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Committee Review: N/A
Staff: Glenn Orlin, Senior Analyst
Purpose: To introduce agenda item – no vote expected
Keywords: #TitleVI, Ride On

AGENDA ITEM #4E
November 17, 2020
Introduction

SUBJECT

Resolution to approve Ride On Title VI Policies, Title VI Implementation Plan 2021-2023, and Title VI Compliance Monitoring Report

EXPECTED ATTENDEES

None

COUNCIL DECISION POINTS & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation and Environment Committee will review the reports on November 23, 2020. Council action on the resolution will be scheduled after the T&E Committee review.

DESCRIPTION/ISSUE

Every three years the Federal Transit Administration requires each transit operator to update its Title VI policy, plan, and monitoring. Ride On's last update was in 2017. The links to these documents can be seen at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/titlevi.html>

This report contains:

Executive's transmittal
Draft resolution

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

MEMORANDUM

November 12, 2020

TO: Sidney Katz, President
Montgomery County Council

FROM: Marc Elrich, County Executive
Office of the County Executive 

SUBJECT: Approval of Title VI Policies, Title VI Implementation Plan 2021-2023 and Title VI Compliance Monitoring Report Resolution

Recipients of public transportation funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) are required to develop policies, programs, and practices that ensure that federal and state transit dollars are used in a manner that is nondiscriminatory as required under Title VI FTA Circular 4702.IB issued October 1, 2012. Each grant recipient through the approval of the recipient's governing board must establish Title VI policies and service standards, prepare a Title VI program demonstrating how the recipient is complying with Title VI requirements, and monitor compliance of their transit services. This plan is required to be updated every three years.

These documents have been submitted to the Maryland Transit Administration for preliminary review and are now ready for County Council Consideration and approval.

ACTION REQUESTED: Council Introduction and approval of the attached resolution.

ME:tn

cc: Marlene Michaelson, Council Executive Director

Resolution: _____
Introduced _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Lead Sponsor: County Council

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SUBJECT: Approval of Title VI Policies, Title VI Implementation Plan 2021-2023, and Title VI Compliance Monitoring Report

Background

1. This resolution approves the Title VI Policies, Title VI Implementation Plan 2021-2023, and Title VI Compliance Monitoring Report.
2. Recipients of public transportation funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), are required to develop policies, programs, and practices that ensure that federal and state transit dollars are used in a manner that is nondiscriminatory as required under Title VI. FTA Circular 4702.IB issued October 1, 2012 requires that each grant recipient through the approval of the recipient's governing board establish Title VI policies and service standards, prepare a Title VI program demonstrating how the recipient is complying with Title VI requirements, and monitor compliance of their transit services.
3. The Title VI Policies include definitions for Fare Change, Major Service Change, Disparate Impact, Disproportionate Burden, Minority Route, and service standards including measures for Vehicle Load, Headways, Schedule Adherence and Service Coverage. These definitions and service standards will be used to monitor the actual provision of the transit service to ensure no disparate treatment of minorities or low-income populations and to evaluate fare and service changes so that disproportionate burdens and disparate impacts are identified and mitigated to the extent possible.
4. The Title VI 2021-2023 Implementation Plan follows a format prescribed by the Maryland Transit Administration and addresses each of the topics required by FTA C4702B. As a part of the Title VI Implementation Plan, County staff have developed a Public Participation Plan and Language Assistance Plan.
5. The Title VI Compliance Monitoring Report monitors the performance of the transit system relative to system-wide service standards and service policies. The plan is updated on a tri-annual basis. These monitoring activities are used to compare the level of service provided to predominantly minority areas with the level of service provided to predominantly non-minority areas to ensure that the result of policies and decision-making is equitable. While the Title VI Compliance Monitoring Report did not identify any disparity, which requires additional review (Appendix C), the report identified overcrowding on some routes as an issue that should be addressed.

Resolution No: _____

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County approves the following resolution:

- a. Montgomery County Title VI Policies.
- b. Title VI 2021-2023 Implementation Plan.
- c. Title VI Compliance Monitoring Report.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Selena Singleton, Esq.
Clerk of the Council