



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17120

OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

Title VI Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (Department), in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, related Nondiscrimination authorities, and the Assurances set forth in the Department's Title VI Compliance and Implementation Plan to ensure that "no person in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, creed, age, disability, low-income, or limited English proficiency (LEP); be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity" for which the Department receives Federal financial assistance. Furthermore, it shall be the policy of the Department to ensure that as a recipient of Federal-aid funding, it will ensure nondiscrimination in all its programs and activities whether Federally funded or not. The Department is steadfast in its commitment to ensure the uniform adoption of this policy.

Accordingly, to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and related Nondiscrimination authorities, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation commits to:

1. Conducting and operating each of its programs and facilities in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and related Nondiscrimination authorities;
2. Providing nondiscriminatory methods of administration for programs and to give reasonable guarantee that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal Financial Assistance under such programs will comply with all requirements imposed by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and related Nondiscrimination authorities; and
3. Promptly taking any measures necessary to effect compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and related Nondiscrimination authorities.

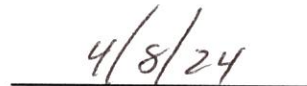
Further, the Department's efforts to prevent discrimination will address, but not be limited to, a program's impact upon access, benefits, participation, treatment, services, contracting opportunities, training opportunities, investigation of complaints, allocation of funds, prioritization of projects and the functions of right of way, research, planning, design, construction and the environmental.

In accordance with Federal Highway Administration Regulation 23 CFR 200.9; and Title 49 CFR; Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary Part 21; and FTA Circular 4702.1B, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 49 CFR Subtitle B Chapter III; Subchapter 'A' Part 303 Section 303.1 has developed procedures for prompt processing and disposition of the Title VI complaints. Any person believing the Department or any of its sub-recipients has violated Title VI in the administration of its programs or activities may file a complaint with the Department's Bureau of Equal Opportunity.

Overall responsibility for this policy is assigned to the Deputy Secretary for Administration located in the Commonwealth Keystone Building, Eighth Floor, Harrisburg, PA, Telephone (717) 787-5628. The Director, Bureau of Equal Opportunity, is appointed as the Title VI Program Administrator and is responsible for the implementation the Department's Title VI Program in coordination with all Department Managers/Directors and Title VI Program designees.

Individuals with questions or requiring additional information relating to this policy or the implementation of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Title VI Program should contact the Director of the Bureau of Equal Opportunity located on the Fifth Floor of the Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, PA, Telephone (717) 787-5891.


Secretary of Transportation


Date