
Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Contractor Outreach Open House Event Summary

As part of pre-construction services phase of the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project, the Mid-Coast Transit Constructors (MCTC) team hosted an open house event in an effort to raise awareness about project construction opportunities for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and Small Businesses (SB). The event was held on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at McMillin Event Center located at 2875 Dewey Road, San Diego, 92106. Approximately 208 people attended the event, including 31 DBEs and 52 SBs.

The open house consisted of a formal presentation which began at 10:30 a.m. in between an informal, open house-style meet and greet setting with visual displays set up in “stations” staffed by MCTC team members, potential prime contractors and business opportunity centers. Informational materials were available at all stations. The open house networking took place from 10 to 10:30 a.m. and again from 11 a.m. to noon.

Clayton Gilliland, MCTC Project Manager, led the presentation and discussed specific information about the project including team introductions, schedule overview and an overview of the upcoming wet utility packages. The wet utilities will be the first contracts to be released, but Elvira to Morena Double Tracking and San Diego River Bridge will require early work as well. The MCTC joint venture team members were introduced during this portion of the open house including:

- Terry Martin, Construction Manager
- Tina McGilvery, Subcontracts Manager
- Gloria Rositter, Document Control Specialist
- Eric Meisgeier, as Project Engineer
- Andrew Holmquist, Utility Manager
- Jacquie Willhoite, Office Manager
- John Johnson, Subcontractor Liaison
- Jaime Quintero, DBE/SB Program Manager
- Greg Parks and Sarah Rossetto, Outreach Team

Subcontractor opportunities within the self-performed work were also discussed. These opportunities will be completed in order to provide continuity in safety and quality for the project. Clayton summarized the types of work that will be self-performed, and the types of work that will be subcontracted. Clayton also announced that the upcoming opportunities list will be posted to the project website, www.mctciv.com. Clayton described the project and showed the project areas.

Andrew Holmquist then spoke about the North Wet Utilities package and South Wet Utilities package. Additionally, Andrew discussed how the city of San Diego would not be available for shut-downs, and cut and plug work. It was announced that Mid-Coast is a Federal Transit Administration-funded project and the Roadway Protection training is provided by North County Transit District. Eric Meisgeier discussed the Planet Bids website and contacts to reach out to for any Request for Proposal- or DBE-related questions. Jaime Quintero closed the presentation with information about the project’s commitment to the DBE/SB community, including approximately \$150 million worth of work available for DBE/SB subcontractors, and the need to register as a vendor for MCTC on Planet Bids. Information cards detailing the Planet Bids registration process were available for attendees.