

**Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority
Board Action/Information Summary**

Action
 Information

MEAD Number:

Resolution:
 Yes No

PURPOSE

The purpose of this action is to seek approval of the 45-day period for public comment regarding the proposed Annual DBE Goal for Federal FY08. This is in compliance with the FTA regulations for federal fund recipients, which require a public comment period prior to final adoption of the annual goal.

DESCRIPTION

The Department of Transportation, under 49 CFR, Part 26, requires all recipients of Federal funds to establish an annual goal for DBE participation on federally-funded contracts. WMATA will be informing the public of the proposed goal by holding a public comment period from May 25 through July 9, 2007. There will be a public meeting on July 9, 2007. The Department of Transportation has adopted a formula to calculate the annual goal. Staff utilized the formula and asked the Department of Transportation to review the formula and methodology prior to preparation of the proposed goal. The empirical data was generated from the WMATA Uniform Certification Program Directory of Certified DBE vendors, the WMATA Vendor Registration System and the 2002 U. S. Census data on businesses.

FUNDING IMPACT

The FTA requires an annual DBE goal as part of the certifications and assurances necessary to receive grant funding.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Directors approve the 45-day period for public comment on the proposed FY08 DBE Goal.