

# JPACT Worksheet

**Agenda Item Title:** Resolution No. 25-5512: For the Purpose of Adopting the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Title VI Plan and Delegating Authority to the Chief Operating Officer – JPACT APPROVAL AND RECOMMENDATION REQUESTED

**Presenters: None.** The 2025 Title VI Plan bundle under Resolution No. 25-5512 is requested to be included on the JPACT Consent Calendar.

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## Purpose/Objective

Request JPACT to approve Resolution No. 25-5512 and to recommend approval from Metro Council. Approval of the resolution endorses Metro's 2025 Title VI Plan. The 2025 Title VI Plan describes how Metro prevents discrimination in its planning processes and transportation investments and the agency's commitment to not disproportionately harm minority or low-income communities.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlines protections for millions of people in the United States regarding public accommodations, employment, public education, access to federally assisted programs and voting rights. Metro implements Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 because the statute prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in any programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance.

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) requires recipients of federal aid to implement Title VI and prepare a triennial Title VI Plan. Further, USDOT requires that the Title VI Plan must be approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization's board responsible for policy decisions—the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) and the Metro Council.

## Outcome

The triennial Metro Title VI Plan outlines compliance measures related to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Namely, Title VI prohibits discrimination based on race, color, and national origin in any programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. The Title VI Plan details specific procedures and policies to prevent discrimination and ensure equal access to Metro's services and benefits.

The JPACT approval and recommendation to Metro Council and subsequent Metro Council approval of the Title VI Plan resolution will allow Metro staff to continue implementing Title VI, as follows:

- Metro Council adopting the MPO's Title VI plan in a form substantially like the document attached as Exhibit A
- Metro Council delegates authority to Metro's Chief Operating Officer to revise the Title VI plan and any related documents as needed
- The Title VI Plan will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) no later than October 1, 2025

## What has changed since JPACT last considered this issue/item?

In recent years, JPACT has not considered this item. However, Metro participated in the 2025 Portland-Vancouver Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification process. The Federal Review Team's findings, associated corrective actions and recommendations identified the need for the Title VI Plan to be approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization's policy making bodies.

**What packet materials do you plan to include?**

- Resolution No. 25-5512, For the Purpose of Adopting the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Title VI Plan and Delegating Authority to the Chief Operating Officer
- Exhibit A to Resolution No. 25-5512: 2025 Metro Title VI Plan
- Staff Report to Resolution No. 25-5512