

**Public Notice****7/31/2026****Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2027-2029****Notice of Goal**

Salem Area Mass Transit District (SAMTD), dba "Cherriots" sets forth its overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal and corresponding federally prescribed goal-setting methodology for the three-year Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) goal period of 2027-2029 (October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029), pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 26 "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in U.S. Department of Transportation Programs." Overall DBE goals are expressed as a percentage of the total amount of U.S. DOT funds SAMTD anticipates expending within a given three-year period. The overall DBE goal is based upon all budgeted contracts anticipated to utilize the U.S. DOT federal financial assistance, provided that the anticipated expenditures have viable opportunities for subcontracting possibilities and corresponding DBE availability.

SAMTD is a recipient of U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), funding. As a condition of receiving this assistance, SAMTD has signed assurances that it will comply with FTA DBE requirements. In accordance with Title 49 CFR Part 26 provisions: Participation by DBEs in USDOT Programs, SAMTD is required to develop and submit an overall DBE Goal for its FTA-assisted projects.

The Proposed Overall DBE Goal for FFY 2027-2029 for SAMTD FTA-assisted contracts is 1.13%.

The Goal Setting Methodology used to formulate this goal is available for review and download at [SAMTD's DBE Program](#) website. SAMTD intends to meet this goal utilizing race/gender-neutral measures.

The SAMTD Administrative Offices are open to the public and the documents pertaining to this goal are available to review in person. You may contact us by mail or via email to request hard copies of the documents or to request a translation of this notice at the addresses below:

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If you have any comments, questions, or would like further information regarding this program, please contact Melissa Kidd, Senior Manager, Project and Contract Administration, by telephone at 503-588-2424 or by email at [procurement@cherriots.org](mailto:procurement@cherriots.org). SAMTD will accept comments on the policy and the goals at the above address for 30 days from the date of this publication. Written comments should be mailed to the address above or can be emailed to [procurement@cherriots.org](mailto:procurement@cherriots.org).