PUBLIC NOTICE

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

GOAL FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2027-2029 (FFY27-FFY29)

Notice is hereby given that the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (Santa Cruz METRO) is proposing a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 0% for U.S. Department of Transportation assisted contracts for FFY27-FFY29. This goal has been set based upon information currently available. As part of this program, Santa Cruz METRO must establish a goal for DBE participation in procurements to be federally funded. A DBE firm is defined as a for-profit "small business concern" that is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. California DBE firms are certified as such through the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP).

It is the policy of Santa Cruz METRO to ensure nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, disability and/or sexual orientation in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. It is the intention of Santa Cruz METRO to create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts.

The rationale for this goal and supporting information regarding Santa Cruz METRO's DBE Program will be available for public inspection from 10/6/26 through 11/20/26 on Santa Cruz METRO's website www.scmetro.org.

Santa Cruz METRO and the Federal Transit Administration will accept written comments on Santa Cruz METRO's proposed DBE goal and its rationale through 5:00 PM on November 19, 2026. Comments should be submitted to Chuck Farmer, DBE Liaison Officer, 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, or by email: DBE@scmetro.org or to the Federal Transit Administration, Region 9 Office, San Francisco Federal Bldg., 90 7th Street, Suite 15-300, San Francisco, CA 94103.

Santa Cruz METRO will hold a Public Hearing on its FFY27-FFY29 DBE goal at 9:00 AM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard on November 20, 2026. Check Santa Cruz METRO's website www.scmetro.org for the Zoom link or attend in person at the meeting location shown on the agenda.

The rationale for this goal and supporting information regarding Santa Cruz METRO's DBE Program can be reviewed by clicking here.