

TO: CATSO Coordinating Committee

FROM: CATSO Staff

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 7 - Public Hearing: Title VI Plan Update

DATE: December 5, 2024

CATSO's present Title VI Plan was adopted by the Coordinating Committee on May 22, 2014. The Title VI Plan outlines the policy and responsibilities of the MPO in communications and public involvement, planning and programming, and Title VI assurances and complaint procedures. It may, and CATSO's Title VI Plan does, also address the MPO's Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and Environmental Justice (EJ) policies and procedures.

In addition to the discussion of the responsibilities that CATSO has under Title VI, the Plan outlines the specific tasks staff will undertake to fulfill the requirements. The Title VI Plan prescribes an annual review of the plan document itself, and all MPO policies and procedures, to ensure compliance with all Title VI, LEP and EJ requirements. Review findings are then submitted to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Since 2014, additional requirements are necessary to be in compliance with federal regulations. The 2024 Draft Title VI Plan contains the following new components:

- Identification of the locations of minority populations in the aggregate across the CATSO Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) by Census Bureau Block Group
- Demographic maps which to identify the percentage of minority and non-minority populations as identified
- Analysis of any impacts identified from the maps

The Title VI Plan update also includes demographic maps and charts that were prepared for the GoCOMO Comprehensive Transit Study, which is currently near completion.

The draft plan update also includes minor data updates and edits such as more recent Census Data and updated web links, and language resources provided by planning partners.

*Technical Committee Action*

At their meeting of November 6, 2024, the Technical Committee reviewed the proposed update to the Title VI Plan. The Committee passed a motion recommending that the Coordinating Committee proceed with holding a public hearing on the revised Plan and consider adoption of the document as proposed.

*Suggested Coordinating Committee Action*

After review and any suggestions members may have for revisions, and after a public hearing, staff suggests the Committee give formal approval to the proposed Title VI Plan update.