

To: A&F Committee

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From: Kristina Martinez, Civil Rights Admin.

Reviewed by:

SUBJECT: Request to Advertise the Proposed DBE Goal for FY2017 through FY2019

Background:

The Board of Directors adopted the revised CCCTA DBE Program on February 16, 2012 pursuant to U.S. Department of Transportation directives and guidelines in the regulations, 49 CFR Part 26. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approved the DBE Program on March 8, 2013.

The regulations were amended to require grantees to establish a three-year DBE overall goal setting schedule, and the Board adopted an overall 7% DBE goal for FY2014 through FY2016 on July 18, 2013.

County Connection's next goal submission is due to FTA on August 1, 2016 covering FY2017 through FY2019. Staff is proposing a 5% overall goal based on federal contracting opportunities and DBE availability for those projects.

Prior to submission, the proposed three-year overall goal must be published on County Connection's website. In addition, County Connection has elected to inform the public that the proposed goal is available for inspection at the County Connection offices for a 30-day comment period. Following the public review and comment period, staff will apprise the A&F Committee of any comments received and will recommend a DBE overall goal for FY2017 through FY2019 for adoption by the Board at their July 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 begin the public review and comment period by advertising the proposed FY2017 through FY2019 DBE overall goal of 5% for FTA-assisted contracts.