



## Motion No. M2019-95

### 2019 Title VI Program Submittal

Meeting:	Date:	Type of action:	Staff contact:
Rider Experience & Operations Committee	09/05/2019	Recommend	<b>Leslie Jones, Chief Business &amp; Labor Compliance Officer, Business &amp; Labor Compliance</b>
Sound Transit Board	09/26/2019	Final Action	

### Proposed action

Approves the submittal of Sound Transit's 2019 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 and 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 a 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 2016 Title VI Program will expire on November 30, 2019 and the 2019 Sound Transit Title VI Program is to be submitted to the FTA on or before October 1, 2019.
- The 2019 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 service and fare changes and facility siting.
  - How Sound Transit engages minority and low income populations in public outreach efforts.
  - How Sound Transit takes reasonable steps to ensure individuals who are limited-English proficient (LEP) have meaningful access to information.

### Title VI compliance

Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states that:

No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Sound Transit receives federal financial assistance to design and build the regional transit system through grants primarily awarded and administered by the FTA of the U. S. Department of Transportation. As an FTA grant recipient, Sound Transit cannot, on the basis of race, color or national origin, either directly or through contractual means:

- Deny an individual any service, financial aid or benefit provided under the program to which he or she might otherwise be entitled;
- Make distinctions in the quality, quantity or manner in which the service or benefit is provided; or
- Segregate or separately treat individuals in any matter related to the receipt of any service or benefit.

As a part of its ongoing Title VI obligations, 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 and national origin in any program receiving federal funds.

Included among the Title VI obligations, Sound Transit must submit a Title VI Program for FTA approval, every three years, which now requires that “the Title VI Program must be approved by the recipient’s board of directors...prior to submission to FTA.”

The Sound Transit Title VI Program is to be submitted to the FTA on or before October 1, 2019, and the current Title VI Program submitted in 2016, is set to expire on November 30, 2019.

The 2016 Title VI Program submittal addresses how Sound Transit complies or intends to comply with Title VI requirements and guidelines containing the elements outlined in Exhibit 1.

## **Public involvement**

Public involvement for the Title VI Program has been coordinated with Sound Transit outreach staff. Information regarding the update, including the ability to request updates to the program, have been provided at a variety of public outreach events. Information about the update is included on the Sound Transit website.

## **Time constraints**

The 2019 Title VI Submittal is due to the FTA on or before October 1, 2019. A delay would compromise meeting the required deadline and risk FTA not approving the Title VI Submittal prior to the November 30, 2019 expiration of the 2016 program.

## **Prior Board/Committee actions**

Motion No M2016-92 Approved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on September 22, 2016.

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**Environmental review** – KH 8/26/19

**Legal review** – RM 8/28/19



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A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority approving the submittal of Sound Transit's 2019 Title VI Program to the Federal Transit Administration.

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### Motion

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the submittal of Sound Transit's 2019 Title VI Program to the Federal Transit Administration is approved.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on September 26, 2019.



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John Marchione  
Board Chair

Attest:



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Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator