



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION  
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) GOAL  
FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS (FFY) 2019 -2021**

This announcement will serve as notice of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) triennial Overall Goal of 27% for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – assisted contracts. The overall goal is for a three-year period from Federal Fiscal Years 2019 – 2021 (FFY19 – FFY21) beginning October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2021. Metro plans to achieve its overall DBE goal by using race and gender neutral (race-neutral) measures and race and gender conscious (race-conscious) measures. Metro will achieve 13.8% of its overall goal utilizing race and gender-neutral measures, and 13.2% of its overall utilizing race and gender-conscious measures. The overall goal is expressed as a percentage of FTA funds Metro projects to expend for the triennial goal period. The goal methodology used is in accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) DBE Program Final Rule, 49 Code of federal regulation, Part 26. The triennial overall goal is established to achieve a “level playing field” for DBE’s to participate in metro’s FTA-assisted contracting opportunities.

Additionally, pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26, Metro must seek a waiver from the DOT to implement its DBE Program to address the identified race group, Subcontinent Asian American-owned businesses found to have no substantial disparities in the 2017 Metro Disparity Study. The public hearing will serve as the required public participation process to solicit input concerning the waiver proposal.

## **Public Hearing**

A public meeting will be held to consult with stakeholders, which include minority and women business groups, community organizations, trade associations and other officials or organizations that may have information concerning the availability of disadvantaged business and comments on the DBE overall goal and goal methodology.

**Thursday, May 17, 2018**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Metro Headquarters Building**

**Gateway Plaza Conference Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**One Gateway Plaza**

**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

**Parking fee \$8.00**

**Wednesday, June 6, 2018**

**5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Metro Headquarters Building**

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**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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The proposed DBE overall goal methodology is posted Metro's website for review. Metro will accept public comments for a 30-day period beginning May 11, 2018 and ending June 11, 2018.

To view the goal report, on the Metro website, visit:

[http://media.metro.net/about\\_us/disparity\\_study/images/report-goals-fy19-fy21.pdf](http://media.metro.net/about_us/disparity_study/images/report-goals-fy19-fy21.pdf)

To view the public hearing goal presentation, visit:

[http://media.metro.net/deod/images/presentation\\_overall\\_dbe\\_goal\\_public\\_hearings\\_2018-0517.pdf](http://media.metro.net/deod/images/presentation_overall_dbe_goal_public_hearings_2018-0517.pdf)

To review the 2017 Final Metro Disparity Study, visit:

<https://www.metro.net/about/metro-disparity-study/>.

For those unable to provide verbal or written comments at one of the above public hearings, may be submit written comments by US mail, email or fax through June 11, 2018 to:

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Diversity & Economic Opportunity Department  
Attn: Public Comment Overall DBE Goal  
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