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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Executive Committee
Officers and Board Members

FROM: Thea Walsh
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DATE: December 4, 2015

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution 19-15: "ADOPTION OF MORPC'S 2015 TITLE VI PROGRAM"

This resolution is to approve the Title VI/Non-Discrimination Program at MORPC. Given that MORPC receives and sub allocates Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds, MORPC must fulfill the Title VI requirements and guidelines of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Federal regulations require MORPC to produce a Title VI monitoring program which must be approved by MORPC's Transportation Policy Committee every three years.

Items required for a Title VI Program in a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) include:

- A copy of MORPC's Title VI notice
- MORPC's Title VI discrimination complaint process
- A list of public transportation related Title VI investigations, complaints, or lawsuits
- MORPC's public participation plan
- MORPC's plan for providing language assistance for persons with limited English proficiency
- A table depicting racial breakdown of minorities on relevant MORPC committees
- A description of efforts to ensure subrecipients are complying with Title VI
- A demographic profile of the metropolitan area
- A description of the procedures by which the mobility needs of minority populations are identified and considered within the planning process
- Demographic maps that overlay with minority and non-minority populations that demonstrate the impact of state and federal funds in aggregate for public transportation managed by the MPO
- Analyze the impacts of federal funds spent and identify any disparate impacts on the basis of race, color, or national origin, and, if so, identify a substantial legitimate justification for the disparate impact

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- A description of the procedures the MPO uses to pass through FTA financial assistance
- MORPC's process to provide assistance to potential subrecipients applying for funding

MORPC staff believes MORPC is in compliance with the Title VI requirements.

Attachment: Resolution 19-15

RESOLUTION 19-15

"ADOPTION OF MORPC'S 2015 TITLE VI PROGRAM"

WHEREAS, in October 2014 the Governor of Ohio appointed the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission as Designated Recipient ID No. 1310 for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 (*Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities*) funds for the Columbus Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is a primary recipient of the Section 5310 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds that are distributed to sub recipients; and

WHEREAS, MORPC is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S Department of Transportation's implementing regulations; and

WHEREAS, the FTA requires all recipients document their compliance by submitting a Title VI Program according to the guidelines provided in FTA Circular 4702.1B to their FTA regional civil rights officer once every three years; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Section 1. That it approves MORPC's 2015 *Title VI/Non-Discrimination Program* dated November 2015.
- Section 2. That it directs staff to implement, monitor and recommend updates to the Program as needed.
- Section 3. That it directs staff to transmit this resolution and program to the FTA.
- Section 4. That the executive director is authorized to take such other action and execute and deliver such other documents as, acting with the advice of legal counsel, he shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
- Section 5. That this Commission finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this Commission concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this Commission.



Eric S. Phillips, Chair
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Effective date: December 10, 2015
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Attachment: 2015 Title VI/Non-Discrimination Program