

Memorandum

To: MPO Committee Members
From: Lucinda Shannon, Transportation Planning Manager
Date: September 8, 2020
Reference: Title VI Plan Update

Purpose:

This is an initial opportunity for the MPO committees to review updates to the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (CA-MPO) Title VI Plan and provide feedback. The federal regulations require that there be a Public Hearing prior to any significant changes to the plan being made. CA-MPO staff will begin a comment period following the MPO committees' initial review of this document and host a Public Hearing before the updated Title VI Plan is brought to the Policy Board for approval.

Background:

As a sub-recipient of federal financial assistance, the CA-MPO, is required to comply with Title VI and subsequent nondiscrimination laws, as well as provide an overview of how the CA-MPO addresses Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice and Executive Order 13166 on Limited English Proficiency (LEP). The CA-MPO Title VI Plan describes the measures taken by the CA-MPO to assure compliance with the rules and regulations associated with Title VI and subsequent nondiscrimination laws, Environmental Justice, and LEP.

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.

Recommendation:

At this time, each of the committees and the Policy Board are being asked to review the current draft of the Title VI Plan and provide feedback to staff. Once staff has received feedback, recommendations for changes will be incorporated and the Title VI Plan will be distributed publicly for comment. Once the committee and public comments are incorporated, the updated Title VI Plan will be brought to the CA-MPO Policy Board for approval.

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