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Dalia Sabaliauskas
Manager of Diversity & Labor Compliance/DBE Liaison Officer
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Re: DBE Waiver on FTA-Funded Projects - Recipient ID #5802

Dear Ms. Sabaliauskas:

Thank you for your communication with the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Office of Civil Rights regarding Southern California Regional Rail Authority's (Metrolink) request for a waiver to allow the use of race conscious measures in Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program participation.

Pursuant to the provisions associated with federal regulation *49 CFR Part 26*, the DBE program exists to ensure participation, equitable competition, and assistance to participants in the USDOT DBE program. FTA has completed our review of your agency's goal attainment, and has coordinated with the USDOT Office of General Counsel to determine that based on the post-disparity study utilization data, a waiver is not required to reinstate the use of contract goals as all disadvantaged business groups are currently underutilized. It is therefore acceptable for your agency to proceed with the reinstatement of race conscious measures in the implementation of SCRRA/Metrolink's DBE program.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation meeting all of the FTA civil rights program requirements. A copy of this letter has been attached to your Recipient Profile in TEAM for your reference.

Should you need assistance or if you have any questions regarding the comments above, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (415) 744-2729 or at Derrin.Jourdan@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derrin Jourdan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Derrin Jourdan
Regional Civil Rights Officer

cc: Michael P. DePallo, Chief Executive Officer Metrolink
Leslie Rogers, Regional Administrator, Region 9
Monica McCallum, Regional Division Chief, FTA Civil Rights
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