



Rock County Stakeholder Advisory Committee Wednesday; March 19, 2014; 3:30 – 5 p.m. Blackhawk Technical College, Room 2602

Meeting Summary

Attendees

Gregory Boysen, Public Works Director, City of Beloit
Michele Carter, WisDOT DBE Program Chief
Wayne Chase, WisDOT Supervisor, I-39/90
Vincent Fisher, WisDOT, OBOEC
Alicia Griffin, Serendipity Communications, I-39/90 DBE Outreach Coordinator
Lynn Jones, E&T Community Action, Inc.
Stan Milam, Office of State Senator Tim Cullen
Erica Rebout, Rock Roads Benefits Manager & EEO Coordinator
Rosalind Roberson, DBE Program Office (*teleconference*)
Wanda Sloan, Blackhawk Technical College
Dionne Williams, Operating Engineers 139

Topic: Welcome / Agenda Review / Rock County
Stakeholder Advisory Committee Business

Presenter: Vincent Fisher, Committee Facilitator

Action:

- An electronic survey will be provided so that Stakeholders can identify the items that they would like to see in regularly prepared reports.

Discussion:

- Vincent asked the Stakeholders if they preferred the meetings be held face-to-face or by teleconference. All in attendance indicated that they would prefer face-to-face meetings.
- The next I-39/90 Letting will be on August 12, 2014. It is a project that has \$5 million federal monies attached to it and it is located on the CTH G Town Line Road Intersection. WisDOT will announce the winner on the same date as the Letting. WisDOT opens the bids to contractors with the lowest bids. Work on a project typically begins 4-6 weeks after the Let date.
- Prior to the Let Date, a pre-construction meeting is held where major contractors arrive. This would be a time when TrANS graduates would have an opportunity to meet construction contract representatives.
- Stan Milam indicated that TrANS graduates should be ready and not in the middle of the class when the August 12th Let date occurs. Michele Carter confirmed that the contract should be awarded and that there will be TrANS graduates ready and in front of the contractor by August 12th.
- Wayne Chase confirmed that the I-39/90 Project Lets will continue until 2019; but, work will be done on the project until 2021. He further confirmed that there are over 100 contract lettings through 2019.
- Dionne Williams asked if there are any projects that are being targeted before the August 12th project. Michele shared that WisDOT does a letting every month and that there are a minimum of 40 projects per month across the state.
- Stan Milan asked if TrANS graduates were eligible to apply for jobs throughout the State. Michele indicated that they are and that this is encouraged in order for them to build a career in construction.



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- Erica Rebout indicated that Rock Roads often uses TraNS participants. They like to get the graduates as soon as possible so that they can gain experience. And when Rock Roads is in need of additional workforce, they always look to TrANS.
- Stan Milam asked if would be possible to have the first TrANS class in Beloit or Rock County in order to get that first one done. Michele indicated that it would be possible and that they are working towards anticipating the contractors on the project.

Topic: Virtual Software (SMART Bridgit) Demonstration

Action:

- An online, electronic demonstration meeting will be held on March 31st at 10 a.m. to test the SMART Bridgit software.

Presenter: Vincent Fisher, Committee Facilitator

Discussion:

- Vincent indicated that stakeholders will be receiving an email that will provide them with a link to the SMART Bridgit software. That link will also have the Meeting Name and Password that will be required to join and use the software.
- Bridgit is a software that is unique to WisDOT. It can't be set up ahead of time. This meeting comes with a conference line and 15 minutes prior to the meeting, Stakeholders you will get an email. You will be asked to put in the password, which will be included in the email that will given to Stakeholders 15 minutes prior to the meeting.
- The SMART Bridgit software is meant for people to interact with each other on their screens (e.g., creating documents, editing documents, etc.) on their own computers.
- Vincent indicated that the run-through demonstration scheduled for March 31st should take no longer than 10 minutes. The goal of using SMART Bridgit is to be able to follow-through the documents and see the same piece of paper and ask questions.
- Vincent shared that we will be on the conference line along with using the SMART Bridgit software.

Topic: WisDOT I-39/90 Project Update

Action: None

Presenter: Wayne Chase, I-39/90 Supervisor

Discussion:

- Wayne Chase introduced himself as one of the Supervisors of the I-39/90 project team. He's been with WisDOT for 10 years and he worked with a consultant prior to that. He is overseeing the Central Segment – Rock County through the Dane County Line.
- Two projects were Let last week:
 1. Highway 73: From Interstate in Edgerton to Madison, \$10+ million. Work starting in April depending on the weather. Rock Roads was the winning contractor.
 2. I-39/90 Bridge, South of 12/18 in Madison – In Dane County. Rock Roads was also the winner on that one.
- A project will be Let in April – A pavement rehabilitation project on the Interstate going to Milwaukee Street in Janesville to the north side of Edgerton – Highway 106. This is being used for temporary traffic as the I-39/90 road is being built
- The year 2014 is a little light. The years 2015 & 2016 will be the heaviest for projects being bid on and let. Work will be really picking up. Projects will be bid on until 2019. Work will be going on until 2021.



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- Michele Carter indicated that if someone started in as an apprentice with this project, they will begin their 2000 5000 hours of work and school time. This will provide them with time to create a journeyman opportunity. That's a big plus.
- The Verona Road project is not far from Rock County. Work on Verona Road has already started and will continue its activity. It will be worked on through 2018/2019 – 5 years.

Topic: Southwest Region TrANS Provider Contract **Action:** None

Presenter: Michele Carter, DBE Program Chief

Discussion:

- Michele indicated that WisDOT is still in negotiation with the potential TrANS contractor, Forward Service, who looks like they are the winner.
- Forward Service has history of working in Mole Lake on the tribal reservation
- Forward Service's geographic scope offers advantages in Rock and Madison County with they already having access to supportive services to be of use to TrANS participants
- When not doing TrANS, Forward Service is involved in job development programs (e.g., W-2, FSET, WIA, SPSK, Upward Bound, JAG-WI, WETAP, etc.)
- Forward Service promises to help people from the Rock County community to get involved in the trades by providing them with financial assistance during the class, transportation, child care, driver's license, etc.
- TrANS participants are given realistic ideas about the construction industry. Some of them may conclude that construction isn't for them and that there are few women, African Americans, Hmong or others like them on worksites in Wisconsin.
- People involved in TrANS pre-screening are told about the work hours in the road construction industry which can be from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. on a regular basis.
- Wanda Sloan asked how many organizations responded to the TrANS provider RFP. Michele shared that 4 or 5 organizations responded to the RFP.
- Stan Milam asked Michele when she would like to see the first TrANS class held. Michele responded that she would expect it to take place by the end of April.
- Stan asked if Michele would like to have more than one class in Rock County. Michele indicated that she would.
- Greg Boysen asked what was the reason that the Stakeholders had to pick items that would be provided to them in reports. Michele indicated that there was a ton of information and that some of the reports would/could be done annually while others might be done quarterly. She also shared that different communities have different concerns.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:59 p.m.

Next Meeting

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

Date: April 3, 2014

Time: 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Location: **Beloit Utilities and Engineering Facilities**

2400 Springbrook Court

Beloit, WI