

Walsh Construction: Willing and able

Walsh Construction is the prime contractor for WSDOT's SR 520/I-5 Express Lanes Connection Project, and Ethan Kaufman manages Walsh's project team. Besides the complex traffic logistics of diverting thousands of drivers daily around the work zone, the project involves myriad other demands: fiber installation, illumination work, cast-in-place concrete work, construction of a new, elevated freeway ramp and modification of an existing ramp, and building several retaining walls — all to construct a dedicated, reversible transit/HOV connection, via the I-5 express lanes, between SR 520 and Seattle's bustling South Lake Union neighborhood.

Walsh Construction supports diversity and inclusive contracting, and is committed to meeting WSDOT's voluntary 26% goal for contract participation by small firms owned by minorities, women and veterans (or MSVWBEs). Broken down, that goal is 10% for minority-owned companies, 6% women-owned, 5% veteran-owned, and 5% small businesses.

"We actively make sure we establish and meet these contracting requirements on our project," Kaufman said. "That's from the estimating side and the project side, and John Currier is specifically tasked with it. He can coach and guide people in the right direction."

John Currier is Walsh's Diversity Project Manager. "I manage subcontracts and I have a lot of contacts with local firms in the region," he said. "We also work quite a bit with Regina Glenn and Bobby Forch (WSDOT's Diversity and Inclusion managers)."

"We're looking for companies that want to be our partner on the job. We want them to come prepared, fully understanding their skill set and communicating that to us," Kaufman said.

"Firms should be reaching out to us early in the estimating process," Currier said, "so everyone can communicate what the scopes are, what the firm is capable of. The more folks reach out to us and our estimating team early in the process, the better off everyone will be. Look for our ads in the Daily Journal of Commerce and on the OMWBE website."



Ethan Kaufman (left) is Walsh Construction's project manager for the SR 520/I-5 Express Lanes Connection Project. John Currier (right) is Walsh's diversity manager.

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Reporting progress by the numbers

Diversity/ Apprenticeship / Training

Shaded projects are physically complete.

Individual companies certify on multiple TYPEs (M, S, V, W) and are calculated based on contract goals / expectations, these areas are stacked.

Data below is provided to WSDOT by its project contractors. Percentages and dollars are based on amounts paid to date.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND ENGINEERING (PGM & E)										
DBE	Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE)	Percentage		Companies		Data Date	Duration			
		Goal	Achieved	#	Applied (\$)		Paid (\$)			
	Corridor Development	N/A	8.05%	2	\$15,112,456	\$15,112,456	6/30/2014	Feb. 2009 – June 2014 (N/A – No Goal)		
	SR 520 Program	9%	16.12%	8	\$8,341,036	\$8,341,036	6/30/2017	June 2014 – Dec 2016 (9% is a voluntary goal)		
	Completed Agreements	8%	9.79%	8	\$23,453,492	\$23,453,492	6/30/2017	Feb. 2009 – Dec 2016		
	DBE Program Subtotal ¹		9.79%	8	\$23,453,492	\$23,453,492				
MSWBE	Minority, Small, Veteran, Women Business Enterprise (MSWBE)	Percentage		Companies		Data Date	Duration			
		Goal	Achieved	#	Stacked (\$)		Paid (\$)			
	SR 520 Program Agreement	M 10%	9.08%	9	\$10,352,917	\$10,352,917	9/30/2021	March 2016 - Present		
S 5%		26.48%	23	\$30,189,081	\$9,184,148					
V 5%		0.02%	2	\$22,286	\$3,147					
W 6%		14.43%	8	\$16,444,363	\$10,648,868					
Agmt		50.01%	42	\$57,008,648	\$30,189,081					
	MSWBE Program Subtotal ²		29.22%	50.01%	23	\$30,189,081				
PGM & E TOTAL ¹				26	\$53,642,573					

CONSTRUCTION											
DBE	DBE	Percentage		Companies		Data Date	Apprentice		Training Hours ³		
		Goal	Achieved	#	Applied (\$)		Paid (\$)	Hours % (Goal)	Data Date	Goal	Achieved
	Pontoon Construction	6%	6.05%	20	\$27,182,102	\$27,182,102	12/1/2015	17.7%		50,000	94,415
	Eastside Transit and HOV	11%	12.18%	36	\$44,161,134	\$44,161,134	6/1/2015	13.7%	8/15/2016	58,500	38,655 ⁴
	West Connection Bridge	3%	3.83%	5	\$848,460	\$848,460	11/1/2014	18.8%	10/1/2014	1,200	1,200
	Floating Bridge and Landings	7%	7.83%	46	\$59,993,946	\$59,993,946	9/30/2017	21.4%	10/31/2017	74,600	113,931
	West Approach Bridge North	12%	14.62%	17	\$29,177,122	\$29,177,122		20.0%	5/26/2018	15,000	28,051
	Completed Projects ⁴	8%	8.97%	77	\$161,362,764	\$161,362,764	2/5/2019	18.6% (15% Goal)	5/26/2018	199,300	237,597
	DBE Program Subtotal ¹		8.97%	77	\$161,362,764	\$161,362,764		18.6%		199,300	237,597

MSWBE	MSWBE	Percentage		Companies		Data Date	Apprentice		Training Hours ³		
		Goal	Achieved	#	Stacked (\$)		Paid (\$)	Hours % (Goal)	Data Date	Goal	Achieved
	Completed Projects ⁵	Varies	32.12% 50.88%	9		\$3,623,870	15.6% (15% Goal)	11/30/2018	NOT REQUIRED		
	C9015: Montlake to Lake WA - I/C & Bridge Replacement (currently in construction)	M 10%	2.86%	17	\$13,005,649	\$13,005,649	9/30/2021	15.1% (20% Goal)	8/9/2021	NOT REQUIRED	
S 5%		5.69%	45	\$25,916,476	\$6,034,861						
V 5%		0.30%	4	\$1,347,806	\$1,268,519						
W 6%		1.64%	12	\$7,479,279	\$6,593,670						
	Project		10.49%	78	\$47,749,211	\$26,902,699					
	C9674: I-5 Express Lanes Connection (currently in construction)	M 10%	0.12%	3	\$531,519	\$531,519	9/30/2021	0% (20% Goal)	9/30/2021	NOT REQUIRED	
S 5%		0.12%	3	\$531,519	\$0						
V 5%		0.00%	0	\$0	\$0						
W 6%		0.00%	0	\$0	\$0						
	Project		0.23%	6	\$1,063,037	\$531,519					
	MSWBE Program Subtotal ²		6.66%	11.46%	56	\$31,058,088					
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL ¹				119	\$192,420,852						

SR 520 PROGRAM TOTAL ¹				142	\$246,063,426					
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¹ For DBE Program Subtotal, PGM & E TOTAL, CONSTRUCTION TOTAL (three firms worked in both PGM & E and CONSTRUCTION), and SR 520 PROGRAM TOTAL; the calculation for these are based on each individual company on the SR 520 Program.

² Individual companies certify on multiple TYPEs (M, S, V, W) and to eliminate duplication, the 'MSWBE Program Subtotal' only calculates the overall %, total '# of Companies', and total 'Paid (\$)' to Companies' to date based on each individual company and total paid on the SR 520 Program (exception - highlighted cell is stacked %).

³ Once Training Goals are achieved, they are no longer tracked or reported.

⁴ Completed federally funded construction projects to date: Pontoons, Eastside, West Connection Bridge, Floating Bridge and Landings, West Approach Bridge North. Total percentage DBE achieved ranged from 3.83% - 14.62%, totaling 8.97% overall. Total percentage Apprenticeship achieved ranged from 13.7% - 21.4%, totaling 18.6% overall.

⁵ Completed state funded construction projects to date: Grass Creek, Evans Creek, Union Bay Natural Area, Truck Aprons, Eastside Culvert Repair Project. Total percentage MSWBE achieved ranged from 0.00% - 64.74%, totaling 32.14% overall. Total percentage Apprenticeship achieved ranged from 12.0% - 24.1%, totaling 15.6% overall.

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