

SPOTLIGHT ON THE TRVA FAIR CONTRACTING COMMITTEE



A gathering of the FCC at the TRVA office

Early in the development stages of the TRV project, J.D. Granger and several of the local chambers of commerce held a meeting with the intent to discuss how they could be proactive with the inclusion of disadvantaged businesses such as locally-owned, minority-owned, woman-owned, service-disabled veteran-owned and small businesses in the contracting process throughout the lifespan of the project. However, one of the challenges that would be faced was that each project partner had different fair contracting policies, as well as their own set of qualifications. Therefore, the key to successful inclusion of disadvantaged businesses was educating the business community about project partner policies and qualifications.

As a result of this meeting, the Fair Contracting Committee

(FCC) was created. This committee includes representatives from city government, chambers of commerce, project sponsors and various other agencies. Today, the FCC has grown to 28 members. The committees' efforts not only focus on disadvantage business inclusion, but also on educating local contractors of all sizes to keep the dollars and work local. The motto continues to be "opportunity for all."

The FCC meets monthly to discuss current contracting opportunities with the TRV project, challenges in regards to specific fair contracting issues and ways to increase awareness of the project to local and disadvantaged business communities. They also plan and discuss educational outreach and workshops. This committee has been instrumental in the development ... *(continued on back)*

CHANGE IS NEARING



Last month, Mark Rauscher, Senior Capital Programs Manager for the City of Fort Worth, provided updated information to the Fair Contracting Committee on TRV Bridge Improvements for them to share with their memberships.

Modern Roundabouts Safer For All

By now you know that TRVA is preparing for the construction of three new vehicular bridges which will cross the new Trinity River bypass channel at North Main, Henderson and White Settlement. But, did you know that a modern roundabout will also be included as part of the construction? So, what exactly is a modern roundabout?

A modern roundabout is a compact circular intersection in which traffic flows counter-clockwise around a center island. Different than a traffic circle, a modern round-

about requires motorists to yield on entry, thus eliminating weaving and stacking within the roundabout. The modern roundabout also keeps automobile speeds low and allows for a higher capacity of vehicles, while reducing the opportunity for crashes. The modern roundabout will fit better in an urban context, be more pedestrian friendly and cost effective than a traditional intersection at this location. To see and experience a modern roundabout as a pedestrian, bicyclist, or driver, check out the interactive tool (<http://www.trinityrivervision.org/roundabouts-fort-worth>) on the TRV website.

A public art sculpture, by world-renowned artist Ned Kahn, will serve as the centerpiece to the modern roundabout at Henderson and White Settlement. The art piece will have panels of coated aluminum that swivel and reveal the turbulent patterns of the wind. The sculpture will also capture the sunlight during the day and ambient lighting from nearby buildings at night. *(continued on back)*



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Henderson St. & White Settlement Rd. Roundabout

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scheduling Theory

January 13-14, 2014
TRWD, 800 E. Northside Dr. 

Primavera P6v7 Advanced

July 17-18, 2014
TRWD, 800 E. Northside Dr. 

To learn more about doing business on the Trinity River Vision project attend an event that TRVA is participating in.

Primavera P6v7 Fundamentals

April 16-18, 2014
TRWD, 800 E. Northside Dr. 

Risk Management in Primavera

October 13-14, 2014
TRWD, 800 E. Northside Dr. 

 Denotes TRVA Sponsored Event

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Sculpture Center Piece by artist Ned Kahn

Bridge Construction Nearing

The designs of the three new bridges, North Main, Henderson Street and White Settlement Road are now 95 to 100 percent completed. The Henderson and Main Street Bridge construction should begin in early 2014, with the White Settlement Bridge later in 2014. Construction is expected to last 2.5-3 years. To achieve maximum construction efficiencies, all three bridges will be let as one contract

by the Texas Department of Transportation. Visit www.trinityrivervision.org to keep up with networking events that TRVA will conduct for prime and sub-contractors interested in this construction project.

Reroutes Maintain Traffic Flow

During construction, a four-lane detour on Henderson Street will be open, which will accommodate normal traffic flow through this area. This detour will occur in phases and the traffic pattern will change throughout the construction. Phase one of the reroute will last approximately six months and will provide a safer, faster route while also increasing traffic capacity. Phase two of the Henderson Street Detour will begin after the modern roundabout construction is complete. At that time, traffic traveling through this area will be diverted to the new roundabout. Similarly, traffic will be routed along Commerce Street during construction of the new North Main Bridge.

A JOB WELL DONE

In preparation for the new bridge construction, demolition and asbestos abatement activities have been incredibly busy during FY 2012-2013. The TRVA would like to recognize the following prime companies and their subs for their exceptional work as well as completing contracts on time.

A&R Rent a Fence

AMX Veterans Specialty Services

B&B Materials and Services, LLC

Buzz Services, LLC

C. Greenscaping, LP

Fast Solutions Environmental

Mart, Inc.

Meade Service Group

Midwest Wrecking Company of Texas, Inc.

Miller Surveying, Inc.

Ponce Contractors, Inc.

Precision Demolition, LLC

Results Staffing

RNDI

Terrodyne Group, LLC

Tomas Reyes Trucking, Inc.

Universal Fence Company

Walkers Construction



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...of the project's vendor database, fair contracting policies and procedures, and overall awareness of contract compliance. Some of the instruments used to facilitate information to the business community are: quarterly Fair Contracting Update newsletter, educational workshops with project partners, certification workshop and more. As a result of the efforts of the FCC, the project has a current fair contracting percentage of 42 percent.

The Trinity River Vision Authority greatly appreciates all past and present members of the FCC for their continued support.

American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas

Tosawi Pena

City of Fort Worth Housing and Economic Development

William Johnson

DFW Minority Supplier Development Council

Margo Posey, Andrew Nash & Susan McAleb

Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce

Melonye Whitson

Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Asusena Resendiz & Karen Matos

Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce

Dee Jennings, Major Attaway & Allen Smith

North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency

Al Titus

OCG PR (Open Channels Group)

Corey Lark & Tonya Veasey

Regional Hispanic Contractors Association

John Martinez & Yolanda Tafoya

Small Business Administration

Paul Stone & Jennie Montgomery

Tarrant County

Velina Willis

Texas Department of Transportation

Greg Gorecki & Theresa Conner

The Rios Group

Rosa Navejar

Trinity River Vision Authority

JD Granger, Shanna Cate & Stacy Beeson

United States Army Corps of Engineers

Clayton Church & Carolyn Staten

Women's Business Council Southwest

Anita Steel



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WWW.TRINITYRIVERVISION.COM

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the project or TRVA, please call 817-698-0700, go to www.trinityrivervision.org, or visit the TRVA Education Center located in downtown Fort Worth at 307 W. Seventh Street.

LET'S US KNOW

We want to provide information that is useful and valuable to you. What topics relating to contracting are you interested in reading or learning more about? Send us an email and let us know. We'd like to hear from you!

Contact Stacy Beeson at stacy.beeson@trinityrivervision.org with your suggestions.

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UPCOMING BID OPPORTUNITIES *Attention ALL Interested Bidders*

Panther Island Bridge Construction
(Trinity Uptown) - TXDOT - Spring 2014

Environmental Remediation - TRVA - Spring 2014

Demolition and Asbestos Abatement - TRVA - Summer 2014

All projects are subject to change due to scope of work and timing. For current information please review bid opportunities at www.trinityrivervision.org.