

M Management Committee

Business Item

Item: 2008-291

Meeting date: **October 22, 2008**

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	October 22, 2008
Subject:	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise 2009 Goal
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	49 CFR part 26
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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program FFY 2009 Goal of 15% for submittal to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Background

Chapter 49 part 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires US Department of Transportation funding recipients who anticipate awarding \$250,000 or more in prime contracts in a federal fiscal year to timely publish a proposed overall goal and submit the goal to the appropriate USDOT Operating Administration. The Metropolitan Council receives funding assistance from the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. The Council has previously prepared and submitted its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program document to the Federal Transit Administration. The Council follows the methodology prescribed in 49 part 26.

Funding

The DBE Program Document will be forwarded to USDOT with a request to approve an overall Metropolitan Council DBE goal of 15% for FFY2009. This 15% goal represents a percentage of all DOT assisted contracts (exclusive of funds to be used for the purchase of Transit vehicles). This goal does not include any funding for the Central Corridor Light Rail project. If the Council does not present a DBE goal to the FTA all FTA funding will be held until a goal is presented and approved.

Known Support / Opposition

Once approved an announcement of the Council Goal will be published in the local media and minority publications through the Office of Communication. A stakeholders meeting will also be held to answer questions concerning the goal methodology from the DBE community.