



## **BEX /BTA Oversight Committee**

May 13, 2022, 8:30 – 10:30 AM

Zoom Meeting

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Call to Order**

- a. Janet Donelson called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.
- b. Roll call
  - i. Committee members present: Janet Donelson, Duncan Griffin, Rob Stephenson, Daniel Williams, Steve Tatge, Sherry Edquid, Jennifer DuHamel, Warren Johnson, Michelle Moore, Monty Anderson,
  - ii. Committee members absent: none
  - iii. Board Directors present: Vivian Song Maritz, Lisa Rivera Smith
  - iv. Capital Projects Staff present: Richard Best, Becky Asencio, Melissa Coan, Jeanette Imanishi, Mike Skutack, Deborah Northern, Jen Lincoln
- c. The meeting agenda: Duncan Griffin made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Tatge seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. The minutes from April 8, 2022: Duncan Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer DuHamel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **2. Washington Aggregates and Concrete Association/Teamsters Local 174 Contract Negotiations Project Impact**

Richard Best reported that while there was no agreement in place, Teamster personnel had returned to work and concrete was again flowing on Seattle Public Schools (SPS) project sites. He noted that both he and staff are working with contractors to understand project schedule impacts related to the strike. When those impacts have been determined, he will present that information to the BEX/BTA Oversight Committee. He confirmed that SPS is not paying additional premiums for concrete at any project sites.

#### **3. Return to In-Person Committee Meetings September 2022**

Ms. Donelson conveyed that SPS plans to return to 100% full time in-person work effective September 1, 2022. She noted conversations with Mr. Best proposed that the committee also return to in-person meetings at that time. Mr. Best confirmed that staff are reviewing setting-up a hybrid option for participants who are not available to attend in-person. The committee discussed the benefits of meeting in-person and proposed solutions for the challenges of hybrid meetings.

#### **4. Budget Update**

Ms. Coan reported on the BEX IV Program through March 31, 2022. She conveyed that the program was 96% spent. She indicated that three Major projects were still realizing expenditures. She highlighted two budget transfers for the Eckstein Science Lab and front-funding BTA V projects. She concluded that the program was in a solid financial position with significant reserves to complete remaining work.

Ms. Coan reported on the BTA IV Program through March 31, 2022. She conveyed that 82% of the program was spent. She indicated that spending is on schedule and appropriate for the program. The committee discussed when programs are closed out. Staff clarified that it could take two years after the conclusion of a levy period to close out a program.

Ms. Coan reported on the BEX V Program through March 31, 2022. She conveyed that 18% of the program is spent. She highlighted two budget transfers for the West Woodland and Van Asselt projects. She confirmed that the contingency fund is low. Mr. Best added that savings are anticipated in upcoming projects, which will contribute to the contingency fund. The committee discussed current bids, Jeanette Imanishi noted that projects have received good bid coverage and come in on budget. Ms. Coan concluded her report noting that BEX V is in the black.

#### **5. Project Status Reports**

Mr. Best reported on the BEX IV projects. He indicated that current efforts focus on Seismic Improvement projects and that most other projects are in some stage of close-out.

Mr. Best reported on the BTA IV projects. He conveyed that the Major projects and Distressed School Grant projects are in some stage of close-out. He provided a high-level overview of smaller projects by category of work. The committee discussed the use of Job Order Contracting (JOC) for future SPS projects.

Mr. Best reported on the BEX V projects. He provided a high-level overview of the status of the Major projects. Ms. Donelson informed the committee that members may be invited to participate in the selection processes for architects. Mr. Griffin thanked staff for including projected Energy Use Index (EUI) on the project status reports.

#### **6. Rainier Beach High School Construction Launch Presentation/WMBE Participation (Mike Skutack – Seattle Public Schools, Paul Popovich, Madalyn McRae - Parametrix Craig Greene, Pat McGlothlin, Chris Coleman, Katie Pickard, Diahnna Nunez – Lydig, Marcela Diaz - Vida Agency)**

Mr. Best introduced the project and reminded the committee that they last saw the project during the Design Development Phase. He introduced Mike Skutack, Senior Project Manager overseeing the design and construction of Rainier Beach High School (RBHS). Mr. Skutack provided background on the project noting current status. He highlighted the participation and contributions of Virginia Bethea, a staff person at RBHS, for her highly effective role as a liaison with the school and broader Rainier Beach community.

Patrick McGlothlin introduced the project team (see names above) and presented an overview of the project phasing and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts to date. Chris Coleman provided additional details about each phase of work. Mr. McGlothlin reminded the committee that the community prioritized keeping students on-site, which influenced the phasing of the project.

Mr. McGlothlin and Marcella Diaz presented an overview of the team's Outreach, Engagement, and Inclusion work of the past year. They reviewed the team's goals and identified four focus areas for their efforts: Women and Minority Business Enterprise (W/MBE); Workforce/SPS Priority Hire; Student Engagement; and, Community Engagement. They provided details about the number and types of outreach to these four areas of emphasis. They shared reflections on why they changed from familiar methods and partners to new ways and relationships in order to build trust and broaden their outreach. Ms. Diaz conveyed next steps for community engagement during construction.

Janine Worthington described the team's media strategy and highlighted relationships with specific media partners who contributed to the work's successes. She conveyed next steps for new content.

Diahnna Nunez described next steps for engaging and supporting W/MBE and SPS Priority Hires.

Mr. McGlothlin presented a timeline illustrating the parallel paths of construction phases and community engagement processes throughout the duration of the project.

Ms. Bethea expressed gratitude and praise for the team and their ongoing and demonstrated commitment to engaging the full Rainier Beach community.

The committee discussed the benefits of partnering with established labor organizations, such as ANEW, to support upcoming apprentices with special concerns like childcare, transportation, and English literacy. They acknowledged the challenges of connecting with and keeping women in the trades and highlighted the Northwest Carpenter's Institute of Washington (NCIW) recent cohort comprised of women of color.

The committee highlighted the potential for replicating the intentionality of the team's processes to establish a district-wide program that makes a positive difference in communities where SPS is building a school.

## **7. Meeting Re-cap (Janet Donelson)**

Ms. Donelson thanked the team for their work and the detailed presentation. She indicated that the committee was interested in seeing additional data on the results of their efforts.

Ms. Donelson adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.