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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 14, 2019

**TO:** James Fourcade, Director  
Transit Division – Maintenance

**THRU:** Sandy-Michael McDonald, Director *SM*  
Office of Economic and Small Business Development

**FROM:** Freddy Castillo, Small Business Development Manager *FC*  
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**SUBJECT:** No DBE Goal for the Purchase of 147 35-Foot (27) and 40-Foot (120), Gillig, Low-Floor Transit Buses

The Transportation Department/Transit Division is seeking to procure 147 30-foot (27) and 45-foot (120) Gillig buses. These buses are a part of the passing of the Broward County Surtax. The using agency reported that these buses are being purchased to replace buses that have met their useful life-cycle and upcoming increase in services and addition of new routes. The Transit Division stated that they will be piggybacking off the Commonwealth of Virginia contract RFP# E194-193 with Gillig, LLC.

Consistent with U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S.DOT) requirements, the purchase of buses with federal funding has been exempted from the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal setting program by the U.S. DOT; therefore, no DBE goal is applicable for this project. However, the U.S. DOT regulations require that each transit vehicle manufacturer, as a condition of being authorized to bid or propose on FTA-assisted transit vehicle procurements, certifies that it has complied with the requirements of title 49 CFR 26.49(a)(1).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this assignment, please feel free to contact our office at (954) 357-6400.

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