

Narrative of Changes to the Central Virginia MPO Title VI Plan

As part of DRPT's Title VI Plan triennial documents update as required by the FTA, each MPO was asked to review their Title VI Plan and ensure they meet certain requirements.

Staff reviewed the CVMPO Title VI Plan and made the following changes/additions to ensure that it meets the requirements in the checklist:

- **Added section with the following heading and accompanying text (Page 8/Responsibilities of the CVMPO Title VI Coordinator)**

List of Transit-Related Title VI Investigations, Complaints, and Lawsuits

Since the submission of the last Title VI Program to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), there have been no Title VI investigations, complaints, or lawsuits received by the CVMPO Transportation Department or the CVMPO Agency related to transit.

- **Added language into Appendix regarding outreach efforts to the Limited English Proficiency population: (Page 32, Appendix VI)**

Introduction and Legal Basis

LEP is a term that defines any individual not proficient in the use of the English language. The establishment and operation of an LEP program meets objectives set forth in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). This Executive Order requires federal agencies receiving financial assistance to address the needs of non-English speaking persons. The Executive Order also establishes compliance standards to ensure that the programs and activities that are provided by a transportation provider in English are accessible to LEP communities. This includes providing meaningful access to individuals who are limited in their use of English. The following LEP language implementation plan, developed by CVMPO is based on FTA guidelines.

- **Updated data in Appendix VI. regarding Limited English Proficiency Population (Page 32/Page 37)**

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) were obtained through www.census.gov by CVMPO's service area. The agency's service area includes a total of 3,107 persons (1.39%) with Limited English Proficiency (those persons who indicated that they spoke English "less than very well" in the 2009-2013 ACS Census.

Information from the 2009-2013 ACS also provides more detail on the specific languages that are spoken by those who report that they speak English less than very well. Languages spoken at home by those with LEP are presented below. These data indicate the extent to which translations into other language are needed to meet the needs of LEP persons.

• Spanish	1,222	0.55%
• Indo-European	580	0.26%
• Asian and Pacific Island Languages	1,228	0.55%
• Other Languages	77	0.03%

It is noted that there are relatively low number of LEP persons in the service area - no language is spoken by over 5% and only Spanish and Asian and Pacific Island Languages are above 1,000 persons in the LEP population (note: the largest Asian and Pacific Island Language where English is spoken less than “very well” is Korean where 679 people reported that, below the 1,000 threshold). The complete LEP table is found in Appendix 8.

CVMPO planning staff used this data to determine how best to disseminate information that is accessible to persons with LEP. Based on this relatively low percentage, the need to address the LEP population is somewhat limited. The discrimination complaint form is translated into Spanish in the appendix of this plan. Requests for document translations will be provided as needed. The CVMPO uses the same translator/interpreter services as the Lynchburg VDOT District Office.

- **Added a summary of outreach efforts made since the last Title VI Program submission: (Appendix VI, Page 35)**

These efforts are in addition to the federally required outreach efforts:

- The CVMPO continues to post public meeting notices in all fixed route buses serving the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company’s service area. The buses serve a high minority/low income population.
- The CVMPO continues to post public meeting notices in public libraries throughout the MPO service area.
- **Added a table showing membership (broken down by race) of the CVMPO Transportation Technical Committee and a description of the process the agency uses to encourage the participation of minorities on such committees. (Appendix VIII, Page 36)**

Central Virginia MPO Transportation Technical Committee Membership		
Jeremy Bryant	Amherst County	White
Jack Hobbs	Amherst Town	White
Brad Robinson	Bedford County	Black
Doyle Allen	Bedford County	White
Paul Harvey	Campbell County	White
Richard Metz	Campbell County	White
Tom Martin	City of Lynchburg	White
Ivan Rucker	FHA	Black
Josh Baker	Greater Lynchburg Transit	White
Lee Beaumont	Liberty University	White
Mark Courtney	Lynchburg Regional Airport	White
Rick Youngblood	VDOT	White
Chris Arabia	VDRPT	White

TTC membership is comprised of staff-level officials of local, state, and federal agencies. In addition, the technical committee includes representatives of interest groups, various transportation modes, and local citizens. Members are appointed by the localities rather than by the MPO. Therefore, the role of the MPO is to encourage diversity of appointees to the localities served.