

To: A&F Committee

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Reviewed by: *WC*

SUBJECT: Request to Post Proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2020-2022

Summary:

The Board of Directors adopted the revised CCCTA Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program on February 15, 2018 pursuant to U.S. Department of Transportation directives and guidelines in the regulations, 49 CFR Part 26. The program was submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on March 14, 2018.

As part of the DBE Program, the regulations require grantees to establish a three-year overall goal for DBE participation in FTA-assisted contracts. The Board adopted a 5% overall DBE goal for FFY2017 through FFY2019 on July 21, 2016 and it was approved by the FTA on November 21, 2016.

County Connection's next goal submission is due to FTA on August 1, 2019 covering FFY2020 through FFY2022. Staff is proposing a 4.65% overall goal based on federal contracting opportunities and DBE availability for those projects.

Prior to submission to the FTA, the regulations require that County Connection post a notice on its official web site announcing the proposed goal. In addition, the notice will inform the public the proposed goal is available for inspection and comment for a 30-day period.

Following public review, staff will apprise the A&F Committee of any comments received and will recommend the final overall DBE goal for adoption by the Board at their June meeting.

Financial Implications:

An approved DBE Program, which includes a three-year DBE overall goal, will enable County Connection to continue to be eligible for federal financial assistance.

Staff Recommendation:

Authorize staff to post the proposed DBE overall goal of 4.65% on the County Connection website and begin the 30-day public review and comment period.