PUBLIC NOTICE WV Division of Public Transit FFY 2022-2024 DBE Goal and Methodology

Notice is hereby given that the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Public Transit has established an overall program goal of 3% for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation in contract opportunities resulting from projects funded in whole or part by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration for Federal Fiscal Years 2022-2024. The goal can be met through race and gender-neutral methods.

The goal represents the percentage of work to be accomplished by DBE prime contractors, subcontractors, consultants, vendors, and suppliers for professional services, construction, and procurement contracts on federal-aid transit projects and grants. The FFY 2022-2024 FTA Goal Setting Methodology is available for public inspection for sixty (60) days from the date of this notice (Notice Date: June 1, 2021), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the address shown below (due to COVID-19 restrictions, please call for an appointment) or by email. Public comments regarding the goal will be accepted through July 31, 2021.

It is the policy of the West Virginia Division of Public Transit that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises shall have an opportunity to participate to the maximum extent feasible in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with the United States Department of Transportation funds.

The West Virginia Division of Public Transit will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide language interpretation for people with Limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information.

For further information and/or submission of comments, please contact:

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PUBLIC NOTICE EARLY PLANNING

This notice shall serve as early notification to all private transportation providers and the general public that organizations eligible under the 49 U.S.C. Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and 49 U.S.C. Section 5311 Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program, are presently reviewing their transportation needs and/or services.

According to federal planning requirements, private providers and the general public [including low-income, minority and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) persons and groups that represent them] are entitled and encouraged to participate in the early planning and project development of these services. Please note, if a translator is needed, please notify the Division. It is imperative that your participation begin immediately to allow your comments to be considered when these applications for potential funding are being developed. Comments will be accepted until March 30, 2019.

This notice does not apply to transit authorities in urbanized or TMA areas that receive Section 5307 funding (i.e., Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority-Martinsburg; Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority-Charleston; Tri-State Transit Authority-Huntington; Mid-Ohio Valley Transit Authority-Parkersburg; Monongalia County Urban Mass Transit Authority-Morgantown; Ohio Valley Regional Transportation Authority-Wheeling; New River Transit Authority-Beckley; and, Weirton Transit Corporation-Weirton). The area metropolitan planning organization and/or the transit authority may publish separate public notices locally.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this opportunity to participate, please contact:

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The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Public Transit, as a recipient of federal funds for programs, assures that within daily operations and the

delivery of services, it will not discriminate against any person based on race, color, national origin, disability, sex, age or low-income status. To find out more about our non-discrimination obligations or to file a complaint, please visit our website at http://www.transportation.wv.gov/publictransit/Pages/default.aspx and click on the Civil Rights tab, or contact us at the address above.

PUBLIC NOTICE INTERCITY BUS

Notice is hereby given that the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Public Transit has a percentage of its annual 49 U.S.C. Section 5311 apportionment set aside to administer a program for the development and support of intercity bus transportation. The primary objective of the program is to provide support services to meet the intercity travel needs of non-urbanized area residents.

In an effort to develop an intercity bus program to meet these program objectives, the Division is soliciting input from interested groups. In the absence of any public input or if no projects are identified as a result of the consultation process, the State will file a Governor's Certification with the Federal Transit Administration which will attest that the Intercity Bus needs of the State of West Virginia are being adequately met, "relative to other rural needs in the state".

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