

Transportation Committee

Minutes

4.1.2025

### **CREO Presentation – Debarment Actions and Newest Compliance Measures with Fair Contractor Alliance.**

Jamie Guillen and Jarrett Dillard, CREO Department, presented. This presentation was conducted with the committee regarding an update on contract compliance activities and debarment actions. CREO actively monitors contractors, but currently the debarment process is based on complaint driven actions. Grounds for debarment include but are not limited to: Failure to show good faith efforts, as defined in section 3-441 for MBE/WBE or Workforce requirements, Failure to pay rates prescribed in the contract or place employee in proper wage classification, regardless of whether restitution was subsequently made. The metric summary reported is 695 projects monitored on average for prevailing wage and workforce by CCLS compliance officers, 9,931 certified payroll audits reviewed by CCLS compliance officers in February, 15 construction sites visited in February by FCA, 58 total workers interviewed / 53 were completed by FCA, and 97 total projects have been assigned to FCA.

The committee requested a follow-up presentation on some form of compliance of how to implement the follow-through for non-compliance. The presenters provided an example of an active investigation and a closed investigation. Saxon Apartments at Midland had 19 workers that were underpaid, and 2 contractors that were involved. The Wonderland Apartments had 4 workers that were underpaid and \$5,000.00 in restitution was received. A copy of this presentation is on file with the Clerk's Office.

### **KCATA Presentation**

Frank White III, KCATA, presented. The presentation began with a testimony from Javier. Mr. White began his presentation with information that was shared by their board of directors. He updated the committee with the following: that there will be weekend services, no routes cut, the board agreed to move forward with the six-month budget outlined in the ordinance and this body (council) will decide if there will be any changes to services provided by KCATA. There will also be some frequency changes to routes and that will be determined by metrics and data based on ridership. There will be a reduction in hours for daily operations. An example: shortening service from 21.5 hours (3:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.) to 18 hours (5 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.). How will the low-cost fare be reinstated and how will it affect low-income people were questions asked of the presenters. The response was that there are various programs that are in place that allow for bus passes to those that cannot afford to pay the fare. A committee sub will be introduced that will include a 30-day plan on how fare reinstatement will be made. A copy of this presentation is on file with the Clerk's Office.