

PORTAGE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

2024 DBE Public Hearing Presentation
June 12, 2024



About Us



- Operate 60 revenue vehicles
- Public service Monday - Saturday
- Demand Response, Fixed-route, & ADA
Complementary Paratransit
- Own & operate Kent Central Gateway
Multimodal Transit Center

Definitions



- FTA - Federal Transit Administration
- DBE - Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
- DBELO - Disadvantage Business Enterprise Liaison Officer

Definitions



- **Race-Neutral** – Measures (outreach, technical assistance, procurement process modification, etc.) that can be used to increase opportunities for all small businesses not just DBEs and do not involve setting specific goals for use of DBEs.
- **Race-Conscious** – Intentionally setting a DBE goal for a specific contract to meet any portion of an overall goal that is not projected to be able to be met using race-neutral means.

Current three-year DBE goal (2023-2025)



- Overall goal of .42%
- 80% Race-neutral
- 20% Race-conscious

Submitted to FTA August 1, 2022

(New 3-year goal due August 1, 2025)

Recently Completed Projects



- \$1.25M Capitalized Maintenance
 - Less maintenance wages = \$640K
 - Facility Maintenance (HVAC, paving, & software)
 - Bus Maintenance (parts, oil filters, tires, etc.)
- Covered Walkway (\$140K)
- Administration Roof Replacement (\$74K)
- Scheduling & Route Software and Radio Upgrade (\$165K)
- Acquisition of Automatic Passenger Counters (APCs) for Fixed Route Buses (\$180K)

Expected Federal Assisted Contracts 2024-25



- Total FTA-assisted contract funds = \$1,264,000
 - Maintenance Facility Roof = \$300K
 - New CNG Emergency Generator = \$370K
 - HVAC Unit Replacements = \$82K
 - Capitalized Maintenance (excluding labor) = \$655,000
 - Bus parts
 - Installation of Admin/Maintenance emergency backup generator = \$100K
 - This is a replacement of an existing generator at end of useful life
 - Transit Improvements* = \$90K

* For bus stop improvements along Route 59 (Main St.) in Kent.

Potential Opportunities



- IT Equipment Replacements (\$100K)
- Facility Cameras (\$100K)
- CNG Dispenser Upgrade (\$150K)
- Feasibility Study & Transit Development Plan (\$250K)
- PARTA Website Update (\$25K)

Finding PARTA's Opportunities



- Annual DBE Public Hearing
- Public Notices
 - Record Courier Newspaper
 - www.partaonline.org/vendors

Help us find you! PARTA is always looking for more small businesses & DBE companies. Let us know you are out there.

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