

**23-R-3325**

**A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS ANTONIO LEWIS, JASON WINSTON, BYRON D. AMOS, JASON DOZIER, DUSTIN HILLIS, ANDREA L. BOONE, MARCI COLLIER OVERSTREET, MICHAEL JULIAN BOND, MATT WESTMORELAND AND KEISHA SEAN WAITES REQUESTING THE METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY (“MARTA”) TO ADOPT DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PRACTICES FOR THE MORE MARTA ATLANTA PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta (“City”) recognizes the importance of promoting economic opportunities for small businesses, including those owned by women and minorities; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the significance of diversity and inclusion in the transportation industry; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (“MARTA”) is a major transportation agency that serves the City of Atlanta and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, MARTA has a responsibility to promote and ensure diversity and inclusion in its procurement practices and to provide equal opportunities for all businesses; and

WHEREAS, the More MARTA Atlanta program is the collaboration of the City of Atlanta and MARTA investing funds to connect communities to have better access to local and regional transportation networks; and

WHEREAS, MARTA's More MARTA Atlanta program aims to expand and improve transit service throughout the region, including new transit lines and enhanced bus service.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to request MARTA to adopt Disadvantage Business Enterprise practices for the More MARTA Atlanta Program procurement and contracting processes to ensure the promotion of economic opportunities for small businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that MARTA is requested to adopt Disadvantaged Business Enterprise practices in its More MARTA ATLANTA procurement and contracting processes to promote economic opportunities for small businesses, particularly those owned by women and minorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MARTA is requested to establish an outreach program to educate and inform small businesses, particularly those owned by women and minorities, about the procurement and contracting opportunities available through More MARTA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Atlanta will continue to support and encourage diversity and inclusion in all aspects of the transportation industry, including procurement and contracting practices, and will work with MARTA to achieve these goals.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the MARTA CEO/General Manager and to the MARTA Board of Directors.

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