Hi Director Wilson:

As we discussed on the telephone today, we did not set a SBE Goal on the vanpool program because there were no certified firms available for the leasing companies with which to subcontract. We agree with you that our goal is always to encourage all contractors to provide opportunities to small businesses. Jami Carrington, the Project Manager, is working with the vendors to assist them to identify potential subcontractors whom we can then certify as Metro certified small business firms.

Please call me at 213.922.2452 if you have any further questions.

Michelle Lopes Caldwell Chief Administrative Services Officer

Cc: Fernando Ramirez