



## Motion No. M2022-67

### Approves the submittal of Sound Transit’s Title VI Program

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Executive Committee	08/04/2022	Recommend to Board	Jonté Robinson, Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer
Board	08/25/2022	Final action	<b>Nicole Hill, Deputy Director-Equity &amp; Social Responsibility</b>

### Proposed action

Approves the submittal of Sound Transit’s Title VI Program to the Federal Transit Administration.

### Key features summary

- As a recipient of federal financial assistance, primarily from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Sound Transit must continue to ensure that it complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which protects individuals from discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in any program receiving federal funds.
- As a part of its Title VI obligations, Sound Transit must submit a Title VI Program for FTA approval every three years.
- As part of the enhanced Title VI Guidelines issued by the FTA, on October 1, 2012, “the Title VI Program must be approved by the recipient’s board of directors...prior to submission to FTA.”
- The 2019 Title VI Program will expire on November 30, 2022 and the 2022 Sound Transit Title VI Program is to be submitted to the FTA on or before October 1, 2022.
- The 2022 Title VI Program submittal addresses how Sound Transit complies or intends to comply with Title VI requirements and guidelines. Key components of the plan include:
  - How Sound Transit measures impacts to minority and low-income populations when making major service changes, fare changes, and facility siting selections.
  - Results of the triennial Service Monitoring Report that measures quality of service and distribution of transit amenities.
  - All service and fare equity analyses conducted since the 2019 submittal of the Title VI program.
  - How Sound Transit engages minority and low-income populations in public engagement efforts.
  - How Sound Transit will take steps to ensure individuals who are limited-English proficient (LEP) have meaningful access to information.

### Background

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### **Fiscal Information**

Not applicable to this action.

### **Public involvement**

Public involvement is integrated throughout the various reports included in the Title VI Program. Information about the update is included on the Sound Transit website.

### **Time constraints**

A one-month delay would compromise meeting the required deadline and risk FTA not approving the Title VI Program prior to the November 30, 2022 expiration of the 2019 program. The 2022 Title VI Submittal is due to the FTA on or before October 1, 2022.

### **Prior Board/Committee actions**

Motion No. M2019-95: Approved the submittal of Sound Transit's 2019 Title VI Program to the Federal Transit Administration.

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**Environmental review** – KH 7/25/22

**Legal review** – MT 7/29/22



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**Motion**

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit approving the submittal of Sound Transit's Title VI Program to the Federal Transit Administration.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on August 25, 2022



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Dave Somers  
Board Vice Chair

**Attest:**



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Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator