

TriMet DBE Goal Update Federal Fiscal Years 26-28



What is the Federally required DBE program?

- The [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program \(DBE\)](#) is a legislatively mandated USDOT program that applies to Federal-aid highway dollars expended on federally-assisted contracts issued by USDOT recipients such as State Transportation Agencies (STAs). The U.S. Congress established the DBE program in 1982 to:
 - I. Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts.
 - II. Help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts, and
 - III. Assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside of the DBE program.

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What is the federally required DBE triennial goal and why do agencies need to do this?

When	What	How
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set every three years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set targets for the percentage of federal transportation dollars a recipient (i.e., state DOT or transit agency) plans to spend on contracts with Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goals are calculated based on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Market conditions• Availability of ready, willing, and able DBEs• Agency past participation• Can be adjusted to include potential DBEs in the marketplace

Current TriMet triennial goal for FFY 23-25: 14.85%

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What you will see in this update:

- Potential major projects for which TriMet could be requesting Federal funding.
- The most current census information for # of total firms available for scope of work in our project vs. DBE counts and the % availability per scope.
- Potential DBE availability. Certified businesses that are currently certified but not certified as a DBE.
- Final calculation is based on the base step/past participation and potential DBE.
- Conservative values based on potential projects and values
- Effective date after FTA submission: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028

Step 1 Calculation Cont.

Base 1:

Average DBE Firms/ OR Census				
Project		FFY26	FFY27	FFY28
82nd Ave BRT		2.39%	6.46%	9.03%
Beaverton TC		0.01%	0.11%	0.00%
Better Bus		1.94%	0.26%	0.00%
Better Red Project		1.83%	0.16%	0.00%
Blue Line 82nd Ave LRT Station Rehab		1.07%	0.00%	0.00%
Columbia Bus Base		1.90%	0.95%	0.39%
Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure at Powell		0.42%	0.00%	0.00%
Upgrade Powell Maintenance Facility for FCEB		0.11%	0.83%	0.05%
Oregon City TC		0.12%	0.03%	0.00%
TV Highway BRT		1.90%	0.95%	1.13%
Totals for FFY		11.93%	9.93%	10.77%

Step 1 Base Figure

10.88%

Adjustment to Base Figure Calculations

Step 2a

Past Participation Median Average FFY 21-24
15.08%

Step 2b

Average DMWBE Firms/ OR Census			
Project	FFY26	FFY27	FFY28
82nd Ave BRT	4.31%	11.69%	16.33%
Beaverton TC	0.02%	0.18%	0.00%
Better Bus	3.95%	0.53%	0.00%
Better Red Project	3.86%	0.33%	0.00%
Blue Line 82nd Ave LRT Station Rehab	2.18%	0.00%	0.00%
Columbia Bus Base	3.75%	1.87%	0.78%
Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure at Merlo	0.51%	0.40%	0.35%
Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure at Powell	0.93%	0.01%	0.00%
Upgrade Powell Maintenance Facility for FCEB	0.23%	1.73%	0.11%
Oregon City TC	0.20%	0.05%	0.00%
TV Highway BRT	3.56%	1.77%	2.12%
	23.51%	18.55%	19.68%

Step 2b 20.58% average

Step 2 Calculation

$10.88\% + 15.08\% + 20.58\% / 3 = 15.51\%$

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Summary of Federally-Assisted Contracts FFY 2026-2028

Year	Total Projects (\$M)	TriMet Goal*	DBE Potential (\$M)
2026	\$60	15.51%	\$9
2027	\$113	15.51%	\$18
2028	\$129	15.51%	\$20
TOTAL	\$303	15.51%	\$47 Million

TriMet Strategies for Race Neutral DBE Plan

Implementing procurement policies that actively seek out small businesses, including DBEs, and encourage their participation in contracting opportunities

Carrying out information and communications programs on contracting procedures and specific contract opportunities

Ensuring distribution of DBE directory, through print and electronic means, to the widest feasible universe of potential prime contractors

Providing technical assistance, training, and resources to help emerging small businesses, including DBEs, navigate the contracting process and improve their competitiveness

Organizing networking events to connect small businesses with prime contractors, facilitating collaborations and potential partnerships

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30 day comment period

Public review and comments will be available by visiting the following link or scanning the QR code through July 3, 2025.

Link:

<https://trimet.org/dbe/>

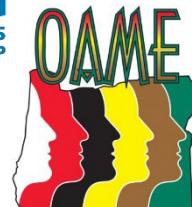
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Final triennial goals will be submitted to the FTA by July 30, 2025.

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