Mableton Parkway Pedestrian Improvements
Project No. X2762

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Participation

Cobb County Department of Transportation
Federal Funding Options

- FAA - Federal Aviation Administration
- FHWA - Federal Highway Administration
- FTA - Federal Transit Administration
**FTA**

- Cobb DOT is a direct recipient.

- Three year DBE participation goal calculated as 7%. (*based on 49 CFR Part 26.45)

- Direct recipients must project the portions of the overall goal that will be met race-neutrally and race-consciously. (*based on 49 CFR Part 26.51 (c))
Race Neutral vs. Race Conscious

- **Race Neutral** - 49 CFR Part 26.51 (a) and (b)
  - 7% DBE participation goal can be reached without strict, restrictive requirements.
  - Prime contractors are “strongly encouraged” to use DBEs as subcontractors.
  - All DBE use will contributed to the overall 7% goal
  - Monthly DBE reports required with each invoice.
Race Neutral vs. Race Conscious

- **Race Conscious** - 49 CFR Part 26.51 (d) and (f)(1)
  - Required if 7% DBE participation goal cannot be reached race neutrally.
  - Must set DBE participation contract goals for each project.
  - Contract goals will vary based on the project.
  - Each contract goal may require pre-approval by the FTA.
  - Must implement strict, restrictive requirements.
  - Monthly DBE reports are still required with each invoice.
Bottom Line

- FTA - funded project
- DBE participation 7% goal expected to be met race neutrally.
- Primes are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to use DBEs.
- Using DBEs now will prevent the implementation of more strict, restrictive requirements later.
- If project specific contract goals are implemented, the goals will vary.
- Monthly DBE participation reports required.