainder of the meetings will be determined after the survey/poll results and discussions at the July meeting.



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### **Topic:** TrANS Program Update

### **Action:**

1. Michele Carter will provide a summary of the TrANS provider process to Stan Milian.
2. Michele Carter will have more information at next meeting about the Southwest Region TrANS program and will possibly also have Forward Service Corporation at the next meeting.

### **Discussion:**

- In January, it was announced who was the highest bidder on the RFP for TrANS provider.
- There were three protests; but, none met the basis for contention.
- The scope of the RFP included a total of 1000 points including such things as: 1) Understanding of target audience (200 points); 2) Workforce development strategy (150 points), etc.
- There was a clear distinction from each proposal and Forward Service Corporation was the winning firm to provide TrANS services in southwestern Wisconsin.
- Negotiations will begin with Forward Service Corporation on February 24<sup>th</sup>. It is expected that this will be a relatively quick process.
- Those making the determination of the winning firm included a diverse team of evaluators. Each firm was evaluated on what they submitted in their proposal. Cost was not a determining factor in their selection.
- The first people getting access the southwestern Wisconsin TrANS program will be from people in the community we're serving. Additionally, previous TrANS graduates will be contacted and followed-up with.
- Michele Carter confirmed that the major volume of work on the I-39/90 Project would be in years 2015 and 2016. So, that's why the TrANS provider will start with a small group; but, will continue to enhance/expand their recruitment. "They don't have a choice on that".
- Michele Carter indicated that as part of the Aspirational Labor Goal Setting, they are trying to debunk the myth that there are "no qualified workers of color or female gender". They will be given the data to tell contractors that there are people that know what is expected and they meet the basic criteria.
- Stan Milian and Sheila DeForest have expressed their concerns about the location of the training. Stan Milian asked Michele Carter about an earlier statement that he thought he'd heard about having Lynn Jones' organization/location to handle training at their facility. Michele clarified that she will be leaning on Community Action and Lynn Jones for recruitment; but, not for training.
- Stan Milian asked if Forward Service Corporation will be conducting training in Madison. Michele indicated that Forward Service Corporation will be the TrANS services provider in southwestern Wisconsin. It is anticipated that Forward Service Corporation will be providing four (4) training sessions under their contract. Two (2) will be in Rock County and Two (2) will be in Dane County. WisDOT, however, will not be telling Forward Service Corporation where those training locations will be held. They, themselves, will have the option of where they are putting them. There is currently not a location in Rock County, so Forward Service Corporation may ask to lean on a community partner. WisDOT would like the location to be community based. "If we try to do training in every neighborhood we are in, it wouldn't work." When negotiating the contract with Forward Service Corporation, we will know about location.



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- Stan Milian asked if the contract negotiations with Forward Service Corporation open or closed. Michele Carter indicated that they were closed.
- Michele Carter indicated that if while negotiating, important aspects of the contract fulfillment aren't agreed upon, WisDOT has as its option to go to the next qualified bidder.
- Sheila DeForest shared that she was pleased with the efforts and progress to date and wanted to thank Michele Carter for her commitment to Rock County. Sheila DeForest wanted to make a request for the push of Beloit, WI instead of Janesville, WI for training. She furthered that there's a sense that the resources often go to Janesville. Michele Carter indicated that it would be helpful to suggest some potential places to hold the training. Lynn Jones offered the Eclipse Center as a possible location. Stan Milian indicated that he's discussed this with Senator Cullen, who is not opposed to Beloit. If there is push back, he's also not opposed to a central location (e.g., Blackhawk Technical College).
- Michele Carter indicated that there was some discussion about having the training on a bus line; however, she shared that if someone has to take a bus, what is the likelihood of them being able to get to the job? Sheila DeForest indicated that gas money is also a consideration. "If you don't have a job yet, you might have difficulty with gas money. It's not just a matter of a driver's license." Michele Carter indicated that WisDOT is about access and inclusion.

**Topic:** WisDOT I-39/90 – 511 Website / Stakeholders Q&A

**Action:** None

### Discussion:

- On the 511 website, driving conditions are listed.
- **North Segment Overview** – The north segment held an Open House in Edgerton. There was a great turnout from Dane County and the Deputy Secretary of Transportation also showed up. This proved to be a great opportunity for people to learn more about the project (e.g., Environmental, Real Estate). The Exhibits from the meeting are on the website.
- The **Winter I-39/90 Project Newsletter** has been distributed by mail. If Stakeholders are interested in getting a printed copy of the newsletter by mail, they can go to the project website and sign-up.
- **South Segment Overview** – A public meeting was held regarding the interchange project 43/WIS-81. Alternatives 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B and 3, City (2A and 2B) were gone over. WisDOT is in the process of doing a re-evaluation impact of that. A Preferred Alternative will be presented to FHWA (interstate to interstate) which must go to Washington DC. Preliminary means to give an idea where we're headed so approval for final design can be achieved.
- **Central Segment Overview** – A Public Involvement Meeting was held last night, February 18, 2014. Exhibits from the meeting will be posted online shortly.
- **Summer construction / Racine Street** – Most things there are complete. ITS features will be continued – The Gap between Madison and Janesville no cameras; but, temporary cameras are there. Highway 73 re-construction Dane County to 12/18 (alternative routes) - making sure that's in place. Rock County not ready this summer. Siggeow Road Bridge – This is being put in place this summer. Milwaukee Street in Janesville just north of 73/51 – A temporary fix, repaving and keeping it patched up to keep things in tact until final construction.



- Request for Questions from Stakeholders
  - Stan Milian asked if Kim Schauder was a supervisor of the whole project or one section. Kim Schauder shared that she's responsible for the South Segment Design and for program control.
  - Stan Milian asked if there were alternate routes in the central section. At the meeting last night, Derek Potter was talking about the alternate route goes along 14; but, Stan couldn't recall the timeline. Will it be the summer of 2014? Kim Schauder indicated that she didn't think so. She believes it will be in 2015.
  - Stan Milian has some concerns about the ramps going off to the east in the South section (Shopiere Rd). On the west side, having to go around in back of everything – has there been any adjustments made to that all? Kim Schauder indicated that a proposed to a private party has been eliminated - restricting access to a home and there's also a vacant parcel – to provide access instead of going up and around. WisDOT has done a reasonable access study when they're concerns about impact. An independent consultant goes out and does a review of the impact. The report is being finalized.
  - Stan Milian on the East side, new ramp - Not using traditional, gradual which took more farm land. Are there any second thoughts? Kim Schauder. That's where realigning comes into play. It has to go out a little further.
  - Stan Milian indicated that his biggest complaint was on the west side and the north – by addressing that you've responded to a lot of people and they will be very pleased with that. Kim Schauder indicated that Mr. Han was talked to and they went through it. Talked to access and determined that change could be made for him.

**Topic:** Decision on Committees' Report  
Templates

**Action:**

1. Michele Carter will present a projected opportunities report for the next meeting
2. Michele Carter will refresh the project list.
3. RCSC Members will bring the top 10 selection of reports to the next meeting.
4. Michelle to mail projected information 2/24/14 meeting to RCSC Members.

**Discussion:**

- Summarization of elements had in reports that have been provided to other WisDOT mega project stakeholder groups
  - TrANS report that is provided by each provider: 1) numbers and data and 2) data on a monthly basis
  - Quarterly/Annual Meeting created charts (Green Bay, Mole Lake, I-4)
  - WisDOT Workforce Utilization Analysis (e.g., Construction group clarification, ethnicity and gender)
  - Zip Code Analysis Report (generated by WisDOT) – Identifying people from various zip codes that are working on projects
  - US41 /Connecting Wisconsin – Keep a running tally of contract, employees, gender and ethnicity



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- Michele Carter suggested that the RCSC Members tell the WisDOT Program Office what reports/information that they'd like to see on a routine basis
  - Wants to walk away with where we want to be with a regular report and where we want to be with the next one.
  - We're determining standard reports; but, it doesn't block out other types of report that can be distributed.
  - Ericka Rebout asked if there was anything that shows the type of training the TrANS provider is doing to make sure that it correlates to the project work to see a parallel between (e.g., Flagger certification this month).
  - Stan Milian asked is there something that would tell us what kind of jobs will be needed and how they are connected to training? Michele Carter confirmed that something could be prepared related to projected opportunities (e.g., What should Forward Service Corporation be doing relevant to the project.)

Meeting Adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Event: **Rock County Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2014

Time: 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Location: **Blackhawk Technical College, Room 2602  
6400 S. County Road G; Janesville, WI**