

**SUBJECT**

*Long Beach Transit's Title VI Program*

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

*To adopt a resolution approving Long Beach Transit's 2016 Title VI Program.*

**BACKGROUND**

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color and national origin in programs receiving federal funding.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires transportation agencies to demonstrate compliance with Title VI by submitting a Title VI Program every three years. Long Beach Transit's (LBT) Title VI Program is due to the FTA on June 1, 2016. Approval of this Program by the Board of Directors is required, pursuant to the FTA's updated Circular (FTA C 4702.1B) dated October 1, 2012. Upon submittal, the FTA then reviews and concurs with the Title VI Program or requests additional information.

The FTA's updated Title VI Circular includes both general requirements and transit-specific requirements. In addition, transit agencies must monitor the performance of its transit system relative to their systemwide service standards and service policies, such as vehicle load, vehicles assignment and transit amenities.

LBT's 2016 Title VI Program contains the following elements:

- Overview of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- General Reporting Requirements
- Demographic and Service Profiles
- Service Performance Standards, Policies and Monitoring
- Fare and Service Equity Analysis
- Appendices

LBT's Public Participation Plan, Major Service Change and Service Equity Policies (Disparate Impact and Disproportionate Burden)—which is found in Chapter 4: Service Performance Standards, Policies and Monitoring—were developed following public outreach and input from the community. This outreach was accomplished through a variety of means including notification on LBT's website, advertisements in local publications and emailed invitations to community stakeholders. The policies were also developed through an analysis of the demographics of LBT's service area and a comparison with the policies of peer transit agencies.



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LBT held a public hearing on October 21, 2015, during which staff presented the draft policies and received formal public comment. The drafts included in LBT's 2016 Title VI Program reflect this input.

**PROCUREMENT – N/A**

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The LBT Board of Directors may elect not to adopt the resolution approving LBT's 2016 Title VI Program, however, this would significantly jeopardize LBT's ability to receive federal funds as LBT would not be complying with the requirements of and conditions for receiving federal funds.

Therefore, staff is requesting the Board to adopt a resolution approving Long Beach Transit's 2016 Title VI Program.

**BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT – N/A**

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Kenneth A. McDonald  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Attachments

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**RESOLUTION OF THE  
LONG BEACH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY**

Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of Long Beach Transit's  
2016 Title VI Program

**WHEREAS**, the Long Beach Public Transportation Company, or Long Beach Transit, receives federal funds through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

**WHEREAS**, Long Beach Transit is required to have in place a Title VI program that ensures that the level and quality of public transportation service is provided in a nondiscriminatory manner, promotes full and fair participation in public transportation decision-making without regard to race, color, or national origin, and ensures meaningful access to transit-related programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Long Beach Transit Board of Directors has specifically considered and is aware of the following new and updated information and provisions contained in Long Beach Transit's 2016 Title VI Program:

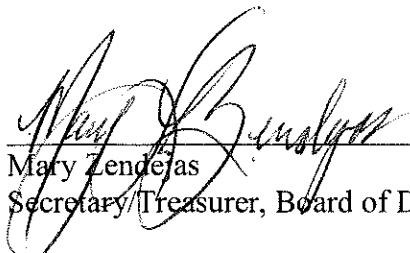
- Public Participation Plan, and
- Major Service Change and Service Equity Policies, and
- Results of LBT Service Monitoring; and

**WHEREAS**, Long Beach Transit has amended its 2016 Title VI Program to incorporate the FTA's updated provisions contained in Title VI Circular (FTA C 4702.1B) issued on October 1, 2012, and to permit certain changes to the Title VI Program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Directors of Long Beach Transit adopts Long Beach Transit's 2016 Title VI Program.

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned duly qualified Secretary/Treasurer of Long Beach Transit certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Long Beach Transit Board of Directors on April 25, 2016.

  
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Mary Zendejas  
Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

4-25-16  
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Date