Agenda Item: 6.a.

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

FROM: Habib F. Balian, CEO

DATE: September 23, 2009

SUBJECT: Adopt the Overall Annual Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal and Small Business (SB) Aspirational Goal for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009/10

RECOMMENDATION:

The Completion Committee recommend to the Board of Directors the adoption of the Overall Annual Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal and Small Business (SB) Aspirational Goal for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009/10.

SUMMARY:

The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority desires to effectively administer a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, which complies with the spirit and intent of the U.S. DOT regulations in accordance with the Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Regulations under Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26 and other applicable federal funding agreements. Additionally, the Authority will develop and establish a Small Business Aspirational goals based on the demonstrable evidence of Small Businesses availability in performing work.

The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority’s Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Race-Neutral Overall Annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for FFY 2009/10 in accordance with the U.S. DOT DBE Program, Title 49, CFR Part 26 requirements and federally prescribed goal-setting methodology, including applicable Race-Neutral Directives is 9%.

The DBE goal is applicable to DOT-assisted contracting opportunities scheduled to be awarded during the period of October 1, 2009 and September 30, 2010.

A thorough review of the specific scope of work received was conducted to identify areas for potential subcontracting opportunities within the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Authority’s market area identified as Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Padilla and Associates performed the necessary searches of ready, willing and able Small Business firms inclusive of the following: Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVEBs), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBEs), State Minority Business Enterprises (SMBEs) and State Women Business Enterprises (SWBEs). These Small Business firms were directly
polling within each identified subcontracting area to determine interest, availability, current certification status and capacity to perform these designated scopes of work. Based upon the factors identified above, the Authority recommends the Board of Directors adopt a 16% Small Business (SB) Overall Project Aspirational Goal. This Overall Project Aspirational Goal encompasses The Iconic Freeway Structure Underpass (IFSU) Bridge (Package 1), and the Phase 2A Alignment (Package 2A). This goal is an Overall Project Aspirational Goal and is not restricted to the Federal Fiscal Year.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

None at this time.