

Green Line Extension DBE and Workforce Advisory Committee
In-Person Meeting and Streamed Live
Thursday, October 17th, 2024
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE: If you'd like to offer public comment at a virtual meeting, please pre-register by emailing public.info@metc.state.mn.us. Be sure to include "Green Line Extension DBE and Workforce Advisory Committee" as the meeting you would like to offer public comments for.

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to the Co-chair Ashanti Payne at Ashanti.payne@metc.state.mn.us or Co-chair Tyler Bishop at Tyler.Bishop@state.mn.us.

AGENDA [[Presentation](#)]

1. ROLL CALL

2. REVIEW MEETING MINUTES [[August 15, 2024](#)]

3. METRO GREEN LINE EXTENSION PROJECT UPDATE

- a. Conduit installation at TPSS at the Kenilworth LRT Tunnel
- b. Shifted freight rail track at Cedar Lake Parkway is in its final alignment
- c. Completed road and sidewalk work at West 21st Street Station
- d. Installed direct fixation tracks on the 5th Ave/7th St LRT bridge
- e. HRSF:
 - i. Site grading – loading excess soil to be stockpiled
 - ii. Trenching for watermain installation
- f. System contract work:
 - i. Site fencing installation at various TPSS locations
 - ii. Pedestrians crossing flasher mast installations at Woodale Ave station

4. DBE SUBCONTRACTOR FEEDBACK

- a. Hanson Custom Crushing Inc. on Civil Contract
 - i. Joelynn Hanson is the CEO of the firm and the firm provides:
 - 1. Specialized freight trucking and hauling
 - 2. Recycling asphalt and concrete materials
 - 3. Crushing and screening of rock, limestones sand, etc.
 - 4. Hanson shared their approach to managing specialized teams, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and maintaining good faith by attending key events despite time constraints. They reference past challenges, including issues raised before the pandemic involving family and union-related activities. They clarify misconceptions about union involvement, noting that while unions provide guidelines, their organization must independently recruit and train individuals.

The speaker expresses frustration over navigating these responsibilities and conflicting information received during meetings

Hanson also discussed the challenges of handling reporting paperwork as a small business. They explained that, due to their limited capacity, they often juggle multiple meetings and tasks simultaneously. On top of this, they must find time to complete the required reporting paperwork, which frequently involves duplicating the same information across multiple platforms. While they are not hiring, they should still attend conference fairs to promote...

5. CONSENT BUSINESS

a. DBE Achievement [[DBE Reports as of August 2024](#)]

6. NON-CONSENT BUSINESS: CONTRACTOR UPDATES

a. Civil Updates

- i. DBEs currently on site:
 1. E&J Rebar, Gunnar Electric, PWS, etc.
- ii. 85% of our DBE companies still have open items for the projects
- iii. DBE participation goal is 16% and DBE to date is 23%
- iv. Currently working 1:1 with 6 firms regarding assistance with the needed information for Change Orders for Met Council
- v. LMJV is creating close-out for DBEs
- vi. Total hours to date is: 3,069,094
 1. POCI: 23.35%
 2. Female: 7.55%
- vii. Christa served as Co-Chair of the committee alongside Commissioner Kevin Lindsey (MDHR). The 20% goal was not a decision voted on by the committee but was announced independently by Commissioner Lindsey.
- viii. Pete's Water & Sewer legally changed their names this past year to be just PWS.

b. Systems Updates

- i. APJV participated in Mock Interviews at Summit Academy on October 11
- ii. APJV will participate in Summit Academy Electrician Operational Advisory Meeting
- iii. Added DBE Manufacturers Povolny Specialties & Aura Fabricators
- iv. APJV does not expect any significant changes in crew size
- v. Hours total: 7,589.75

c. Hopkins Rail Support Facility Update

- i. The contract amount is \$14,141,522 and DBE contract credit amount is \$2,545,994
- ii. There is an 18% DBE goal
- iii. DBE subcontractor
 1. Gunnar Electric, PWS, Waterproofing by Experts, etc.
- iv. PWS completing tie-ins, watermain installs and sanitary installs.

- v. Currently workforce participation hours is 13% project with 20% Women and 22% project currently with 27% of POCl on it

7. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

a. December Meeting

- i. Will be virtual with construction season slowdown

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. PUBLIC INVITATION

Invitation for interested people to address the advisory committee. Each speaker is limited to a three-minute presentation. Speakers must pre-register as you sign in for meeting attendance at the beginning of the in-person meeting.

10. ADJOURN

Next Scheduled Meeting: December 19th, 2024, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm will be held virtually and streamed live.

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Initials	Last Name	First Name	Title	Organization/Agency Name
	Alexander	Jim	Project Director	Southwest Project Office
	Ampadu	Eric	Senior Contract Service Analyst	Hennepin County
	Bee	Brian	Project Lead	LMJV
	Bell	Mark	Project Manager	APJV
✓	Bishop	Tyler	Equity & Inclusion Supervisor	Mn Dept. of Human Rights
	Brown	Maura	Representative	Hire MN
	Burns	Johnnie	Director of Contract Compliance	City of Mpls. - Contract Compliance
	Davies	David	Community Outreach Coordinator	Southwest Project Office
	Dial	Nick	Assistant Director of Construction	Southwest Project Office
	Dore-Contacessi	Kristi	Assistant Project Manager	APJV
	Engstrom	Eric	Union Business Rep	Local 563 - Laborers
✓	Even	Dale	Professional Engineer	Lunda/CS McCrossan Joint Venture
	Givens	Derrick	Union Business Rep	IBEW 292 - Electricians
	Gold	Catherine	Hennepin County Lead	Hennepin County
	Guglielmo	Julie Ann	Small Business Specialist	Metropolitan Council
	Hinton	Chris	Construction Program Manager	Summit OIC
	Jordan	Cyrenthia	Director of Office of Equal Opportunity	Metropolitan Council
	Klem	John	Associate Director	HIRED
	Kron	Kendra	AWC President	Association of Women Contractors
	Lau	Barb	Executive Director	Association of Women Contractors
✓	Lucero	Rebecca	Commissioner	Mn Dept. of Human Rights
	Martagon	Rick	Director of BSC	Minneapolis Building & Construction Trades Council
	McConnell	Dan	Business Manager	Mpls. Building and Construction Trades Council
	Merritt	Alex	VP, Program Operations	Twin Cities RISE
	Pratt	Noah	Union Business Rep	North Central States Region Council Carpenters
	O'Brien	Tony	Director of Academy Programs	Summit OIC
	Odonkor	Gilbert	Manager of Construction Procurement	Hennepin County Purchasing and Contracts
	Payne	Ashanti	Assistant Director	Metropolitan Council

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✓	Pomplun	Joo Hee	Executive Director	The Alliance
	Seaberg	Christa	Project EEO/ Diversity Representative	Lunda/CS McCrossan Joint Venture
	Skibbie	Sean	Director of Office of Civil Rights	MNDOT
	Smith	Marvin	President	National Association of Minority Contractors
	Sterry	Jesten	Project Manager	LMJV
JVT	Tao	Jon	LRT DBE Specialist	Southwest Project Office
	Thao	William	Program Coordinator, OEEO	Metropolitan Council
	Tintes	Jason	Systems Engineer - IS	Metropolitan Council
✓	Toney	Michael	EEO Officer	APJV
✓	Valadez	Elaine	Equity and Inclusion Officer	MN Dept. of Human Rights
	Woyee	Leslie	Contract Compliance Officer II	City of Mpls. - Contract Compliance
	Zelle	Charlie	Chair	Metropolitan Council
	Madumuka	Melyssa	Small Business sup.	MnDOT
	Doman	Connie	Inclusion Coordinator	Shaw - Lundquist
	Hanson	Jelena	Hanson Custom Council	Hanson Custom Council
	Odeyand	Bruce	CM - STP & SCADA	SPO
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