

# **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 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.

