

Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization's (MTPO) Notification to Public of Rights under Title VI

It has been The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) and the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) longstanding policy to actively ensure nondiscrimination under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act in federally funded activities. Under Title VI and related statutes, each federal agency is required to ensure that no person is excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance on the basis of race, color, or national origin. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the intent of Title VI to include all program and activities of federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not." (United States Department of Transportation) When the MTPO distributes federal aid funds to another governmental entity it will include Title VI language in all written agreements and will monitor for compliance. Any person who believes she or he has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI may file a complaint with the City of Topeka.

- For more information on the MTPO's civil rights program, and the procedures to file a complaint, contact MTPO Title VI coordinator @ 785-368-3728; or email cscroggins@topeka.org; or visit the MTPO staff administration office at 620 Madison St., third floor, Planning Dept., Topeka, KS, 66607. For more information, visit www.topeka.org.
- A complainant may file a complaint directly with the Federal Transit Administration by filling a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights, Attention: Title VI Program Coordinator, East Building, 5th Floor-TCR, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20590
- If information is needed in another language, contact 785-368-3728.