

Title VI Program

Met Council 2014 Update

Metropolitan Council Transportation
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Title VI Overview & Guidance

- The Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
 - No Person in the United States shall, on the ground 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 receiving Federal financial assistance.”
- Guidance: Circular 4702.1B (2012)
 - www.fta.dot.gov/civilrights/title6/civil_rights_11704.html

Title VI & Thrive MSP 2040

- Title VI Program Objectives:
 - Level/quality of service provided **non-discriminatorily**,
 - **Full & fair participation** in decision making,
 - **Meaningful access** to programs & services (LEP)
- Thrive Outcomes:
 - **Stewardship, Prosperity, Equity, Livability & Sustainability**
 - “Progress towards these outcomes demands that the Council use its full range of authorities and activities in a new, coordinated way.” - Thrive MSP 2040 Draft

Title VI Compliance

- General Requirements
 - Title VI Notices, Complaint Procedures
 - Public Participation, Language Assistance Plans
 - Minority Representation on Planning & Advisory Bodies
 - Facility Siting Evaluations & Sub-recipient Monitoring
- Updates in 2014 Program
 - Sub-recipient plans collected & reviewed
 - Language Assistance Plan
 - Extensive public outreach efforts (SWLRT, CCLRT)
- New in 2014 Program
 - Streamlined document: appendices online

Title VI Compliance Cont'd

- Transit Requirements
 - Service Area & Customer Demographics
 - Service & Fare Change Evaluations
 - Monitor System-Wide Service Standards & Policies

- Updates in 2014 Program
 - Metro Transit demographic maps & studies completed
 - Service & fare change evaluations
 - Northstar, Red Line & MVTA, Green Line Service Study, West Suburban

Title VI Compliance Cont'd

- Metropolitan Planning Organization Requirements
 - Service Area Demographics
 - Incorporating Title VI Principles in Regional Planning
 - Distribution of State & Federal Funds
 - Distribution of FTA Funds to Sub-recipients
- New Information
 - MPO requirements
 - Reviewed distribution of federal funds to ensure allocations made fairly & equitably

Next Steps

- Final Title VI Program Drafted
 - Program covers 2014 – 2017
 - Updates 2011 Program
 - Includes New Information (Sub-recipients, LEP, etc.)
- Met Council Approval
 - April 30, 2014
- Triennial Review – 2015

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the 2014 Title VI Program for submission to the FTA