



I-94 MODERNIZATION PROJECT E-UPDATE

Welcome to the I-94 e-Update. Every month, we send you the latest happenings on the I-94 project. We'd love to hear from you, too!

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Advanced Bridges

Let's start with the biggest news:

Construction is complete on the new Chene Street bridge and it is open to traffic!

The Gratiot Avenue bridge should be open before the end of 2018. Some miscellaneous work (like landscaping) will be completed on both bridges this spring.

Stay tuned for information on the upcoming reconstruction of the French Road, Concord Avenue and Brush Street bridges in 2019.



The new Chene Street bridge opened on Dec. 5.

November Open House Meetings

Thanks to everyone who attended the Nov. 27 and 29 I-94 Project open house meetings at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul and Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) – Eastern Campus.

The events included the latest information on the project design modifications and the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS); plans for the advanced bridges project in 2019; and Section 106 and Section 4(f) information covering the effects of the I-94 project on public and private historic resources, as well as public parks and recreation areas.

The open house meeting material will be posted on the project website soon.

Special thanks to Dean Matthew Puwal at WCCCD and Cindy Greening, office administrator and executive assistant to the dean, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul for helping us host the meetings.



A community member reviews project modifications with I-94 team members at the Nov. 27 open house at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

LAC-GAC Meeting

Members of the I-94 Local and Government Advisory Committees (LAC-GAC) serve as ambassadors for the project. The two groups help keep MDOT informed about what's happening in the community and share information about the project with their constituents.

Last month, the committee met for a project update at the Gratiot Woods Senior Co-op. Special thanks to



Attendees and I-94 team members discuss the project at the Nov. 29 open house at WCCCD – Eastern Campus.



SBE program participants completed their last class for 2018 on the subject of Business Operations. Paul Ajegba (pictured sixth from the right), MDOT's new region engineer for the Metro Region, was on hand to observe. Instructors for the program are from HNTB, MDOT's owner's representatives team for the I-94 project.

Teresa McCormick, manager at Gratiot Woods, for hosting the meeting. And thanks to LAC member Cleo Bradley from Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance for recommending the location. Following the meeting, Project Engineer Victor Judnic took the group on a tour of the Gratiot Avenue bridge construction site to see the work in progress.

SBE Program Wraps Up for 2018

The Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Training Program is a creative fusion of final designers, engineers and administrators working together with small businesses in a mentor/coach environment. It includes technical, software and business training, along with networking opportunities that promote the success, growth, and sustainability of the local small businesses participating on the I-94 advanced bridges program. Here are a few indicators of the program's success in 2018:

- MDOT surpassed the SBE project goal of 20 percent and exceeded their statewide DBE goal.
- Ten SBE prime consultant contracts valued at a total of approximately \$1.2 million.
- Five SBE firms gained experience toward MDOT service prequalification in new areas of service.
- MDOT added two new SBP service providers.
- Four SBE firms hired one or more employees.
- Two new firms entered the transportation industry.

For more about the program and a complete list of 2018 accomplishments, visit i94Detroit.org.



Farewell and best of luck to Carrie Warren (front row, center), I-94 deputy project manager, as she takes on a new MDOT post at the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron.

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