

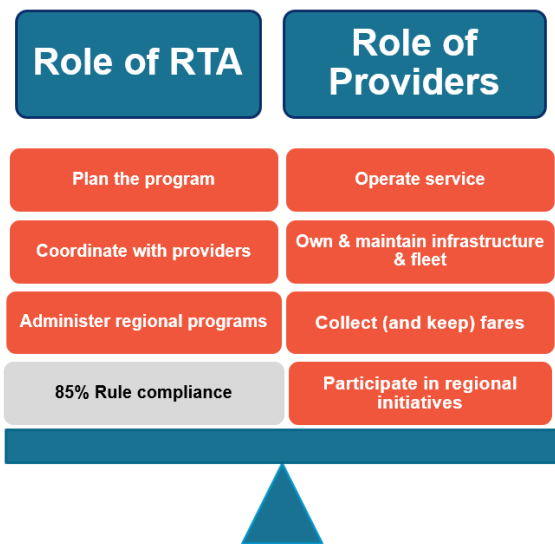


**REGIONAL  
TRANSIT AUTHORITY**  
OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

The Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) was established in December 2012 under the legal authority of Michigan Public Act (PA) 387.

As described in its articles of incorporation, the RTA was organized to establish and direct public transportation policy within a four-county region, to apply for and distribute operating and capital assistance grants to operators of public transportation within the metropolitan area, to adopt a comprehensive public transportation plan for the metropolitan area, to coordinate public transportation service functions between the operators of public transportation within the metropolitan area, and to secure a dedicated source of local funding to sustain the long term vision for the region.

Section 8 of PA 387 identified the RTA as the "designated recipient" for Federal and state operating and capital grants in the area.



## What We Do

To accomplish our mission the RTA plans for and coordinates public transportation in the four-county region of Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne. It is the entity through which transit providers must apply for funds through the Federal Government and the State of Michigan.

RTA's mission is to manage and secure transportation resources that significantly **enhance mobility options, to improve quality of life for the residents and to increase economic viability for the region**

The RTA is responsible for developing and annually updating a Regional Master Transit Plan (RMTP) to guide present and future service (20-year horizon) and is empowered to put funding questions on the ballot for public vote.

The RTA also conducts planning and coordination studies with the public transit providers in our region, including:

- Ann Arbor Area Transit Authority
- Detroit Department of Transportation
- Detroit People Mover
- Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transit

## Doing Business

The RTA has partnered with BidNet to post bid opportunities on [www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn](http://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn). As a vendor, you can register with the MITN Purchasing Group and be sure that you see all available bids and opportunities. By selecting automatic bid notification, your company will receive emails once the RTA a bid opportunity.



## RTA's DBE Goal

The Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan (RTA) has established a goal of 8.8% for its Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Program for fiscal years 2017 through FY 2019.

The proposed goal and its methodology have been developed in accordance with the Federal Transit Administration's regulations 49 CFR Part 26.

To review the DBE Goal and our DBE Program please visit: <http://www.rtamichigan.org/wp-content/uploads/RTA.DBE.Program.11.2018.pdf>


It is the policy of the RTA to ensure that DBEs, as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in DOT-assisted contracts. It is our policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of DOT – assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT-assisted contracts;
3. To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in DOT assisted contracts;
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE Program.



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## 2019-2020 Priorities

The RTA has the following upcoming opportunities for fiscal year 2019.

**Regional Coordinated Human Services Plan:** A long standing vision of the RTA has been the development of a regional coordinated human services plan that pulls under one overarching umbrella the existing coordinated human services plan of our region's existing transit providers. The RTA is working to complete a review of existing regional policies and procedures governing the RTA's and other transit agencies' administration of funding received through the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program.

Outcomes of this study will include the assessment of regional transportation needs of seniors and the disabled, ultimately developing a regional coordination plan for related transportation services in Southeast Michigan. This plan will reflect both regional and locally-specific needs, including the option for communities and agencies to maintain their own local planning documents fitting within an agreed-upon regional planning and policy framework.

**Ann Arbor to Detroit Commuter Rail Technical Analysis:** This feasibility study is intended to evaluate the feasibility of expanded commuter rail service between Washtenaw County (Ann Arbor) and Wayne County (Detroit). The current RTA Master Plan includes proposed commuter rail service (eight trips per day) connecting Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Wayne, Dearborn and mid-town Detroit.

This study will evaluate the technical merits of requested extensions, including required capacity improvements, and develop an estimated cost for these suggested changes. Outcomes of this study will be used to evaluate the feasibility of making potential changes to our Regional Master Transit Plan.

