



City Council Report

Date: May 19, 2025
To: City Council
Through: Scott Butler, Assistant City Manager
From: Jodi Sorrell, Transit Services Director
Subject: City of Mesa Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Title VI Implementation Plan Citywide

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to present to the Council for approval the 2025 Program Update to the City of Mesa Title VI Implementation Plan (2025 Program Update) as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Staff recommends approval of the 2025 Program Update to maintain compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI).

Background

The FTA is responsible for ensuring that its funding recipients fully comply with Title VI.

Title VI states, “No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” Title VI Requirements and Guidelines require that, every three years, recipients of federal funding submit an updated Title VI Implementation Plan to the FTA that documents compliance with Title VI regulations.

The City of Phoenix Public Transit Department is the designated grant recipient of FTA funds for the region. As the designated recipient, the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department is responsible for submitting a Title VI program update to the FTA every three years. The City of Mesa, as a subrecipient of FTA funds through the City of Phoenix, is required to submit a Title VI program update to the City of Phoenix every three years.

Discussion

The City prepared the required 2025 Program Update in collaboration with Valley Metro and the City of Phoenix, and in compliance with the Title VI Requirements and Guidelines. The 2025 Program Update, among other things, provides information on complaint procedures, Limited English Proficiency requirements, outlines the City’s Public Participation Plan and activities, and discloses past complaints and investigations.

Alternatives

The alternative is to not approve the 2025 Program Update, rendering the City non-complaint with Title VI and FTA Requirements and Guidelines, potentially resulting in the loss of future FTA and other federal funding.

Fiscal Impact

If the 2025 Program Update is not approved and submitted as required by the Title VI Requirements and Guidelines, the City could lose FTA and other federal funding.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa's Title VI Coordinator, Andrea Alicoate, has coordinated this effort with the City Attorney's Office and Transit Services, Valley Metro, and the City of Phoenix.