

Memorandum

To: MPO Committee Members
From: Lucinda Shannon, Transportation Planning Manager
Date: December 1, 2020
Reference: Title VI Plan Update

Purpose:

During **September**, the Policy Board and **MPO committees** reviewed updates to the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (CA-MPO) Title VI Plan. The updated Title VI Plan will be brought to the Policy Board for approval during this December 1st meeting.

Background:

The current Title VI Plan was last updated in 2016 and needs another update. The draft of the Title VI Plan included in your packets reflects recommended changes (highlighted in blue). These changes include updating the LEP data from the US Census and the *Communication and Public Participation* section of the plan to match the proposed updates to the CA-MPO's Public Participation Plan.

The CTAC Committee voted to recommend that the Policy Board adopt the update to the Title VI Plan and add an item in an upcoming workplan to make more substantial updates to the Title VI Plan. The Tech committee did not vote on a recommendation for the plan. The following comments were received:

MPO Tech Committee:

Alex Ikefuna asked what is being done to meet the needs of the population who has English as their second language.

Ms. Shannon said if there is a request to have a meeting or documents translated into another language for the public, the MPO would do everything within their power to get that done. To date, there has not been such a request. Most of the interaction with the public is with CAT and JAUNT and they have their own Title VI programs.

There is more information on our outreach efforts in the Public Participation Plan which will be covered next in this meeting.

MPO CTAC Committee:

Jo French asked what more robust changes might be included in a future update. Lucinda described a few innovative ideas she had seen in other organization's plans. Chip Boyles noted that one of the things the MPO has struggled with is diverse representation on committees like CTAC.

Jo French recommended the use of financial compensation to individuals who want to be involved but need to use all of their time to earn money for life essentials.

Travis Pietila noted that there are broader, less technical questions that should be asked in committees/at public meetings that might be more approachable for more members of the public.

Lee Kondor moved that CTAC recommend that the MPO Policy Board accept the changes to the Title VI Plan with the caveat that more substantive changes are made in the near future. Donna Chen seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Recommendation:

The Policy Board vote to approve the updated Title VI Plan.

If there are any questions or comments, please contact Lucinda Shannon at ls Shannon@tjpd.org.