

**Fiscal Years 2021-23**

**Overall Goal for  
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise  
Participation in Federal Transit Administration  
Assisted Programs  
(Including Goal Setting Methodology)**

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**SAN LUIS OBISPO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**  
**OVERALL DBE GOAL FOR FFYs 2021-2023**

**I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) prescribes its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program and requirements for recipients of Federal funds from DOT in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 49, Part 26 (Regulations). Specific instructions are found in Section 26.45 entitled “How do recipients set overall goals.”

As a recipient of DOT financial assistance via the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority (RTA) has established a recommended overall DBE goal for FYs 2021-23 of 5.5% based on all FTA-assisted contracting funds anticipated to be awarded between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2023.

The goal is based on demonstrable evidence of the availability of ready, willing and able DBEs relative to all businesses ready, willing and able to participate in our FTA-assisted contracts. The overall goal reflects RTA’s determination of the level of DBE participation expected to be achieved absent the effects of discrimination. RTA intends to meet this goal to the maximum extent feasible through race-neutral measures and does not intend to establish specific goals for any contracts unless needed.

Public comments and how RTA plans to address these comments will be submitted to FTA on March 5, 2021 as an attachment 3 to this methodology.

**II. DBE GOAL FOR FY 21-23**

The proposed overall DBE Goal for FY 21-23 is 5.5%. The goal applies to FTA-funded contracts awarded by RTA and its sub-recipients from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. The analysis described herein indicates the proposed goal of 5.5% can be achieved entirely through race and gender neutral measures. In accordance with the decision by the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in *Western States Paving Company v. United States and Washington State Department of Transportation*, USDOT recipients in the Ninth Circuit, which includes California, cannot consider the use of a race- or gender-conscious goal unless a finding of statistically significant disparity (disparity study) has been made for the ethnic and gender groups to be included in the race- or gender-conscious goal. RTA has not conducted a disparity study and, therefore, did not consider the use of a race- or gender-conscious goal as part of the overall goal. However, based on the results of the analysis described in sections IV and V of this report, RTA believes it can achieve the weighted goal figure calculated in Step One entirely through race- and gender-neutral measures. A summary of disparity studies conducted by Caltrans and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority is provided in section V of this report.

### III. METHODOLOGY FOR SETTING THE OVERALL DBE GOAL

As noted in Section I (Executive Summary), the DBE goal was calculated using the two-step process described in the “Tips for Goal Setting” guidance provided by USDOT. The two step process for calculating the overall DBE goal is to:

- Step 1: Calculate a base figure to determine the relative availability of DBEs; and
- Step 2: Adjust the base figure if necessary.

The DBE Directory and Census Data method was used to calculate the base figure of the relative availability of DBEs to perform the types of contracts that RTA intends to let. A detailed description of the methodology used in Step One and associated calculations and assumptions are provided in Section IV. In Step Two, past DBE participation and projects from previous years in relation to projects proposed in FYs 21-23 was utilized to determine if the base figure should be adjusted. A description of this analysis conducted for Step Two is provided in Section V.

#### Determination of Local Market Area

The boundaries of the local market area were determined by examining the area in which the substantial majority of the contractors and subcontractors that are more likely to submit bids for the type of projects that will be performed in the upcoming years, as RTA had none of these major types of projects in the past five years.

### IV. STEP ONE - BASE FIGURE CALCULATION

The purpose of Step One is to determine what percentage of DBEs represents all firms that are ready, willing, and able to compete for USDOT-assisted contracting. This percentage is calculated by dividing the number of DBEs ready, willing and able to bid for the types of work to be funded during a three-year period, by the number of all firms (DBEs and non-DBEs) ready, willing and able to bid for the types of work to be funded during the same three-year period. The calculation is summarized in the equation below:

$$\text{Step One-Base Figure} = \frac{\text{Ready, Willing and Able DBEs}}{\text{All Firms Ready, Willing and Able (including DBEs and non-DBEs)}}$$

To complete the calculation, the first item of work was to develop a list of contracts that RTA intends to let in FYs 21-23. This list of anticipated projects/contracts is provided in Attachment 1. A total of 10 anticipated contracts were identified that total \$23.8 million.

The DBE firms that are ready, willing and able to perform the anticipated work were identified using the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP) Statewide DBE Directory. DBE firms that indicated their willingness to work in Caltrans District 5 (Monterey County, San Benito County, San Luis Obispo County, Santa Barbara County and Santa Cruz County) were selected. North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes were then assigned to each project to help identify DBEs and all firms that are ready, willing and able to compete for the anticipated projects. NAICS codes were obtained from the US Census Bureau web page located at: <http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>.

USDOT recommends that weighting be used to help ensure that the Step One Base Figure is as accurate as possible. Weighting increased the Base Figure from 2.8% to 5.5%.

The calculations for Step One- Base Figure and Weighted Figure calculation of 2.8% and 5.5% are shown in Attachment 2.

## **V. STEP TWO BASE FIGURE ADJUSTMENT**

The purpose for Step Two of the goal setting calculation is to adjust the Step One figure to make it more precise, if necessary. The factors listed below were considered to determine whether such an adjustment is necessary:

- Past DBE participation;
- Disparity studies conducted in the local market area.

### Past DBE Participation

The DBE goals achieved in the previous three federal fiscal years were examined to determine the median DBE participation although RTA did not have any examples of the proposed project type in these years. The DBE goals achieved in the past three fiscal years are:

FY17/18 = 0%  
FY18/19 = 6.4%  
FY19/20 = 3.6%

**Median = 3.3%**

The median DBE participation for the previous three-year period is 3.3%. However, RTA believes that with the projects that are proposed it will make every effort to achieve our overall goal of 5.5% and that the large increase from 2015-2017 to now is due, in part, to the construction of our new facilities as compared to prior years.

## Disparity Studies Conducted in the Local Market Area

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) conducted a disparity study in 2018 known as the Metro 2017 Disparity Study. The study documented white women, black American, and Hispanic American owned firms exhibited disparity indices substantially below parity. The study also found that all groups, with the exception of Subcontinent Asian American-owned businesses, exhibited disparity indices substantially below parity on contracts without DBE goals. The Disparity Study noted that Metro might consider making an upward adjustment to its base figure to account for barriers that minorities, women, and minority- and woman-owned businesses face in the Los Angeles marketplace related to human capital, financial capital, business ownership, and business success. Additionally, Metro might also consider a downward adjustment to its base figure based on the volume of work that DBEs have performed in recent years on its contracts. Metro's utilization reports for FFYs 2011 through 2014 indicated median annual DBE participation of 3.7 percent for those years, which is lower than its base figure. USDOT "Tips for Goal-Setting" states that an agency is not required to make a step-2 adjustment to its base figure as long as it can explain what factors it considered and can explain its decision in its Goal and Methodology document.

Based on the factors listed above to consider whether to adjust the Base Figure, it is determined that no adjustment should be made to the RTA overall goal. Therefore, the overall goal for FYs 21-23 is proposed at 5.5% to be achieved through race and gender neutral measures.

The calculations for Step Two- Base Figure Adjustment are shown in Attachment 2.

The RTA will also monitor the progress of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) disparity study commissioned in July of 2020 with BBC Research & Consulting (BBC) to assess whether minority- and woman-owned businesses face any barriers as part of Caltrans's contracting processes. Information from the study, which is expected to be completed by June of 2021, will help the RTA in assess its efforts to encourage the participation of minority- and woman-owned businesses in local contracts and help inform any refinements that the RTA might make to its implementation of the Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in future years.

## **VI. Public Notice and Consultation**

The public notice and consultation process will be conducted for setting the DBE Goal for FFYs 21-23 is provided in Attachment 3. Copies of all correspondences are incorporated into attachment.

**Attachment 1**  
List of Anticipated Projects  
FY 21-23

| <b>FEDERAL GRANTS WITH FY 21-23 CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY</b>            |   |   |   |   |                         |
|--|---|---|---|---|-------------------------|
| Project  | Antic. Federal<br>Grants FY 21-23<br>Capital & Planning | 3-Yr Total<br>Maintenance<br>& Planning | Amount with<br>Contracting<br>Opportunity | Amount<br>without<br>Contracting<br>Opportunity | Notes -<br>see<br>below |
| A  | B   | C                                       | D   | E   | F                       |
| New Ops & Maint Facility   | \$19,305,662  |   | \$19,305,662                              |   |                         |
| Bus Stop Improvements (including shelters, amenities, etc)             | \$232,900   |   | \$232,900                                 |   |                         |
| Service Vehicle  | \$236,860   |   | \$236,860                                 |   |                         |
| Support Equipment  | \$106,200   |   | \$106,200                                 |   |                         |
| Six (6) Replacement Buses  | \$3,174,080   |   | \$3,174,080                               |   |                         |
| Server redundancy update   | \$55,200  |   |   | \$55,200  | 1                       |
| Upgrade radio system   | \$71,440  |   |   | \$71,440  | 1                       |
| Upgrade fare collection system   | \$434,400   |   |   | \$434,400                                       | 1                       |
| <b>TOTALS</b>  | <b>\$23,616,742</b>                                     |   | <b>\$23,055,702</b>                       | <b>\$561,040</b>                                |                         |
| <b>PLANNING GRANTS</b>   |   |   |   |   |                         |
| Transit Planning & Programming   |   |   |   |   |                         |
| Consultant Services (SRTP)   | \$200,000   | \$200,000                               | \$200,000                                 |   |                         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>  | <b>\$200,000</b>  | <b>\$200,000</b>                        | <b>\$200,000</b>                          | <b>\$0</b>                                      |                         |
| <b>SUMMARY</b>   |   |   |   |   |                         |
| Capital Totals   | \$23,616,742  |   | \$23,055,702                              | \$561,040                                       |                         |
| Planning Totals  | \$200,000   |   | \$200,000                                 | \$0   |                         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>  | <b>\$23,816,742</b>                                     |   | <b>\$23,255,702</b>                       | <b>\$561,040</b>                                |                         |
| <b>Notes:</b>  |   |   |   |   |                         |
| 1 - Sole Source- software purchased from only source, the manufacturer |   |   |   |   |                         |

**Attachment 2**  
**FY 21-23 Goal Determination Calculations**  
**Step 1 and Step 2**

| <b>FY 21-23 GOAL DETERMINATION</b>                                    |        |                  |             |                |                                     |                                   |                            |                          |                         |
|---|--------|------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| A   | B      | C                |             | D              | E                                   | F                                 | G                          | H                        | I                       |
| Project   | NAICS  | Number of Firms  |             | Step 1         | Amt with contracting<br>Opportunity | Anticipated<br>DBE<br>Expenditure | Weighted<br>Percent<br>DBE | Step 2<br>Percent<br>DBE | Notes -<br>See<br>Below |
|   |        | Overall<br>Total | DBE<br>Only | Percent<br>DBE |                                     |                                   |                            |                          |                         |
| <b>CAPITAL GRANTS</b>   |        |                  |             |                |                                     |                                   |                            |                          |                         |
| New Ops & Maint Facility  | 236220 | 2,239            | 140         | 6.3%           | \$19,305,662                        | \$1,207,143                       | 5.2%                       | 5.2%                     | 1                       |
| Bus Stop Improvements (including shelters, amenities, etc)            | 236220 | 2,239            | 140         | 6.3%           | \$232,900                           | \$14,563                          | 0.1%                       | 0.1%                     | 1                       |
| Service Vehicle   | 441110 | 2,625            | 1           | 0.0%           | \$236,860                           | \$90                              | 0.0%                       | 0.0%                     | 1                       |
| Support Equipment   | 811213 | 1,653            | 8           | 0.5%           | \$106,200                           | \$514                             | 0.0%                       | 0.0%                     | 1                       |
| Six (6) Replacement Buses   | 336120 | 974              | 0           | 0.0%           | \$3,174,080                         | \$0                               | 0.0%                       | 0.0%                     | 1                       |
| SQL Servers (2) Upgrade   | 334111 | 974              | 2           | 0.2%           | \$0                                 | \$0                               | 0.0%                       | 0.0%                     | 2                       |
| ADA software Upgrade  | 511210 | 369              | 13          | 3.5%           | \$0                                 | \$0                               | 0.0%                       | 0.0%                     | 2                       |
| Upgrade Fare collection system  | 511210 | 369              | 13          | 3.5%           | \$0                                 | \$0                               | 0.0%                       | 0.0%                     | 2                       |
| <b>TOTALS</b>   |        | <b>11,442</b>    | <b>317</b>  | <b>2.8%</b>    | <b>\$23,055,702</b>                 | <b>\$1,222,310</b>                | <b>5.3%</b>                | <b>5.3%</b>              |                         |
| <b>PLANNING GRANTS</b>  |        |                  |             |                |                                     |                                   |                            |                          |                         |
| Transit Planning & Programming  |        |                  |             |                |                                     |                                   |                            |                          |                         |
| Consultant Services (SRTP)  | 541611 | 2,460            | 640         | 26.0%          | \$200,000                           | \$52,033                          | 26.0%                      | 26.0%                    | 1                       |
| <b>TOTALS</b>   |        | <b>2,460</b>     | <b>640</b>  | <b>26.0%</b>   | <b>\$200,000</b>                    | <b>\$52,033</b>                   | <b>26.0%</b>               | <b>26.0%</b>             |                         |
| <b>SUMMARY</b>  |        |                  |             |                |                                     |                                   |                            |                          |                         |
| Capital Totals  |        | 11,442           | 317         | 2.8%           | \$ 23,055,702                       | \$1,222,310                       | 5.3%                       | 5.3%                     |                         |
| Planning Totals   |        | 2,460            | 640         | 26.0%          | \$ 200,000                          | \$52,033                          | 26.0%                      | 26.0%                    |                         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>   |        | <b>13,902</b>    | <b>957</b>  | <b>6.9%</b>    | <b>\$23,255,702</b>                 | <b>\$1,274,342</b>                | <b>5.5%</b>                | <b>5.5%</b>              |                         |
| <b>Notes:</b>   |        |                  |             |                |                                     |                                   |                            |                          |                         |
| 1. Step 2 reflects adjustment for weighting,                          |        |                  |             |                |                                     |                                   |                            |                          |                         |
| 2. Sole Source- software purchased from only source, the manufacturer |        |                  |             |                |                                     |                                   |                            |                          |                         |

Attachment 3  
**Public Notice and Consultation**

This memo is to summarize the process RTA followed for public participation regarding its proposed DBE goal as required by the FTA. RTA will conduct public outreach that will properly address it in our submission.

DBE Goal Setting Consultation Process

On January 11, 2021, RTA mailed the “Notice to Disadvantage Business Enterprise Resource and Assistance Agencies” (copy provided below) to the organizations listed in Resource Agency Listing (copy provided below). This letter notified these groups of RTA’s goal and requested consultation. Subsequently, RTA sent these same organizations a follow-up letter (copy provided below) and a follow up phone call was made on February 8, 2021 inviting them to a meeting at RTA’s office on February 22, 2021.

RTA published its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal on February 2, 2021 in our local paper, The Tribune, which is available online and in hardcopy. The notice was also posted on our website and in our lobby of our Administration office and on the public board located just outside our building for 30 days.

RTA made every concerted effort, as required, to obtain public participation for its DBE Goal.



**NOTICE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE  
RESOURCE AND ASSISTANCE AGENCIES**

January 11, 2021

In accordance with Federal Regulations 49 CFR Part 26, San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority (RTA) is committed to enabling participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) in its contracting opportunities as reflected in the RTA Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program.

It is the policy of RTA to ensure nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex or national origin in the award and administration of contracts assisted by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). It is the intention of RTA to create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly and participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts relating to RTA's procurement activities. The DBE Program is the result of RTA's commitment to the participation of small business firms owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for purchasing and contracting opportunities.

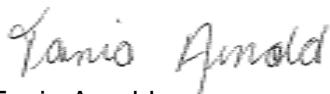
In this regard, RTA wishes to notify your organization and all interested parties that it is proposing to establish an overall DBE goal for Federal fiscal years 2021-23. This DBE goal will be applicable to contracts and procurements financed, in whole or in part, by the U.S. DOT, Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

In establishing its overall DBE goal, RTA wishes to consult with minority, women and general contractor groups, community organizations and other groups that may have information that will be useful to RTA in its procurement efforts. In this regard, we solicit your assistance by providing RTA with information concerning:

- a. DBEs and non-DBEs that may wish to participate in RTA's contracting opportunities.
- b. The effects of discrimination on opportunities for DBEs.
- c. RTA's efforts to establish a level playing field for the participation of DBEs.

Please direct your input to: San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority  
Attn: Tania Arnold, Deputy Director/CFO (DBE Liaison)  
253 Elks Lane  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Thank you for your assistance and, if you have any comments or questions, please call me at (805) 781-4397, and refer to the DBE Program.



Tania Arnold  
DBE Liaison

## Resource Agency Listing

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| South County Chamber of Commerce<br>800-A West Branch Street<br>Arroyo Grande, CA 93420 | Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce<br>695 Harbor Street<br>Morro Bay, CA 93442                    | Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce<br>1225 Park Street<br>Paso Robles, CA 93446    |
| Atascadero Chamber of Commerce<br>6907 El Camino Real, Ste A<br>Atascadero, CA 93422    | Latino Outreach Council of<br>San Luis Obispo County<br>267 W Tefft Street, Nipomo, CA 93444 | Templeton Chamber of Commerce<br>321 South Main Street<br>Templeton, CA 93465   |
| San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce<br>895 Monterey Street<br>San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 | Pismo Beach Chamber of Commerce<br>649 Dolliver Street<br>Pismo Beach, CA 93449              | Nipomo Chamber of Commerce<br>671 West Tefft Street Suite 2<br>Nipomo, CA 93444 |
| Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce<br>614 South Broadway<br>Santa Maria, CA 93454          | Women's Network of SLO<br>P.O. Box 1741<br>San Luis Obispo, CA 93406                         | Northern Chumash Tribal Council<br>P.O. Box 6533<br>Los Osos, CA 93412          |

January 25, 2021

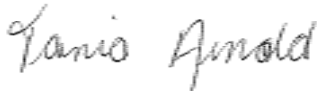
To: Organizations Representing Potential Contracting Partners  
From: San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority  
Subject: **Consultation for RTA Disadvantaged Business Enterprise/Small Business Enterprise Program**

Recently, your firm received a letter from our office with information on how you can participate in development of RTA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal. RTA is very interested in meeting directly with your organization to get your suggestions for our goal. To this end, RTA has scheduled a meeting at RTA's office to discuss how this participation goal is established. This important meeting will be held in the Downstairs Conference Room at RTA's office at 179 Cross Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021, and your organization is strongly urged to attend. If you would like a link to attend virtually please call or email [tarnold@slorta.org](mailto:tarnold@slorta.org).

The letter sent to you earlier also offered to schedule a meeting specifically with your organization at your convenience, and that offer still stands, but the general meeting now scheduled for February 22nd hopefully provides another option for your participation in RTA's program. It would preferable to have all these meetings wrapped up by February 24th so that RTA can proceed with finalizing its DBE goal.

Should you have any questions, or to schedule a separate meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Tania Arnold Deputy Director/CFO DBE Liaison at (805) 781-4397. We hope to meet with you shortly.

Sincerely,



Tania Arnold  
Deputy Director/CFO DBE Liaison

Log of DBE Consultation Outreach Calls:

| Agency  | Phone Number | Outcome   |
|---|--------------|---|
| South County Chamber of Commerce                  | 805-489-1488 | called 2/2/21 @ 1:01 p.m., left message, also emailed office@southcountychambers.com  |
| Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce                     | 805-772-4467 | called 2/2/21 @ 1:04 p.m., left message, also emailed info@morrochamber.org   |
| Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce                   | 805-238-0506 | called 2/8/21 at 1:07 p.m., spoke with Cali who requested the information be emailed to info@pasorobleschamber.com and will forward to the CEO and City of Paso Economic Development Department   |
| Atascadero Chamber of Commerce                    | 805-466-2044 | called 2/8/21 @ 1:11 p.m., left message, also emailed info@atascaderochamber.org  |
| Latino Outreach Council of San Luis Obispo County | 805-929-1120 | called 2/8/21 @ 1:24 p.m. and requested the information be emailed to Lupita@fredericklaw.net   |
| Templeton Chamber of Commerce                     | 805-434-1789 | called 2/8/21 @ 1:29 p.m., left message, also emailed info@templetonchamber.com   |
| San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce               | 805-781-2777 | 2/8/21 @ 1:32 p.m., spoke with Patty and suggested I speak with Kaila at 805-786-2774 and transferred me, spoke with Kaila and asked that the information be sent to Kaila@slochamber.org   |
| Pismo Beach Chamber of Commerce                   | 805-773-4382 | called Judy Cotta at 559-287-0076 2/2/21 at 12:20 p.m. regarding the letters in response to her call to our office inquiring as to why they received the letters; 2/8/21 @ 1:41 p.m. spoke with Jeanette who asked that the information be emailed with information on how to become a registered DBE, emailed to info@pismochamber.com |
| Nipomo Chamber of Commerce                        | 805-929-1583 | 2/8/21 @ 1:53 p.m. called and it is same msg as South County Chamber of Commerce, did not leave second message but did email info@NipomoChamber.org to ensure receipt of the information, email returned as undeliverable; second letter also came back as undeliverable  |
| Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce                   | 805-925-2403 | 2/8/21 @ 2:06 p.m. spoke with Patricia who suggested reaching out to Glenn via email at Glenn@santamaria.com  |
| Women's Network of SLO                            | 831-332-2423 | 2/8/21 @ 2:13 p.m. left message with Inara Sophia, President, also e-mailed Inara at connect@wilddivinity.org and board@slowomensnetwork.org; spoke with Inara on 2/9/21 at 10:28 a.m., we discussed the goal and additional information on applying for DBE certification was emailed  |
| Northern Chumash Tribal Council                   | 805-801-0347 | 2/8/21 @ 2:18 p.m. left message, also emailed fcollins@northernchumash.org  |

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GOAL**  
**February 2, 2021**

The San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority (RTA), in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR, Part 26 proposes an overall goal of 5.5% for participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) on Federal Transit Administration (FTA) assisted contracts during the federal fiscal years from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2023.

The proposed goal and its rationale are available for inspection during normal business hours at RTA's Administrative Offices, located at 179 Cross Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 for thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. Written comments should be directed to Tania Arnold, Deputy Director/CFO DBE Liaison, San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority, 179 Cross Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 and/or Regional Director, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, 201 Mission Street, Suite 2210, San Francisco, CA 94105. Comments will be received for thirty (30) days from the date of this publication.

**Noticia Pública**  
**Empresa de Negocio Desventaja (DBE)**  
**2 de febrero de 2021**

De acuerdo con las regulaciones de U.S. Departamento de Transporte (DOT), 49 CFR, Parta 26, propone un objetivo general de 5.5% para la participación de Empresa de Negocio Desventaja (DBE) en administración federal de tránsito (FTA) de contratos asistidos durante los ejercicios fiscales federales desde el 1 de octubre de 2020 hasta el 30 de septiembre de 2023.

El objetivo propuesto y su justificación pueden ser inspeccionados durante las horas normales de trabajo en las oficinas administrativas del RTA ubicadas en RTA ubicadas en 179 Cross Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 durante 30 días a partir de la fecha de este aviso. Los comentarios escritos deben dirigirse a Tania Arnold, Deputy Director/CFO DBE Liaison, San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority, 179 Cross Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 y/o Director Regional, Departamento de Transporte de los Estados Unidos, Administración Federal de Tránsito, 201 Mission Street, Suite 2210, San Francisco, CA 94105. Los comentarios serán recibidos por treinta (30) días a partir de la fecha de esta publicación.



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**Attention:**

SLO RTA  
179 CROSS ST., SUITE A  
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA 93401

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS  
ENTERPRISE GOAL  
February 2, 2021**

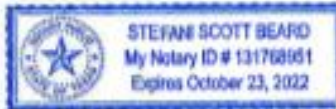
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The proposed goal and its rationale are available for inspection during normal business hours at RTA's Administrative Offices, located at 179 Cross Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 for thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. Written comments should be directed to Tawia Arnold, Deputy Director/CFO DBE Liaison, San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority, 179 Cross Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 and/or Regional Director, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, 201 Mission Street, Suite 2210, San Francisco, CA 94105. Comments will be received for thirty (30) days from the date of this publication.

**Noticia Publica  
Empresa de Negocio Desventajada (DBE)  
2 de febrero de 2021**

De acuerdo con las regulaciones de U.S. Departamento de Transporte (DOT), 49 CFR, Parte 26, propone un objetivo general de 5.5% para la participación de Empresa de Negocio Desventajada (DBE) en administración federal de tránsito (FTA) de contratos asistidos durante los ejercicios fiscales federales desde el 1 de octubre de 2021 hasta el 30 de septiembre de 2023.

El objetivo propuesto y su justificación pueden ser inspeccionados durante las horas normales de trabajo en las oficinas administrativas del RTA ubicadas en RTA ubicada en 179 Cross Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 durante 30 días a partir de la fecha de este aviso. Los comentarios escritos deben dirigirse a Tawia Arnold, Deputy Director/CFO DBE Liaison, San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority, 179 Cross Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 y/o Director Regional, Departamento de Transporte de los Estados Unidos, Administración Federal de Tránsito, 201 Mission Street, Suite 2210, San Francisco, CA 94105. Los comentarios serán recibidos por treinta (30) días a partir de la fecha de esta publicación.



In The Superior Court of The State of California  
In and for the County of San Luis Obispo

1 Insertions

Beginning issue of 02/02/2021

Ending issue of 02/02/2021

*V. Rodela*

Legal Clerk

STATE OF TEXAS )

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County of Dallas)

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen and not interested in the above entitled matter; I am now, and at all times embraced in the publication herein mentioned was, the principal clerk of the printers and publishers of The Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily at the City of San Luis Obispo in the above named county and state; that notice of which the annexed clippings is a true copy, was published in the above-named newspaper and not in any supplement thereof - on the following dates to wit; From 2/2/2021 to 02/02/2021 that said newspaper was duly and regularly ascertained and established a newspaper of general circulation by Decree entered in the Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County, State of California, on June 8, 1952, Case #19136 under the Government Code of the State of California.

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

*Stefani Beard*

(Signature of Principal Clerk)  
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# Screenshot of Website

The screenshot shows the website slorta.org with a blue navigation bar containing the following links: Schedules & Fares, Services, Passes, Ride Guide, About, Trip Planner, Transit Tracker, Alerts, and a search icon. Below the navigation bar are three main route categories:

- RTA (Green):** Route 9, Route 10, Route 12, Route 14, Route 15
- SoCoTransit (Blue):** Route 21, Route 24, Route 27, Route 28, Avila/Pismo Trolley
- PASO EXPRESS (Red):** Route A, Route B

Below the route lists are two sections:

- News:**
  - Public Notice: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal**  
The updated DBE goal has been posted on our [Civil Rights Policies](#) page and you can reach the document [here](#).
  - California Transit Association Award to Frontline Workers**  
The annual award given by CTA for the Small Operator Transit Professional of the Year for 2020 was awarded to all transit workers who continue to work through the COVID 19 pandemic.
- Rider Alerts:**
  - 2020 Holiday Schedules**  
The holidays are almost here! The following is the bus schedule for both Christmas and New Year's holiday weeks for RTA, Paso Express and South County Transit:  
December 21-24 we run on a SATURDAY schedule  
No Service on Christmas day  
December 28-31 we run on a SATURDAY schedule

A red arrow points to the "Translate" button in the bottom left corner of the news section. A blue accessibility icon is visible in the bottom right corner.

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