



## Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities

### Steering Committee Meeting

**LOCATION:** MVRPC, 6 N. Main, Suite 400, Dayton, OH 45402

**DATE/TIME:** Friday, July 25, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

### Agenda

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Topic</u>  | <u>Page</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Presenter</u> |
|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| I.          | Call to Order and Introductions   |             | 9:30        | Matt Joseph      |
| II.         | Approval of April 25, 2025 – Meeting Minutes  | 1           | 9:32        | Matt Joseph      |
| III.        | Public Comment Period on Action Items   |             | 9:35        | Matt Joseph      |
| IV.         | <b>RPC (Regional Planning Commission) Action Items</b>  |             |             |                  |
|             | A. <u>Resolution 25-21</u> : Approving the Recommendation to The Dayton Foundation to Fund the 2025 Livable, Age-Friendly Communities Grant | 4           | 9:40        | Arnie Biondo     |
| V.          | <b>Upcoming Action Items and Next Steps</b>   |             |             |                  |
|             | A. FY26 Work Program and Plan   |             |             | Brian Martin     |
|             | B. Institute Data & Metrics Workgroup   |             |             | Fabrice Juin     |
| VI.         | <b>Information Items</b>  |             |             |                  |
|             | A. BroadbandOhio and Broadband Equity, Access, & Deployment (BEAD) Program  | 8           |             | Fabrice Juin     |
|             | B. Triennial Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for FFY26-28  | 31          |             |                  |
|             | C. REI Subcommittee Update  |             |             |                  |
|             | D. Age-Friendly Cohort Update   |             |             | Arnie Biondo     |
| VII.        | <b>Other Updates and Announcements</b>  |             |             |                  |
|             | A. <a href="#">Regional Equity Calendar</a>   |             |             |                  |
|             | B. General Updates from the Committee   |             |             | All              |
| VIII.       | <b>Adjournment</b>  |             | 11:00       | Matt Joseph      |

### Next Meetings

|  |                                    |                                      |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Age-Friendly Network</a>         | Wednesday, August 20 at 10:00 a.m. | Zoom                                 |
| <a href="#">Regional Equity Initiative</a>   | Tuesday, August 26 at 11:00 a.m.   | MVRPC<br>6 N. Main Street, Suite 447 |
| <a href="#">Institute Steering Committee</a> | Friday, October 31 at 9:30 a.m.    | MVRPC<br>6 N. Main Street, Suite 400 |

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
INSTITUTE FOR LIVABLE AND EQUITABLE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

**MVRPC**  
**6 N. Main Street, Suite 400, Dayton, OH 45402**

**April 25, 2025**  
**9:30 AM**

**Voting Members/ Alternates**

Nancy Byrge, City of Huber Heights  
Judy Dodge, Montgomery County  
Brian Housh, Village of Yellow Springs  
Matt Joseph, City of Dayton  
Tom Kelley, United Way of Greater Dayton  
Sara Lommatzsch, City of Riverside  
Kristen Marks, Centerville-Washington Park District  
Yvette Page, City of Trotwood  
Carrie Scarff, Five Rivers MetroParks  
Bob Scott, City of Kettering  
Barbra Stonerock, The Dayton Foundation

**Staff**

Arnie Biondo  
Savannah Diamond  
Matt Lindsay  
Brian Martin

**Other Voting Alternates/Guests**

Alex Zaharieff, City of Huber Heights

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's Institute Steering Committee met on Friday, April 25, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. MVRPC, 6 N. Main, Suite 400, Dayton, OH 45402. All members and news media were notified of the meeting pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairperson Joseph called the meeting to order at 9:28 a.m. Self-introductions were made.

**II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 31, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

Ms. Byrge made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2025 Institute Steering Committee meeting. Ms. Stonerock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION ITEMS**

None.

**IV. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

The members of the Institute Steering Committee held a vote to elect committee officers not already assigned by the MVRPC Board. ISC Chairperson Joseph presented the following slate of officers recommended by MVRPC staff:

- Institute Steering Committee Vice-Chairperson: Rap Hankins, Drive Electric Dayton
- Institute Steering Committee Secretary: N/A
- Age-Friendly Chairperson: Nancy Byrge, City of Huber Heights
- REI Chairperson: Rap Hankins, Drive Electric Dayton

Commissioner Joseph then opened the floor for any other nominations for the other officer positions. After hearing no additional nominations from the floor, Mr. Housh made a motion to approve the full slate of candidates. Ms. Dodge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **V. RPC (REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION) ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Resolution 25-14: Approving the Recommendation to the Dayton Foundation to Fund the 2025 Livable, Age-Friendly Communities Grant**

Mr. Biondo presented the first-round of 2025 grant recommendations for the Livable, Age-Friendly Communities initiative. This round included three Year 2 (implementation phase) proposals from MVRPC member communities. Each project supports one of the Age-Friendly Domains: Social Participation, Communication & Information, or Health Services.

Staff have made the following recommendations:

- City of Brookville to receive \$10,000 to expand its Lunch and Learn program for seniors, including the purchase of A/V equipment and installation of Wi-Fi at the Leiber Center.
- City of Centerville to receive \$6,500 to enhance digital accessibility on its website and social media, including ADA compliance scanning and staff training.
- City of Huber Heights to receive \$10,000 to continue its Strength and Longevity Scholarship Program, supporting senior residents ineligible for Silver Sneakers memberships to access YMCA health services.

Mr. Biondo stated that staff recommend forwarding the 2025 Livable, Age-Friendly Communities Grant proposals to the MVRPC Board of Directors for approval. He then opened the floor for questions and discussed the process for a municipality to participate in the program.

Mr. Scott made a motion to forward the recommended list of Age-Friendly Communities Responsive grant proposals to the Board of Directors. Ms. Page seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. UPCOMING ACTION ITEMS & NEXT STEPS**

### **A. Discuss ILEC Workplan for FY2026**

Mr. Martin presented Section 310 of MVRPC's FY2026 Budget and Workplan, which focuses on the Institute for Livable and Equitable Communities. He explained that the Institute centers on advancing equity and livability through outreach, education, technical assistance, and regional collaboration across the nine domains. Lastly, Mr. Martin stated that the final FY2026 Workplan will be approved by the Board in May.

### **B. Development of Equity Data Committee**

Mr. Martin provided an update regarding the development of an Equity Data Committee created through the Regional Equity Initiative program. This working group will establish metrics that inform and guide efforts to advance livability and promote equitable approaches to our overall goal of fostering a thriving regional community for all.

## **VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. Comprehensive Climate Action Plan**

Mr. Lindsay provided an overview of the draft Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for the Miami Valley. He stated that the plan is a region-wide, multi-sector strategy covering the period from 2021 to 2050. Mr. Lindsay's presentation outlined the planning timeline, current emissions by sector and geography, and a range of technical solutions. Mr. Lindsay highlighted scenario planning approaches, including Business as Usual (BAU), Business as Planned (BAP), and Low Carbon Scenario (LCS) scenarios. He concluded with next steps including conducting a financial and co-benefits analysis, finalizing the draft plan, and opening the draft for public review.

The floor was then opened for comments and questions. The ISC members discussed the following:

- The deadline is in December, but staff are hopeful this will be completed in the summer.
- Staff will keep the chapter related to equity in the plan.

### **B. Other Updates & Announcements**

Mr. Martin presented updates on the following items:

- MVRPC is contributing to the Miami Valley Urban League's [State of Black Dayton Report](#)
- [Urban League](#) and [United Way](#) both honor MVRPC's Regional Equity Program manager, Fabrice Juin
- EV Charge Project concludes with a [Ribbon Cutting](#)
- MVRPC participates in the [President's Roundtable](#) at the University of Dayton's Imagining Communities Symposium
- MVRPC Grant updates
  - Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving (frozen)
- [Regional Equity Calendar](#)
- MVRPC's [Annual Spring Dinner](#) on April 24, 2025
- General Updates from the body
  - Village of Yellow Springs, Earth Day Celebration
  - Huber Heights, Thank you for the age-friendly grant
  - Five Rivers MetroParks, 70/75 Breakfast

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Joseph adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Institute Steering Committee

**FROM:** Brian O. Martin, AICP, Executive Director

**DATE:** July 25, 2025

**SUBJECT:** July 2025 Miami Valley Regional Livability and Age-Friendly Communities Grants

In 2025, MVRPC and The Dayton Foundation has encouraged new communities to apply for funding to join the Miami Valley Regional Livability and Age-Friendly Communities Initiative and engage the first year community needs assessment/survey or for existing communities to apply for funding to implement their Age-Friendly Action Plans. Communities have the option of the three grant proposal deadlines, which align with the ISC meetings for review before board adoption. This memorandum addresses the proposals for the second deadline of July 1, 2025

The proposals received, which are summarized below, address four separate Age-Friendly Domain: Transportation, Respect & Social Inclusion, Civic Participation & Employment, and, Social Participation. These are Phase 2 grants to help communities develop and implement Age-Friendly Action plans. With a rolling deadline in 2025, it is anticipated that additional communities will submit in October, which is factored in to the selection process. Currently, the Miami Valley Region has the largest Age-Friendly Network of communities in Ohio and across the country, due to the support from The Dayton Foundation and the Del Mar Healthcare Fund.

### City of Brookville

#### **Age-Friendly Domains: *Transportation; Social Participation***

The City of Brookville is striving to make their community one that is inclusive, for residents of all ages. The proposal is to partner with the local grocery store to have volunteers shop for and deliver groceries to older residents that are house-bound. The City has committed volunteers willing to help. The request is to purchase a reasonably priced used vehicle to use as transportation so volunteers do not have to use their own vehicles and gas. The requested amount will fund the purchase, insurance, maintenance and fuel.

In addition to being used for grocery shopping and delivery, the vehicle will be offered as transportation for those unable to drive to the Age Friendly "lunch and learn" program and other fellowship programs provided at the senior center.

**Total Amount Requested: \$15,000**

**Total Project Budget: \$30,000**

**Amount Awarded: \$15,000**

## **Yellow Springs Senior Citizens, Inc.**

### **Age-Friendly Domains: *Transportation; Social Participation; Civic Participation & Employment; Respect & Social Inclusion***

With financial assistance from Greene County, a 12-passenger van was purchased for transportation to group outings and for a circulator shuttle within the Village. In this initial trial phase, routes are provided to and from free meal sites in town, as well as a prescribed route on Mondays and Wednesdays. A survey is being conducted for collecting feedback on the service asking how the it can better serve the community.

The request is for a \$10,500 Del Mar grant to cover the expense of wrapping the van with a design from a community-wide art competition. The colorful “wrap” will make the van stand out from other white vans. The grant will also provide the funds to offset the cost to pay a driver and a ride assistant during the 90-day trial period. The ride assistant has been selected and is a current YSSC volunteer who is developmentally delayed. We hope that her work will serve as a model for other agencies to hire non-traditional employees. The trial period will provide data to determine the sustainability of the service and provide information to support a request for future Village and Township budget contributions.

**Total Amount Requested: \$10,500**

**Total Project Budget: \$84,629**

**Amount Awarded: \$10,500**

## **City of Kettering**

### **Age-Friendly Domains: *Social Participation; Respect & Social Inclusion***

The City of Kettering proposes to establish an Adaptive Tricycle Therapeutic Ride Program, offering free biking experiences for individuals unable to ride traditional bicycles. Volunteer peddlers, “Pilots”, power a 2-seater, OPair, electric-assist tricycle. The program will foster inclusive, joyful experiences that facilitate connection, nature appreciation and physical activity across various locations including parks, partner sites, schools, senior centers and nursing homes. The program promotes inclusivity for people with physical or cognitive limitations. In addition, it engages volunteers of different ages as “Pilots”.

The program will be administered through the Parks and Recreation Department, leveraging community partnerships, volunteer recruitment and dedicated resources. The program exemplifies Kettering’s commitment to fostering an inclusive and age-friendly community. This bicycle program will provide a safe, inclusive and enjoyable experience tailored specifically for older adults and others with limited mobility, helping them to stay active, engaged, and connected with their community.

**Total Amount Requested: \$16,000**

**Total Project Budget: \$16,245**

**Amount Awarded: \$16,000**

## **City of Huber Heights**

### **Age-Friendly Domain: *Transportation***

The City of Huber Heights proposes the installation of RTA bus stop shelters and trash receptacles at high-traffic bus stop locations throughout the community. This initial project aims to improve the overall transit experience for riders on Brandt Pike Rd, outside the Village Park Apartments (mostly occupied by older and handicapped adults), by providing protection from the elements. By enhancing key transit nodes with shelters, the City seeks to support public transportation use, increase accessibility, and promote cleaner, safer public spaces. Site selection will prioritize locations with the highest ridership and community visibility.

This project supports the city's age-friendly initiative by enhancing accessibility and comfort for older adults and individuals with mobility challenges. Shelters offer seating and protection, making public transportation more viable for seniors who may rely on RTA services for medical appointments, grocery shopping, and social activities. Clean, safe, and accessible bus stops help promote independence and mobility for residents of all ages. We are committed to collaborating with eligible MVRPC members and regional partners to enhance transit access and infrastructure across our community. Through the RTA Community Grant Program's 80/20 cost-sharing model, we plan to partner with RTA to install bus shelters and other transit amenities at high-traffic locations.

**Total Amount Requested: \$20,000**

**Total Project Budget: \$46,500**

**Amount Awarded: \$20,000**

## **Washington Township**

### **Age-Friendly Domain: *Social Participation***

Washington Township is requesting help to fund a multi-passenger cart for assisting in patron mobility at large public events. It will be used at events such as Cruise-in, Ice Cream Social and Woodland Lights. The vehicle will also be put to use at other community events, such as the jointly sponsored Adaptive Action Day with the Park District.

Adding this vehicle will bring parity between the Township and the City of Centerville, as both focus on guaranteeing a more accessible community regardless of borders. This is a first step as both member jurisdictions propose to combine their Age-Friendly efforts into one plan. Our communities are intertwined in such a way that two separate groups working on Age-Friendly is less effective than a united partnership.

**Total Amount Requested: \$10,000**

**Total Project Budget: \$16,870**

**Amount Awarded: \$10,000**



## RESOLUTION 25-21

### RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE DAYTON FOUNDATION TO FUND THE 2025 LIVABLE, AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES GRANT

**WHEREAS**, with generous support from the Del Mar Health-Dayton Fund at The Dayton Foundation, the MVRPC Institute for Livable & Equitable Communities announced a second round of funding for MVRPC member communities in 2025 to continue to advance livable and age-friendly communities throughout the Miami Valley; and,

**WHEREAS**, a livable and age-friendly community is one that is safe and secure, has affordable and appropriate housing and transportation options, and has supportive community features and services; and,

**WHEREAS**, age-friendly communities ensure that residents have the ability to thrive at all stages of life, are able to age-in-place and age-in-community, and foster engagement in a community's civic, economic, and social wellbeing; and

**WHEREAS**, grants available to MVRPC member communities range from \$5,000 - \$20,000 to support Livable & Age-Friendly Communities improvements; and,

**WHEREAS**, through the support of the Del Mar Encore Fellowship, MVRPC provides technical assistance to MVRPC member communities that are interested in pursuing Age Friendly grants; and,

**WHEREAS**, the MVRPC Institute Steering Committee voted during their meeting on Friday, July 25, 2025 to recommend the second round of 2025 Livable, Age-Friendly Communities Grants be awarded to the MVRPC member communities,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission hereby concurs with the Institute Steering Committee recommendations to award the second round of 2025 Livable, Age-Friendly Communities Grant as shown in the attached.

**BY ACTION OF THE** Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's Board of Directors.

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**Brian O. Martin, AICP**  
Executive Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sara Lommatzsch, Chairperson**  
Board of Directors of the  
Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission



# BroadbandOhio Community Accelerator

July 8, 2025



**Department of  
Development**

# BroadbandOhio Community Accelerator Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Broadband 101
- Progress and current initiatives that are expanding internet access across Ohio
- Federal Funding: Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Deep Dive
- Q&A

# Ohio's Broadband Vision

Bring reliable, affordable, high-speed internet to every Ohioan, in their home and in their community.

Promote the creation of world- class broadband networks throughout the state, via the use of best-in-class technologies.

Enable participation in the modern economy.

Empower Ohioans through training and digital skills.



# BroadbandOhio Team

- Chief: Peter Voderberg
- Assistant Chief: Amy Elbaor
- Senior Financial Analyst: LaShana Smith
- Grants Manager: Matt Taylor
- Manager of Digital Equity and Inclusion: Anna Miller
- Grants Administrator: Grace Clucas

# Broadband 101

# Definitions

## **Last Mile**

The physical infrastructure of a broadband network that serves as the last leg of connection to a home or business from an internet service provider (ISP).

## **Middle Mile**

The physical infrastructure of a broadband network needed to enable internet connectivity; connects last mile (local) networks, like ISPs, to the greater internet.

## **Underserved**

The IIJA defines “underserved” locations as one without broadband service offering speeds of 100/20 Mbps.

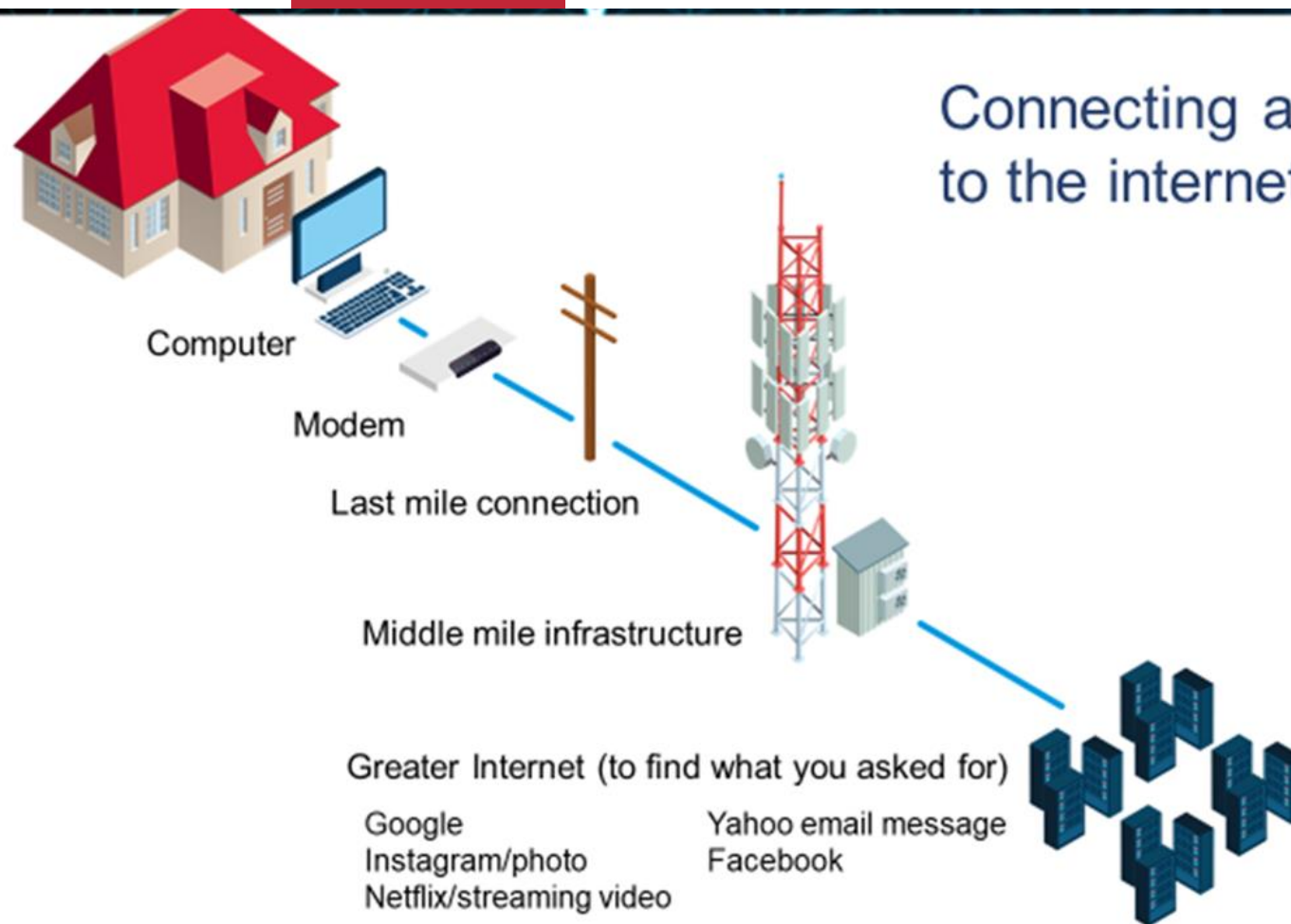
## **Unserved**

The IIJA defines an “unserved” location as one without any broadband service at all or with internet service offering speeds below 25/3 Mbps.

# Technologies

- Fiber optic: Converts electrical signals carrying data into light and sends the light through transparent glass fibers approximately the diameter of a human hair. Fiber transmits data at speeds typically hundreds of Mbps, almost at the speed of light.
- Fixed Wireless: Transmits and receives radio signals between the tower and a user's device. The tower, equipped with antennas and transceivers, acts as a bridge, converting digital data into radio waves for transmission and vice versa.
- Copper: Copper internet utilizes existing phone lines to transmit internet data by sending electrical signals through twisted pair copper wires.
- Satellite: Satellite broadband transmits signal from orbit to a user's installed receiver. It is another form of wireless internet and is useful for serving remote or sparsely populated areas. Download and upload speeds depend on several factors, including the provider and service package purchased, the consumer's line of sight to the orbiting satellite, and the weather.

## Connecting a home to the internet



## Why don't I have internet access?

- Accessibility
- Affordability



# Ohio's progress on achieving universal internet access



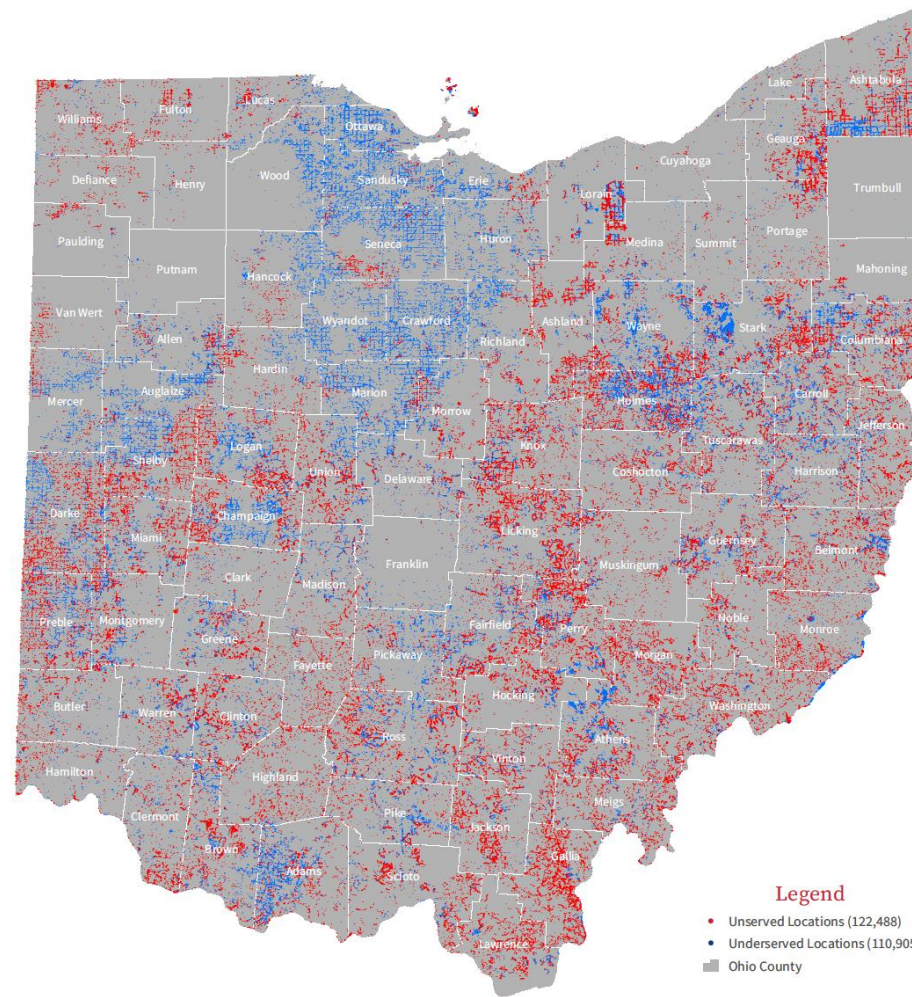
# Identifying the need

BroadbandOhio is working to identify households and businesses that still need broadband access.

BroadbandOhio has worked on multiple challenge processes to:

- Correct inaccurate coverage data
- Ensure funding reaches the communities most in need
- Identify **unserved** and **underserved** locations across Ohio

**BroadbandOhio**  
**Unfunded Locations**  
 Unserved and Underserved Categories



This map shows the locations in Ohio lacking adequate broadband service that have not been touched by the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF), Connect America Fund II (CAF II), or the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant (ORBEG) programs. Any location with broadband service slower than 25/3 (mbps download/upload speeds) is unserved. A location with broadband service of at least 25/3 but lower than 100/20 is underserved.

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Funded Locations*  | 99,585  |
| CAF II             | 3,228   |
| ORBEG              | 50,406  |
| RDOF               | 46,951  |
| Unfunded Locations | 233,393 |
| Unserved           | 122,488 |
| Underserved        | 110,905 |

\*Not shown on map



Speed:  $\geq 1000/100$ 

### Service Filters

(Last Updated: 4/15/25)



407 SUGAR ST PAULDING, OH 45879

## Fixed Broadband

## Mobile Broadband

Selected Location

### Location Challenge

PAULDING, OH 45879

| Residential | Unit Count: 1

### Broadband Availability

### Availability Challenge

| Provider                                  | Technology              | Down<br>(Mbps) | Up<br>(Mbps) | Chall. |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------|
| <a href="#">Agile Networks</a>            | LBR Fixed Wireless      | 25             | 5            |        |
| <a href="#">HughesNet</a>                 | GSO Satellite           | 100            | 5            |        |
| <a href="#">MetaLINK Technologies Inc</a> | Licensed Fixed Wireless | 100            | 25           |        |
| <a href="#">SAA bright.net Inc</a>        | Licensed Fixed Wireless | 100            | 25           |        |
| <a href="#">Spectrum</a>                  | Cable                   | 1000           | 35           |        |
| <a href="#">Starlink</a>                  | NGSO Satellite          | 220            | 25           |        |
| <a href="#">Viasat Inc</a>                | GSO Satellite           | 100            | 3            |        |
| <a href="#">Windstream Ohio, Inc.</a>     | Copper                  | 100            | 20           |        |
| <a href="#">Windstream Ohio, Inc.</a>     | Fiber to the Premises   | 1000           | 1000         |        |



# Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant (ORBEG) Program

- + Provides grants to internet service providers to build out internet infrastructure **for eligible locations identified in the challenge process**
- + \$232M awarded in 2021; \$94.5M awarded in 2024 to connect unserved/underserved addresses



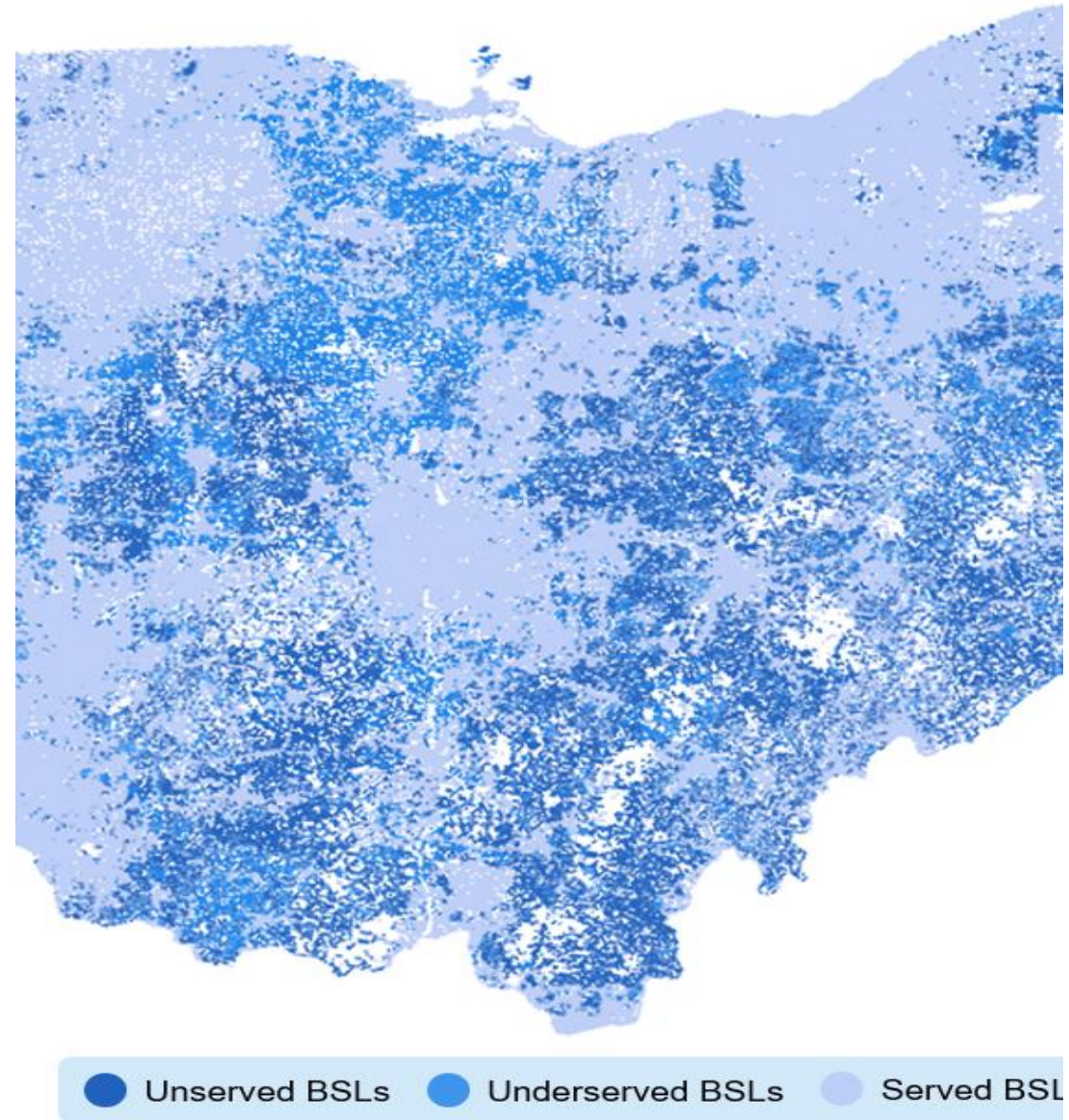
# Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Deep Dive

# BEAD Program Facts

- Established through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (November 2021)
- Represents the largest federal investment to date in broadband infrastructure
- Aims to close the digital divide by 2030
- Includes a \$42.5 billion national investment
- Ohio awarded \$793 million in funding

# Ohio BEAD Program Overview

- **Total Allocation:** \$793 million
- **Primary Focus:** Broadband infrastructure deployment to connect approximately 117,000 locations across the state.





# Changes to the Original Program

Changes in the June 6<sup>th</sup> Policy Notice for Scoring:

- **Prioritization of Priority Projects:** State Broadband Offices must prioritize priority projects, unless they are deemed too expensive.
- **Minimal BEAD Program Outlay:** State Broadband Offices must select the combination of project proposals with the lowest overall cost to the Program.

# Additional Changes

## Secondary Criteria:

- **Speed to Deployment:** The subgrantee agreeing to complete service to a proposal are prior to 4 years after receiving funding from the State of Ohio.
- **Speed of Network and Technical Capabilities:** Weighted scoring based on speed, latency, and technical capabilities of the technologies proposed by the applicant.
- **Preliminary/ Provisional Subgrantees:** The State of Ohio may give additional weight to providers provisionally selected to service proposed BSLs in the Benefit of the Bargain Round.

# Application Process Overview

- Single round of applications
- Prequalification and application round will be combined
- Shortened time window: July 21 through August 8
- No pre-set project areas
- Ability to match lowest bids
- Negotiated round will occur for any locations that have no application
- Engineering stamp will be due once initial winners are determined

## Looking Back and Moving Forward!

- **November 2021:** The Investment in Infrastructure and Jobs Act signed into law and established the BEAD Program
- **July 2022:** BroadbandOhio/Department of Development received \$5 million in initial planning funds to establish a 5 Year Action Plan
- **June 2023:** Ohio's 5 Year Action Plan was submitted to the NTIA. The NTIA announced that Ohio would be allocated \$793 million once plans were approved.
- **September 2023:** Ohio submits Initial Proposal Volume 1 (plan for a challenge process)
- **December 2023:** Ohio submits Initial Proposal Volume 2 (plan to run the grantee selection process)
- **April 2024:** Initial Proposal Volume 1 approved by the NTIA
- **October 2024:** Initial Proposal Volume 2 approved by the NTIA
- **Summer 2025:** Ohio will run the BEAD Subgrantee Selection Process
- **Thursday, August 21:** Post Final Proposal for Public Comment
- **Friday, September 4:** Submit Final Proposal to NTIA

# Resources and Partnerships

BroadbandOhio  
Website



EXPLORE VIEW GRANT DISCOVER  
BROADBAND MAPS OPPORTUNITIES NEWS & EVENTS

? Help Search

BroadbandOhio  
Alliance

**Bridging the digital divide  
for all Ohioans**



**Ohio BEAD  
Challenge Process  
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**Ohio Residential  
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Expansion Grant**



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# Questions?

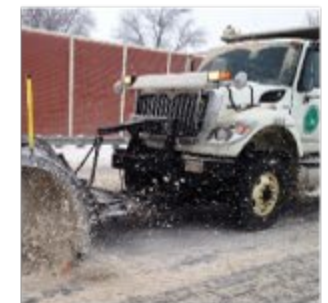
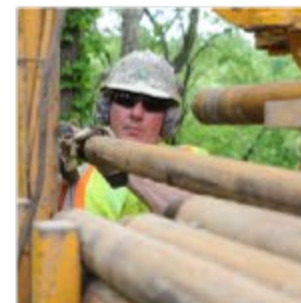
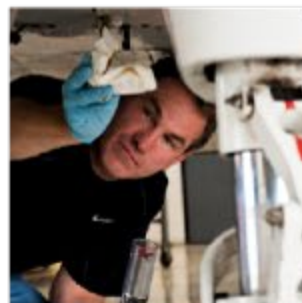
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# OVERALL DBE GOAL METHODOLOGY

## FFY 2026 - 2028



**David Walker, Office of Small Business Services**  
**Sara Walton, Office of Transit**  
**June 10, 2025**



**Department of  
Transportation**



# DIVISION OF SMALL BUSINESS & EXTERNAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Deborah Green, Deputy Director**

[Small Business & External Workforce Development | Ohio Department of Transportation](#)

Office of Small Business Services  
Juleda Stoltz, Administrator

DBE & SBE Certification  
DBE Reporting  
DBE, EDGE Goal Setting  
Good Faith Efforts

DBE Supportive Services

On the Job Training (OJT)  
Program

Office of Contractor Compliance  
Kathleen LaPlace, Administrator

Prevailing Wage

Certified Payroll

Prompt Payment

Commercially Useful Function  
(CUF) Monitoring

Title VI

Americans with Disability Act  
(ADA) / Section 504

Office of Outreach  
Lynn Stevens, Administrator

Statewide, Regional, District DBE,  
SBE, MBE, EDGE Resources

ODOT, Business Community  
Resources

DBE & Small Business  
Webinars, Workshops, Events



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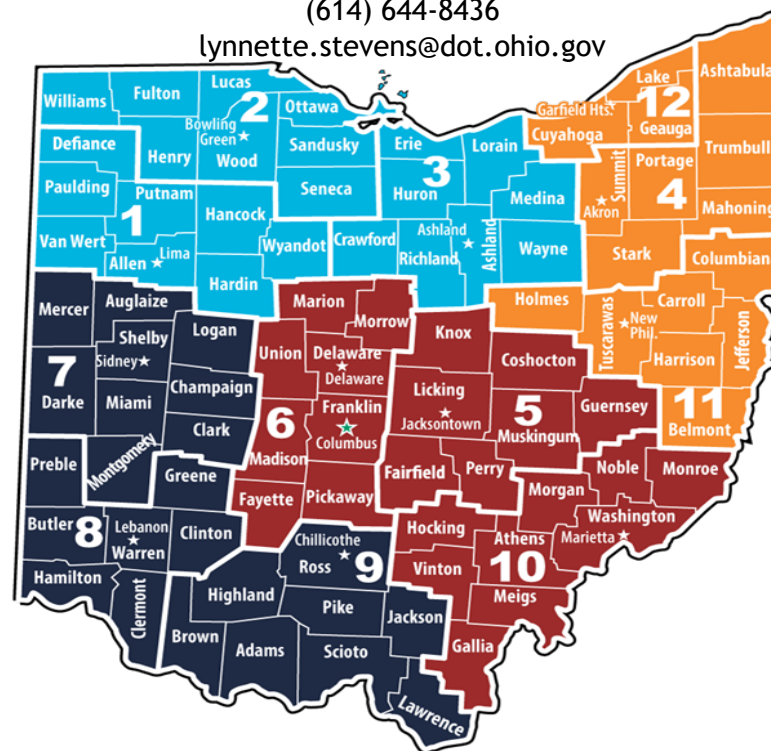


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# ABOUT TODAY'S MEETING

- Common interests:
  - Fair, equitable and healthy business environment for ALL ready, willing, and able contractors
- Future focus: FFY 2026 – 2028 (10/1/25 – 9/30/28)
  - Recognize, understand, and learn from past
- Comments welcome and encouraged



# AGENDA

- Proposed overall DBE goals for:
  - Highway
  - Transit
  - Aviation



# WHY ARE WE SETTING THESE GOALS?

- Federal requirement
- Every 3 years
- Collect feedback
- Submit the methodology to FHWA, FTA, and FAA by August 1, 2025
- New goals will start October 1, 2025 and run through September 30, 2028



# OVERALL HIGHWAY DBE GOAL

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# MID-YEAR FFY 25 DBE GOAL ATTAINMENT

|                | Goal  | Current Awards/<br>Commitments | Difference |
|----------------|-------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Overall        | 15.7% | 13.0%                          | -2.7%      |
| Race Conscious | 10.7% | 5.6%                           | -5.1%      |
| Race Neutral   | 5.0%  | 7.4%                           | +2.4%      |



# PAST 3 YEARS' DBE GOAL ATTAINMENT

|                | FFY 22 | FFY 23 | FFY 24 |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Race Conscious | 7.4%   | 7.3%   | 6.9%   |
| Race Neutral   | 4.5%   | 5.9%   | 5.7%   |
| Total          | 11.9%  | 13.2%  | 12.6%  |

|                | FFY 22   | FFY 23   | FFY 24   |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Race Conscious | \$99.0M  | \$128.9M | \$118.0M |
| Race Neutral   | \$60.2M  | \$104.1M | \$97.2M  |
| Total          | \$159.2M | \$233.0M | \$215.2M |





# RACE-CONSCIOUS PARTICIPATION

- Obtained by applying DBE contract goals to federally assisted contracts
- Read as “race- and gender- conscious”



# RACE-NEUTRAL PARTICIPATION

- DBE is the prime contractor;
- DBE works on a contract that does not have a DBE contract goal; or
- That portion of a DBE's work above and beyond the amount on the utilization plan and affirmation



# RACE-NEUTRAL MEASURES FOR INCREASED UTILIZATION

- Business Development Program
- Mentor Protégé Program
- Supportive Services
- SBE Program
- DBE Orientation Sessions
- Development Goal (for professional services agreements)



# METHODOLOGY

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \textit{Potential DBE} \\ \textit{Contract Elements} \\ \textit{(Ready, Willing, Able)} \end{array}}{\begin{array}{c} \textit{All} \\ \textit{Contract} \\ \textit{Elements} \end{array}} = \textit{Base Figure \%}$$



# BASE FIGURE

|                 | Availability Percentage Relative to All Firms |                       |                  |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------|------------------|
|                 | Construction                                  | Professional Services | Weighted Average |
| TOTAL POTENTIAL | 20.2%   | 19.0%                 | 20.2%            |
| Industry Weight | 95%   | 5%                    |                  |

The base figure for construction contracts and professional services agreements is **20.2%**.



## STEP 2 ADJUSTMENT

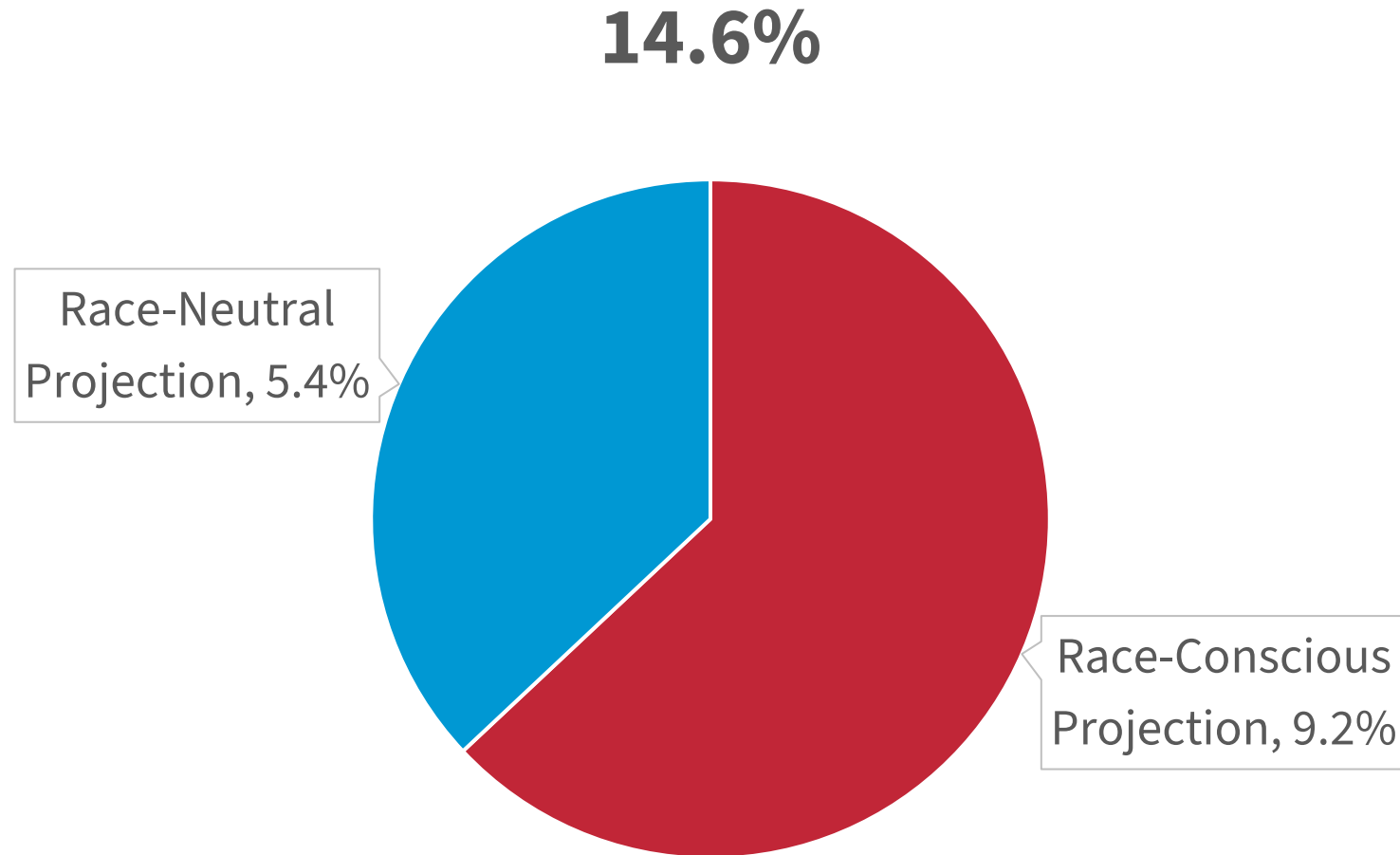
- Median past participation, FFY 22-24: 12.6%
- Average 20.2% and 12.6% to get 16.4%
- Subtract the preliminary injunction's downward impact (1.8%) to get ...

**14.6%**





# PROPOSED 26-28 OVERALL HIGHWAY DBE GOAL



# OVERALL TRANSIT DBE GOAL

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## Administrator: Chuck Dyer

### Office Functions

- Receives federal funds from Federal Transit Administration and General Revenue Funds from the state budget
- Distributes federal and state funds to 100+ agencies
- Ensures compliance of all recipients for funds
- Offers technical resources to transit agencies for training, program management, strategic decision making, and marketing



# TRANSIT DBE GOAL - HISTORY

- The DBE goal for FFY20 – FFY22 was 7.87%
- **The DBE goal for FFY23 - FFY25 is 11.9%**
  - The Office of Transit met the goal in FFY2023
  - The Office of Transit did not meet the goal in FFY2024
  - The Office of Transit is not on track to meet the goal for FFY25



# TRANSIT DBE GOAL – RACE NEUTRAL

- Race-neutral DBE participation includes any time a DBE wins a prime contract through customary competitive procurement procedures or is awarded a subcontract on a prime contract that does not carry a DBE contract goal.



# TRANSIT DBE METHODOLOGY

The Office of Transit followed the two-step goal-setting methodology USDOT requires to develop its new goal:

1. Establish a base figure
2. Consider whether a step 2 adjustment to the base figure is warranted



# TRANSIT DBE GOAL – STEP 1

Two-step goal-setting methodology

1. 19.7% was established in a previous consultant study





# TRANSIT DBE GOAL – STEP 2

Two-step goal-setting methodology

**2. Actuals** based on contract commitments from FFY22 - FFY24

| FFY     | DBE Participation |
|---------|-------------------|
| 2022    | 8%                |
| 2023    | 18%               |
| 2024    | 7%                |
| Average | 11.0%             |



# TRANSIT DBE – STEP 2

Two-step goal-setting methodology

## 2. **Expectations** for next three years

- Funding levels
- Project types
- Subrecipient spending vs ODOT spending



# TRANSIT DBE GOAL – STEP 2

- Balancing actual contract commitments in recent years and expectations for coming years, the step 2 adjustment is maintain our existing DBE goal for the next three Federal Fiscal Years.



# TRANSIT DBE GOAL

- For the next three years, ODOT Transit will maintain its goal of 11.9% for FFY26-28.
- We believe this both ambitious and achievable



# OVERALL AVIATION DBE GOAL



# 2023-25 OVERALL AVIATION DBE GOAL

- One federally funded consultant contract in this period (Pavement Condition Index inspection services)
- No construction contracts
- Base figure: **0.0%**
- No step 2 adjustment



# PAST 3 YEARS' DBE GOAL ATTAINMENT

|                | FFY 22 | FFY 23 | FFY 24 |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Race Conscious | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0%     |
| Race Neutral   | 1.6%   | 0.0%   | 21.4%  |
| Total          | 1.6%   | 0.0%   | 21.4%  |

|                | FFY 22   | FFY 23 | FFY 24    |
|----------------|----------|--------|-----------|
| Race Conscious | \$0      | \$0    | \$0       |
| Race Neutral   | \$38,800 | \$0    | \$359,746 |
| Total          | \$38,800 | \$0    | \$359,746 |





# 2026-28 OVERALL AVIATION DBE GOAL

- Base figure: 0.0%
- Median past participation, FFY 22-24: 1.6%
- Average 0.0% and 1.6% to get **0.8%**
- One federally funded consultant contract will be awarded (Pavement Condition Index inspection services)
- No construction contracts



# SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 26-28 OVERALL DBE GOALS

- Highway: 14.6%
- Transit: 11.9%
- Aviation: 0.8%



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**QUESTIONS?**

# EMAILED COMMENTS

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