

## 10. TITLE VI PROGRAM UPDATE

### **BACKGROUND**

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Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in any program or activity conducted by recipients of Federal financial assistance. Discrimination includes the denial of meaningful access for persons with limited English language communication skills. To continue to be eligible for federal transit or highway funds, H-GAC must update its Title VI Program every three years and show that the agency complies with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Title VI regulations. The last Title VI Program update was made in 2021. H-GAC fully complies with Federal Title VI nondiscrimination requirements.

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

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The update to the Title VI Program was completed, taking public feedback into account. Following Federal guidance, H-GAC's 2024 Triennial Title VI Program update includes:

- A nondiscrimination policy statement
- Certifications and Assurances of Title VI compliance
- Notice to the public of their rights under the Title VI statute
- A Public Participation Plan
- A description of Environmental Justice provisions
- A plan to accommodate persons with limited English communication skills
- An updated demographic profile of the metropolitan planning region
- Measures to assess regional equity in the impact of transportation
- Procedures for the submission and resolution of Title VI complaints, and
- Strategies for advancing Title VI and Environmental Justice

A public comment period was open from August 13, 2024 – September 12, 2024, and a virtual public meeting was held on September 10, 2024. A copy of the updated Title VI Program can be found on the H-GAC website at: <http://www.h-gac.com/title-vi-program>.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

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Transportation Advisory Committee recommendation for approval by the Transportation Policy Council.