

Title VI Program Triennial Report to Federal Transit Administration

Committee on Operations
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Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

- Requires that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of a recipient, as amended by the Civil Rights Restoration Act.

Recommendation

- Approve the Port Authority's 2015 Title VI Program including public transportation standards, policies, monitoring program and results
- Delegate authority to the Executive Director of the Port Authority and President of PATH to approve future programs

Title VI Background

- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulates and monitors transit agencies that receive federal funding in several areas including Title VI compliance
- PA/PATH as recipients of FTA funds submitted its last triennial Title VI program reports in September 2012
- FTA issued new requirements and guidelines which became effective on October 1, 2012
- PA/PATH's triennial Title VI program report is due to the FTA on October 1, 2015

Title VI Program Standard Elements

- Public outreach and involvement activities
- Language assistance for persons with Limited English Proficiency
- Procedures for tracking and investigating Title VI Complaints
- Collection of demographic data on agency beneficiaries
- Equity Evaluations

New FTA Title VI Requirements

- Requires Board and/or an official designee approval of the overall Title VI Program prior to submission to FTA
- Requires Board and/or official designee approval of specific equity analysis policies and service standards within Title VI program:
 - Major Service Change Policy
 - Disparate Impact and Disproportionate Burden Policies for minority and low-income populations
 - System wide service standards and policies

Title VI Equity Analysis Policies

- Major Service Change
- Disparate Impact
- Disproportionate Burden

Fixed Transit Provider Requirements

	PATH	PA - Ferry Service
Requirement	Transit Providers with 50 or more fixed route vehicles in peak service, located in a large urbanized zone area	Transit Providers with less than 50 fixed route vehicles
Set system-wide standards and policies	Required	Required
Collect and report data	Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demographic and service profile maps and charts - Survey data regarding customer demographics and travel patterns 	Not required
Evaluate service and fare changes	Required	Not required
Monitor transit service	Required	Not required

Benefits/Impact of Compliance

- Compliance with federal requirements, including Civil Rights requirements, is a pre-requisite to eligibility for federal funding
- Receipt of FTA aid helps fund public transportation and other projects that benefit the region