



## Transportation Committee

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### SACOG Title VI Program Report and Limited English Proficiency Plan

#### Action

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**Attachments:** Yes

**Approved by:** Kristina Svensk

**Referring Committee:** Not Applicable

#### Issue:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires that Metropolitan Planning Organizations that are direct recipients of FTA funds submit a program report every three years on compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

#### Recommendation:

That the Transportation Committee recommend that the board approve by resolution the 2024 SACOG Title VI Program Report and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan to meet the requirements of Title VI and the FTA.

#### Background/Analysis:

Title VI and its implementing regulations require that FTA funding recipients take responsible steps to ensure equal access to programs and services, regardless of participant race, color, or national origin. Staff has developed the attached draft 2024 Title VI Program Report in compliance with the most recent Title VI Guidance from the FTA (FTA Circular 4702.1 B released in October 2012) and confirmed that SACOG has undertaken required steps to ensure equal access to all programs and services.

#### Discussion/Analysis:

As part of SACOG's required update to FTA, SACOG must also have a Plan for Special Language Services to LEP populations. Staff has updated SACOG's LEP Plan, last adopted in 2021, using current data from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey, and showing the steps SACOG takes to ensure that all persons, including those with limited English proficiency, have meaningful access at no cost to SACOG's programs and services, including the availability of language assistance. Staff requests board approval of SACOG's 2024 Title VI Program Report and LEP Plan, and the authorizing resolution so that staff may submit the report to FTA. The report is included in Attachment A. SACOG must submit the revised Title VI Report and LEP Plan by June 1, 2024, to remain in compliance with Title VI and FTA requirements.

#### Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

This work is included in the SACOG Overall Work Program and Budget. Submission and approval of the Title VI Program Report and LEP Plan are required for SACOG to continue to receive FTA and other federal funds.