

# M Management Committee

**Business Item**

Item: 2012-246

**Meeting Date: September 26, 2012**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	September 26, 2012
<b>Subject:</b>	Metropolitan Council Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) USDOT Program 2013-2016 Goal
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Code of Federal Regulations Chapter 49 Part 26
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Wanda F. Kirkpatrick, Director Equal Opportunity, 651-602-1085
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Office of Equal Opportunity/Regional Administration

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) approve the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) USDOT Program 2013-2016 Goal for submittal to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) staff recommends the Council approve the DBE Program goal of 15.5% for submittal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

### Background

Metropolitan Council Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) USDOT Program 2013-2016 Goal:

Chapter 49 Part 26 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires USDOT 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 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 DBE Program document to the FTA. The Council follows the methodology prescribed in 49 Part 26.

### Rationale

The DBE Program document will be forwarded to USDOT with a request to approve an overall Council DBE goal. The goal represents a percentage of all USDOT assisted contracts (exclusive of funds to be used for the purchase of Transit vehicles) that the Council will work to expend in DOT assisted contracts in the forthcoming Federal fiscal years (2013-2016). This goal does not include any funding for the Central Corridor or Southwest Light Rail projects.

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.

Staff will present the methodology for the Council in choosing the USDOT DBE goal. This methodology is set forth in accordance with 49 CFR 26.

### Funding

The setting of the USDOT DBE goal does not affect the OEO budget.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.