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Rock County Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Community Action Inc., 20 Eclipse Center (600 Henry Avenue) Beloit, WI
Tuesday; August 2, 2016, 4 p.m.

Present:

Lynn Jones, Community Action
Vincent Fisher, WisDOT
Jenna Fogarty, WisDOT
Kim Schauder, WisDOT
Crystal Wilson, Harkinson Consulting, LLC
Liz Mortimer, Harkinson Consulting, LLC
Julie Harkinson, Harkinson Consulting LLC (Teleconference)
Lauren Miller, Forward Service
Megan Vaxman, Rock Road Companies, Inc
Kelly Wenzel, Rock Road Companies, Inc

Agenda Items:

- Meeting Agenda
- Rock County Stakeholder Strategic Planning Handouts
- Construction Project updates

Discussion:

1. Introduction

Vincent Fisher provided an overview of the agenda.

The group had a moment of silence for Sue Jersild whom passed away in June due to her long battle with Cancer.

Special acknowledgements for Sue:

- Jenna Fogarty: Her commitment was admirable and she was a great person to work with and promoting the TrANS program. She helped subcontractors to connect with the TrANS program to bring focus and effort to hire TrANS Grad and apprentices.
- Kim Schauder: I first met Sue at the Annual DBE Workshop and Secretary's Golden Shovel Awards event in the early stage of the Southwest Mega project. She introduced me to a TrANS grad who Sue recently hired. It was great to see both of them participate in the Stakeholders meetings later in the projects to continue the effort to develop and hire TrANS grads.

2. Kim Schauder provided SW Mega I39/90 Expansion Updates.

- There is temporary widening on the I39/90 corridor, which will allow traffic to be switch over to one side while continuing to provide two lanes in each direction.
- Crews have started to lay the Rock River Bridges.
- There were many opportunities to advance projects this year due to contingent bonding and let savings.
- Summary: During the 2016 construction there were 9 let contracts with multiple projects combined, including the Hart Road overpass and alternate routes.
- There were a total of 21 project ID'S, \$130 million in lets.
- WisDOT applied for a Fast Lane grant and was awarded 40 million toward the project. Part of the Janesville-area projects will be advanced to fall of 2017. There were over 200 applications nationwide, and this was one of 20 projects that were approved.
- WisDOT is using new que warning system technology placed on bridges that detects slower traffic, and warns drivers of what the speeds are ahead.



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3. **Jenna Fogarty Strategic Planning:** Jenna requested this meeting to address the need to reenergize the Stakeholder group to encourage greater participation among the member, attracting new members, and focusing on the areas of greatest concerns regarding opportunities available on the I39/90 project.
4. **See attachment with updated State Transportation budget, Apprenticeship percentages, 1391 federal tracking information and information about the TRAC and TrANS program, provided by OBOEC.**
5. **List of Questions discussed during meeting:**
 - How do we get and keep community stakeholders committed to engaging us in information exchange?
 - What are you (as an individual, your organization, and/or your firm) able and willing to contribute to this initiative to compel WisDOT to implement actions or programs for Rock County to benefit from our transportation-related opportunities?
 - Identify key people or resources that WisDOT needs to communicate with to ensure that the barriers and challenges to fulfilling construction job opportunities are addressed in a way that benefits Rock County? How do we engage them best?
 - Please list the existing programs and efforts that facilitate labor opportunities for Rock County (This could be CBO's faith-based organizations, government funded programs)
 - What makes a meeting worth your time and participation?
 - a. Format (teleconference, face-to-face, skype...)
 - b. Content? (Reports, Success stories)
 - c. Audience?
 - d. How Often?
 - e. Location?
 - Optional Business networks- Please list any organizations/agencies that WisDOT should connect with to facilitate business opportunities

Please see attached documents for group discussion comments.

Action: Crystal will send attachment out to all people on email blast to see if they can follow up with answers through email or if they would like to meet.

6. Vincent let group know the next meeting would be November 1, 2016
 - Tribal transportation conference is coming up look for an email to save the date.
7. Forward Service announced a networking event that will be open to people in community to be held on August 25 in Madison at the Comfort Inn Suites. Forward services is looking for more participants.

Adjourned 5:29

Next meeting: November 1, 2016