**Workforce Goals**

Millstone Weber, along with its designer, Parsons, is committed to closing the workforce gap by meeting and exceeding the federal workforce standards of 14.7 percent minority and 6.9 percent women participation per craft, including professional services. The numbers are reported to MoDOT on a monthly basis.

- **Total Minority Hours:** 15.1% (16,853)
- **Total Female Hours:** 22.8% (28,200)
- **Total Workforce Hours:** 123,514
  
  **As of June 2020**

**DBE Goals**

Millstone Weber is committed to meeting and exceeding the DBE goal of 22 percent for professional services and is on track to meet and exceed the DBE goal of 18 percent for construction services. The numbers are reported to MoDOT on a monthly basis.

- **Total Amount paid to DBEs firms through June 2020:** $2.1 Million ($2,118,697)

**Dunn Road and WB I-270 Exit Ramp at Old Halls Ferry Road closed on August 3, 2020**

Dunn Rd. and the westbound I-270 exit ramp at Old Halls Ferry closed on August 3, 2020 at 9 a.m. Both will be closed for one month. Motorists are encouraged to use I-270 at New Halls Ferry Rd. to Netherton Dr. as the detour route. All detours will be marked.

**Pershall Road near Coldwater Creek (between Ford Lane and Polson Lane) closed on August 4, 2020**

Pershall Rd. between Route 67 (Lindbergh Blvd.) and North Hanley Road is closed. The closure, between Ford Lane and Polson Lane, will remain in place for 18 months. Motorists are encouraged to use I-270 between Lindbergh and Hanley/Graham as detour routes for both eastbound and westbound travel. All detours will be marked.

Drivers are encouraged to visit the project website at [http://www.i270north.org](http://www.i270north.org) to learn more about planned detours and about the specifics of the project, including a project overview and graphic displays of planned construction. In addition, website visitors can leave comments or signup for on-going updates. The public can also contact MoDOT’s customer service center at 1-314-275-1500 or contact the I-270 North Project Team at: I270North@modot.mo.gov.

Learn more about the I-270 North Project at [www.i270north.org](http://www.i270north.org)
“Last week when I had the opportunity to actually go out and see dirt moving, concrete being poured and sections of a bridge already in place, it was incredibly gratifying,” said Rebecca Zoll, President and CEO of North County Inc. “A lot of people worked very hard for many years to bring this investment and major infrastructure improvement project to fruition. It is very satisfying to see the results that a long-term community-wide collaboration can yield.”

Rebecca says North County, Inc. pushed for the project for more than 13 years. The impetus for the project was a desire to increase commercial development, improve the flow of traffic, improve safety, upgrade an aging infrastructure, and address limited spaces for pedestrians and bicyclists.

“As an economic development advocacy organization, we recognized that the corridor didn’t function as effectively or efficiently as it could, and that there were challenges related to both capacity and safety. Our hope was that MoDOT would see it the same way, study the corridor’s lack of functionality and determine if a project of this magnitude was viable, and could eventually lead to critically needed improvements. High hopes considering that federal spending for projects was being reduced and that the State's transportation budget is so tight,” said Rebecca.

She says it was a long road to travel for all of the partners who pushed for the project – state and local officials, residents, business owners, chambers, along with industry experts – working to keep the possibility of the project in the public eye.

“We built a strong partnership with the community and with MoDOT staff from the very beginning; knowing that they also believed in the project and that it should be a priority. All of the partners worked together doing what we could to move it closer and closer to becoming reality.”

Considerable efforts were also dedicated towards engaging all the potential stakeholders throughout the process; a standard that continues today. MoDOT also worked hard with contractors to hire locally whenever possible and ensure equity within the project.

“North County, Inc. and all of the other partners worked very closely with MoDOT to ensure that people knew about the project and the potential benefits of it; updated and new interchanges and bridges, additional driving lanes in both directions of the interstate, improved accessibility for bicyclists and pedestrians with multi-use paths, and signal updates and replacements to name a few.”

She asks for the public to exercise patience. “It may hurt for just a little while, but when it is complete it will be safer, and so much better for everyone who lives, works or drives through the I-270 North Corridor. Slow down and drive safely in the construction zones, and watch as the wonderful new interstate comes together.”