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**March 27, 2009**

Mrs. Linda Boykin  
Pinellas County MPO  
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RE: DBE Program Goal Approval  
Federal Transit Administration ID #1038

Dear Mrs. Boykin:

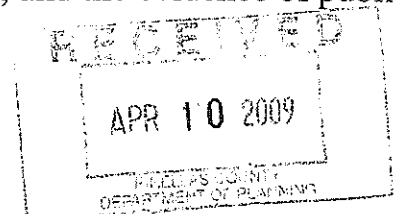
Based upon our review, we find that all of the required elements are present and that that your program meets the requirements of part 26. You are not required to submit regular updates to your DBE program as long as you remain in compliance; you are required to notify FTA of any significant changes to the program.

In assessing the program, we examined the overall goal submitted for FFY 2009.

Your DBE goal information for the period of August 1, 2008 through August 1, 2009 is as follows:

Overall Goal	Race Neutral	Race Conscious
1.7%	0.5%	1.2%

FTA's review considered the overall goal as well as the description of the data and methodology used in arriving at the overall goal, including the base figure calculation and evidence supporting the calculation; adjustments, if any, made to the base figure and the evidence supporting the adjustments; a summary of the relevant evidence in your jurisdiction; the projection of the proportion of your overall goal that you will meet through race neutral as opposed to race conscious means and the basis of your projections; and the evidence of public participation in setting your overall goal.

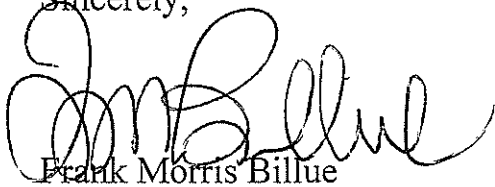


After reviewing this information, we have determined that the goal setting methodology you used is consistent with the requirements of 49 CFR §26.45 and that you have followed the requirements for public participation in setting your overall goal consistent with 49 CFR §26.45(g). Further, we have also reviewed your projection of the portion of your overall goal that you expect to meet through race neutral and race conscious means. That projection is subject to modification during the fiscal year as provided in 49 CFR §26.51.

Since an annual review of your goal is required by August 1, 2009 please ensure the annual update process starts on or before June 15, 2009 in order to meet the August 1, 2009 deadline. As you are aware, you must submit a separate overall DBE goal for programs funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact me at 404-865-5628 or contact me via e-mail [Frank.Billue@dot.gov](mailto:Frank.Billue@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Morris Billue', written in a cursive style.

Frank Morris Billue  
Regional Civil Rights Officer