

**Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority
Board Action/Information Summary**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this action is to seek approval of the 45-day period for public comment regarding the proposed Annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE) Goal for Federal Fiscal Year 2009. This is in compliance with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations for federally-funded recipients, which require a public comment period prior to final adoption of the annual goal.

DESCRIPTION

The U.S. Department of Transportation, under 49 CFR, Part 26, requires all recipients of federal funds to establish an annual goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation on federally funded contracts. WMATA will be informing the public of the proposed goal of 25% by holding a public comment period from May 30 through July 14, 2008. There will be a public meeting on July 14, 2008. The U.S. Department of Transportation has adopted a formula to calculate the annual goal. Staff utilized the formula and asked the U.S. Department of Transportation to review the formula and methodology prior to preparation of the proposed goal. The empirical data was generated from the 2002 U.S. Census data on businesses.

FUNDING IMPACT

The FTA requires an annual DBE goal as part of the certifications and assurances necessary to receive grant funding.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Directors approve the 45-day period for public comment on the proposed FFY 2009 DBE Goal of 25%.