

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 25, 2013

Subject: Approve Revised Title VI Service Equity Analysis for Central Corridor Transit Service Study

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the Revised Title VI Service Equity Analysis for the Central Corridor Transit Service Study.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Cyndi Harper, Manager of Route Planning, presented the updated analysis and explained the background for the changes. There were no questions.

The item was moved by Council Member Reynoso and was seconded by Council Member Munt. It passed unanimously. It will be on the consent agenda for the Council meeting.

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Meeting date: September 9, 2013

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District(s), Member(s): 8-Adam Duinick, 10-vacant, 13-Richard Kramer, 14-Jon Commers

Policy/Legal Reference: 49 CFR part 21, "Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

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Division/Department: Metro Transit/Service Development

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Background

Under guidance from the FTA Circular 4702.1A, Metro Transit did a Service Equity Analysis (SEA) for the proposed Green Line and associated Central Corridor Transit Service Study (CCTSS) bus service changes to ensure the benefits of the changes were distributed equitably to populations protected by Title VI. This Analysis was finished in September 2012 and found that the proposed changes did not result in disproportionately high or adverse impacts to minority or low-income populations.

In October 2012 FTA Circular 4702.1B was released, which supercedes Circular 4702.1A. The new circular states that all major service changes implemented after April 1, 2013 must be evaluated using the requirements of the new circular. Staff has reviewed the Title VI analysis completed under the requirements of the previous circular with the requirements of the new circular and determined that it is in compliance with two exceptions:

- The original CCTSS SEA report did not specifically mention the Council's Major Service Change Policy, which was adopted in June 2013.
- The original CCTSS SEA report did not adequately describe the dataset(s), data retrieval techniques and reason for using these datasets used in the analysis.

The SEA report has been revised to address these issues.

Rationale

FTA Circular 4702.1B requires funding recipients to evaluate "any and all service changes that exceed the transit provider's major service change threshold, as well as all fare changes, to determine whether those changes will have a discriminatory impact based on race, color or national origin." It also requires that a "transit provider shall brief its board of directors...responsible for policy decisions regarding the service...changes and the equity

impacts." Since staff has revised the original SEA to meet the requirements of the new circular, the Council must approve the revised document.

Funding

The revised CCTSS SEA was developed using existing Metro Transit transit service planning resources. The CCTSS service changes will be implemented in mid-2014 using existing Metro Transit and Metropolitan Council transit service operating resources.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.