



# Rock County Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Wednesday; November 20, 2013; 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Blackhawk Technical College, Room 2602

## Meeting Summary

Welcome / Opening Remarks / Agenda Review

Vincent Fisher – Committee Facilitator

### **Attendees – In person**

Stan Milam, Office of State Senator Tim Cullen

Gregory Boysen, Public Works Director, City of Beloit

Kim Schauder, WisDOT Supervisor, I-39/90

Alicia Griffin, Serendipity Communications, I-39/90 DBE Liaison Officer

Vincent Fisher, WisDOT DBE Program Office

Lonna Mourney, Office of Representative Amy Loudenberg

Russ Podilni, Rock County Board Chair

Lynn Jones, E&T Community Action, Inc.

Ericka Rebut, Rock Roads

Janis Ringnand, State Representative, District 45

Wanda Sloan, Blackhawk Technical College

Bill Stark, FHWA Consultant

Randy Terronez, Rock County Assistant to the County Administrator

### **Attendees – By telephone**

Michele Carter, WisDOT DBE Program Chief

Nicole Hunt, First Choice Pre-Apprenticeship Training

Olatoye Baiyewu, First Choice Pre-Apprenticeship Training

WisDOT I-39/90 Project Update

Kim Schauder – I-39/90 Project Supervisor

- The project team is considering doing a ribbon cutting at Racine Street, State Highway 11
- There has been a number of community outreach activities related to roundabouts to business in the area as well as to their employees and visitors to St. Mary's Janesville Hospital, Farm & Fleet Distribution Center and the Dean Clinic Janesville East.
- Led a training session with the Janesville Police Department to provide guidance on how to handle enforcements related to roundabouts. It was suggested that people could initially be pulled over and given a warning.
- Plans are underway to reach out to schools and senior centers in an effort to provide information on navigating roundabouts.
- The Janesville Gazette ran an article about the educational efforts that WisDOT has spearheaded related to the roundabouts on the I-39/90 project.



## Wisconsin Department of Transportation

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- 1001-03-74 Racine Street – Completion date of November 22, 2013 when the interchange will be opened. There may be some minor cleanup work but the contractors have worked very diligently on meeting the completion date. Not sure if locals have confirmed a ribbon cutting for the project or not yet.
- 1003-10-86 Temporary widening – Was completed the end of week November 11, 2013. The added median soil removal extended the completion date from November 1<sup>st</sup> to two weeks later; but, the contractor actually worked very hard to meet the extended timeframe. It looked early on that this may not be completed this Fall; but, the contractor committed to completing and they delivered the project this year.
- 1003/05/07-10/71 ITS placement – Due to the State furnished Digital Message Signs (DMS) boards being delayed by the manufacturer until winter, this project will be completed in the Spring of 2014. As much work as can be done this year will be completed.
- Digital Message Board - Cameras will be on after construction. This will serve as a great tool that allows residents and travelers to see what's on the message board. Incidents or announcements will be on the site.
- Unique designs – Diverging diamonds interchanges (DDI) are similar to roundabouts and are similar to a one way street. Outreach materials will be coming out related to DDI's.
- TrANS RFP– The RFP was published on October 7<sup>th</sup> with bidders required responses due on November 6. The Team has one month to do an evaluation with an intent to award by December 6<sup>th</sup>. First of the year will commence with contract negotiations.
- Names on Concrete - Randy Terronez, Rock County Assistant to the County Administrator, noticed that there was a name on the concrete as he was coming north on Racine Street. Will that be uniform?

Kim Schauder's response - Road names will be part of structures. The plan is to have a consistent look along most of the corridor. On Stateline Road the words "Welcome to Wisconsin" will be added. Logos will also be allowed on some structures. The I-39/90 Project Team is still determining the most appropriate place for including words and/or logos.

- I-39/90 Project Office – The project team moved into the project office in Edgerton, 111 Interstate Boulevard, which is located 1 mile off the interstate. Kim Schauder encouraged the Stakeholders to feel free to stop in.



Rock County Stakeholder Advisory Committee Action Plan Development  
Michele Carter – WisDOT Program Chief

Listed under the Goals: Facilitate Employment Opportunities for Local Workers is a list of items “Defining What is Success” which was voiced aloud by Vincent Fisher:

1. A TrANS program with a real contact database including an active list of ‘local’ people that are available and ready to work.
2. Create jobs that have a documented impact on job placement.
3. Outreach to community based agencies and local job centers.
4. Continued emphasis on local TrANS program should be administered in Rock County; preferably Beloit, WI
5. Good tracking of TrANS program recruitment, service and training participation, graduation and job placement
6. ‘Local’ TrANS program – an active list of people that are available and ready for work.
7. Maintain and build stakeholder collaboration/partnerships for referrals and information sharing.
8. Accessible and current information available to ensure quality communication.
9. A minimum of three (3) classes yearly and maybe four (4).
10. Provide local training to the unemployed and underemployed that will prepare them for work in road construction and provide wages leading to self-sufficiency.
11. Using the 511 website as a communication conduit
12. Stakeholder collaborations / referrals

Michele facilitated a discussion indicating that the Stakeholders’ charge would be to focus on improvement measures and how they would care to define and/or measure some of the things in the 12 item list of goals. With success being the baseline measurement, the question would be How do we measure it? When looking at the action steps, the Stakeholders could begin to look at responsibilities (e.g., who’s responsibility) – to make sure that they’re engaging people and getting into the resources and reporting methods.

In addition, the outcome measures should include the impact to Stakeholders. Starting with the Stakeholders...When we determine what success means when looking at the first item (e.g., A TrANS program will have a real contact database including an active list of ‘local’ people that are available and ready to work) ....How will this be measured? And, what information will WisDOT need to provide to the Rock County Stakeholders to show that there is a real contact database?

How will you know if a contact database is real? What are benchmarks that the committee would be interested in? The following are potential benchmarks:

- When there are orientations, what is the number of people that show up?
- Of that number, who of them is ready and what do you do with them?
- How many of those that are ready are interested in the project?
- Some may have heard about TrANS; but, decide they don’t want to work in the environment and want to be signed up for something else. Would the Stakeholders like a database of the people who’s been referred to somewhere else?
- Who are the people that arrive that are not ready to work?



The benchmarks that were of interest for the Stakeholder groups in Milwaukee, Racine and Green Bay were all individually varied.

Gregory Boysen, City of Beloit Public Works Director requested that the Rock County Stakeholder Advisory Committee get a sample of the three reports that were generated to the other WisDOT Stakeholder groups. Michele indicated that three sample reports would be emailed to the group so that they could have a benchmark for deciding what type of information they would want.

## **TrANS Program Directives**

Bill Stark, FHWA, shared that local job centers or community groups have routinely provided the TrANS program provider with a list of individuals who meet the qualifications that the hiring contractors would be looking for. After the initial screening is done by the surrounding community groups, the TrANS provider then schedules them for a class. That's why when the contractor sees a TrANS graduate, they know what they are getting. It serves as a positive branding tool for a TrANS program graduate.

Vincent Fisher indicated that the benchmarks and pre-requisites for TrANS program participants are outlined on the Labor Fact Sheet which appears on the 511 website.

Randy Terronez, Rock County Assistant to the County Administrator, shared that there appeared to be a redundancy in the list of 12 benchmarks listed under the goals to facilitate employment opportunities for local workers. Both Randy and Michele concurred that as the Stakeholders goes through the process, which will be identified and modified.

Meeting Adjourned 4:58 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday; December 18, 2013

Time: 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Location: Beloit Utilities and Engineering Facilities; 2400 Springbrook Court; Beloit, WI