Washington County Transportation Authority - Freedom Transit (WCTA-FT) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal Federal Fiscal Years 2025-26 through 2027-28

Washington County Transportation Authority (Freedom Transit) receives United States Department of Transportation Funds. As a recipient of these funds, Freedom Transit is required to establish a DBE participation goal. Freedom Transit calculated the goal based on the applicable regulations of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26. Freedom Transit is proposing a goal of 5.8 percent for federally assisted contracts beginning October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028.

Information pertaining to this goal including a description of how it was calculated is available for inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) at the administrative offices of Freedom Transit located at 50 E. Chestnut St., Washington, PA 15301 through August 20, 2025. Written comments on this goal will be accepted through August 31, 2025. The comments can be sent to Jason Bercini, Freedom Transit, 50 E. Chestnut St., Washington, PA 15301. This goal may be adjusted based on comments received.

Freedom Transit will hold a meeting of contractors and interested parties to discuss the three-year DBE goal setting process for Federal Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, and 2028. The meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 2:00 PM. For login details please contact Jason Bercini at 724-223-8747 ext. 3020 or jason@freedom-transit.org.

Freedom Transit encourages Minority Business Enterprise, Women Business Enterprise, Veteran Owned Business, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise as well as Small Business firms to compete for and participate in contracting opportunities with us.

If you are interested in becoming certified PA Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, please visit the PAUCP website <u>PAUCP - DBE Certification Management System (dbesystem.com)</u> and click the agency of your choice (Allegheny, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Philadelphia International Airport (PHLPNE) Port Authority or SEPTA.

Or use the link below to go directly to Port Authority's DBE Certification system:

Port Authority of Allegheny County - Diversity Management System (dbesystem.com)