

Business Item

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: October 10, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: October 26, 2022

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2023-2025 Title VI Program

District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	49 CFR Part 21; FTA C 4702.1B
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Division/Department:	Regional Administration/Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council shall approve the 2023-2025 Title VI Program.

Background

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is a federal law that protects individuals and groups from discrimination on the basis of race, color and national origin in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance.

In accordance with 49 CFR Part 21 barring discrimination by governmental agencies receiving federal funding effectuating Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and as a condition of Federal Transit Administration Funding (outlined in the [FTA Circular 4702.1B](#)), The Metropolitan Council (and its subrecipients) must have a triennially updated Title VI Program.

The Metropolitan Council's Title VI Program is divided into three parts:

- **Part 1** focuses on general requirements applicable to all FTA recipients, including a public participation plan. Language assistance plan, and a Title VI grievance process.
- **Part 2** focuses on the requirements specific to operators of regular route transit service. This section is limited to the planning and operations of Metro Transit.
- **Part 3** focuses on the requirements specific to the Metropolitan Council as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Rationale

As a requirement of receiving FTA funding the Council must update its Title VI Program triennially and submit to the FTA for review and approval. This updated Title VI Program fulfills this obligation.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This effort promotes the Council's Equity Thrive outcome by attempting to connect all residents with viable transportation.

Funding

N/A

Small Business Inclusion

N/A

