

Resolution No. R-2016-_____

A RESOLUTION setting Yakima Transit's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program goal.

WHEREAS, in 1983, Congress enacted the Department of Transportation's (DOT) requirement for a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. The objectives of the program are to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and the administration of DOT-assisted contracts in the Department's financial assistance programs; create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts; ensure that the Department's DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law; ensure that only firms that fully meet this part's eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs; help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts; assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program; and, provide appropriate flexibility to recipients of Federal financial assistance in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs;

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima operates a public transit system for use by the general public regulated by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), an agency of the DOT, and is subject to FTA requirements including requirements to maintain an up-to-date DBE Program with goals that are adjusted every three years;

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2011, the Federal Transit Administration amended their Disadvantaged Business Enterprise regulations, which specifically requires goal updates every three years; and,

WHEREAS, Yakima Transit has reviewed available DBE vendors and has updated their goal as required under 49 CFR Part 26. Following a public notice, Yakima Transit's DBE goal is still zero. Of the anticipated Yakima Transit projects or services that would be funded with Federal Transit Administration funds, there are no registered DBE's in the Office of Minority & Women's Business Enterprises state directory for those classifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YAKIMA:

The City of Yakima DBE Program Goal for Yakima Transit, attached and incorporated hereto, is hereby approved and adopted for implementation by the City of Yakima Transit Division, as of the date of this resolution's enactment by the City of Yakima City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL at a regular meeting this 18th day of October, 2016.

Kathy Coffey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonya Claar Tee, City Clerk