

## Management Committee

Meeting date: July 9, 2014

## Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 14, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 23, 2014

**Subject:** Metropolitan Council Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Triennial 2014-2017 Goal

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Code of Federal Regulations Chapter 49 part 26

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Division/Department: Office of Equal Opportunity

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program FFY 2014-2017 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 set and publish a triennial DBE 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 goal methodology prescribed in CFR 49 part 26.

### Rationale

The DBE Program Document will be forwarded to USDOT with a request to approve an overall Metropolitan Council DBE goal of 15% for FFY 2014-2017. This 15% goal represents a percentage of all DOT assisted contracts (exclusive of funds to be used for the purchase of Transit vehicles) that the Council anticipates expending in DOT assisted contracts in the forthcoming Federal fiscal years 10/1/14 – 9-30-17. This goal will not be used for Green Line or Blue Line Extension (Southwest & Bottineau) projects.

### Funding

Not Applicable

### Known Support / Opposition

Once approved, by the Council an announcement of the triennial DBE goal will be published in the local media and minority publications. Stakeholder meetings will also be held to answer questions concerning the goal methodology. The Metropolitan Council's DBE program embodies the desired Thrive 2040 outcomes of stewardship, prosperity, equity, livability and sustainability.