

Resolution No.: 18-126
Introduced: April 21, 2015
Adopted: May 12, 2015

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Approval of Title VI Policies, Title VI Implementation Plan 2015 – 2017 and Title VI Compliance Monitoring Report

Background

1. This resolution approves the Title VI Policies, Title VI Implementation Plan 2015 – 2017 and Title VI Compliance Monitoring Report.
2. Recipients of public transportation funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) are required to develop policies, programs, and practices that ensure that federal and state transit dollars are used in a manner that is nondiscriminatory as required under Title VI. FTA Circular 4702.1B issued October 1, 2012 requires that each grant recipient through the approval of the recipient's governing board establish Title VI policies and service standards, prepare a Title VI program demonstrating how the recipient is complying with Title VI requirements, and monitor compliance of their transit services.
3. The Title VI Policies include definitions for Fare Change, Major Service Change, Disparate Impact, Disproportionate Burden, and Minority Route and service standards including measures for Vehicle Load, Headways, Schedule Adherence and Service Coverage. These definitions and service standards will be used to monitor the actual provision of the transit service to ensure no disparate treatment of minorities or low income populations and to evaluate fare and service changes so that disproportionate burdens and disparate impacts are identified and mitigated to the extent possible.
4. The Title VI 2015 – 2017 Implementation Plan follows a format prescribed by the Maryland Transit Administration and addresses each of the topics required by FTA C 4702.1B. As a part of the Title VI Implementation Plan, County staff has developed a Public Participation Plan and Language Assistance Plan.
5. The Title VI Compliance Monitoring Report monitors the performance of the transit system relative to system-wide service standards and service policies on a tri-annual basis. These monitoring activities are used to compare the level of service provided to predominantly minority areas with the level of service provided to predominantly non-minority areas to ensure that the result of policies and decision-making is equitable. While the Title VI Compliance Monitoring Report did not identify any disparity which requires additional review, the report identified overcrowding on some routes as an issue that should be addressed.

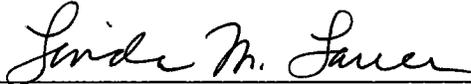
- 6. These documents have been submitted to the Maryland Transit Administration for preliminary review and they are now ready for County Council consideration.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County approves the following resolution:

- 1. The County Council approves the:
 - a. Montgomery County Title VI Policies,
 - b. Title VI 2015 – 2017 Implementation Plan
 - c. Title VI Compliance Monitoring Report
- 2. The County Executive is requested to endorse this resolution, thereby indicating his approval of the application.
- 3. Copies of the resolution will be sent to the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Approved:



Witness of County Executive

 5/20/15

County Executive Date