

Title VI E-Report



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Title VI Program Training

As the Tennessee Department of Transportation Civil Rights Office (CRO) Title VI Program approaches the last quarter of the 2009 federal fiscal year, we would like to take this opportunity to remind TDOT sub-recipients of the upcoming Title VI training dates for Nashville, Chattanooga and Jackson.

In addition to the Regional training dates listed below, the CRO offers online training to TDOT sub-recipients. Since the October 2008 online training launch, there have been over 160 participants to take advantage of the new training format. All TDOT sub-recipients are encouraged to utilize this cost - effective and convenient tool to assist with their Title VI compliance efforts.

To access the online training or register for regional training, please visit the TDOT Civil Rights Office Title VI Program website at <http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/civil%2Drights/titlevi/>.



Date	Location
July 31, 2009	Nashville
September 8, 2009	Chattanooga
November 12, 2009	Jackson

Title VI Non-discrimination Statement

It is the policy of the Tennessee Department of Transportation to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 49 CFR, Part 26; related statutes and regulations to the end that no person shall be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, disability or national origin.

2009 TSU Summer Transportation Institute

Once again the Tennessee State University (TSU) College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science hosted the 2009 Summer Transportation Institute Program (STI) in conjunction with the Tennessee Department of Transportation. The four-week program introduced twenty-two high school students to transportation - related careers and also provided educational field trips focusing on various modes of transportation.

TDOT's Multi Modal, Construction, Design, Traffic Management Center, Environment and Information Technology Divisions provided speakers the last week of the program to encourage students to pursue careers in transportation as well as discussed the opportunities that the transportation industry provides. The students were informed on benefits that the transportation industry provides to the community such as providing people with mobility and access to employment, community resources, medical-care, and recreational opportunities in communities. The presenters also acknowledged that goods are moved every day by trucks, buses, airplanes, ships and other means of transportation which is a reason within itself to be excited about transportation.



Sylvia Odum - CRO Title VI Program Coordinator and Students

2009 TSU STI TDOT Speakers

TDOT Division	Name	Title
Construction	Jerry Hatcher	Assistant Director
Design	Sampson Udeh	Civil Engineer
Environment	Melanie Bumpus	Civil Engineer
Environment	Laura Chandler	Civil Engineer
Environment	Christina Richards	Biologist
Information Tech.	Van Colebank	GIS Management I
Multi Modal	Ronda Hirst	Admin. Services Asst. 3
Traffic Mgmt. Ctr.	Ray Hallavant	Operations Manager

The students enjoyed a field trip on the Music City Star Commuter Rail the final day of the program. The Rail departed from the Riverfront Station at 8:25 a.m. from the Downtown Nashville Riverfront Station and arrived at the Lebanon Station at 11:25 a.m.

The CRO would like to thank the Music City Star, TDOT speakers and TSU Counselors for their hard work and commitment to the students for the 2009 Summer Transportation Program.

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STCREC Training Symposium

Save the Date



National Title VI/Nondiscrimination Forum For LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCIES (LPAs)

WHO: For STAs, LPAs, and other FHWA funded subrecipients

WHEN: August 19, 2009 (8:00 am - 5:00 pm)

WHERE: Wynfrey Hotel, 1000 Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham, AL 35244

Reservations 1-800-WYNFREY or (205) 987-1600

Special Rate STCREC: All Single/Double rooms \$94.00 per night by July 18, 2009

(No Registration Fee)

The FHWA is sponsoring a **National Title VI Forum** for State and Local governments, agencies and organizations who receive FHWA funds. These recipients and sub-recipients must ensure non-discrimination in all their programs and activities, as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and related statutes. As leaders for improving mobility on our nation's highways, the FHWA has responsibilities for ensuring that all people, regardless of Race, Color, National Origin, Sex, Age, or Disability share in the benefits of highway programs. **The National Title VI Forum** will advance the concept of:

Public Funds for Public Benefits!!!

The **Objectives** of the Title VI Forum are:

- To share information on meeting Title VI requirements and other related statutes and authorities, such as ADA/504, Environmental Justice (EJ), Limited English Proficiency (LEP), etc.
- To provide an opportunity for our customers, partners, and stakeholders to share knowledge, resources, and demonstrate tools to implement efficient and effective programs that enhance community participation and partnerships.
- To communicate emerging issues in Title VI and provide updated info on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

FORMAT

- Keynote Speakers
- Panels/Roundtables/Q&As
- **Workshops and General Sessions:**
 - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and LPAs
 - FHWA/ARRA National Review Teams
 - Sub-recipients' Guide to Implement Title VI and EJ
 - Civil Rights Requirements for LPAs (ADA/504, DBE, Title VI, Contractor Compliance)
 - Research and Development (R&D) Opportunities (Partnerships with Minority Colleges and Universities)
 - Title VI Considerations in the Federal-aid Highway Program: Planning, Environment, Design, Right-of-Way, Construction, R&D

EXHIBITS

- Product Demonstration Showcase of Title VI Tools
- Public Involvement Software
- ADA and Title VI e-learning tools
- Data Collection and Analysis Software Demonstrations
- Brochures, Program Documents, Sample Plans, Forms, etc.

Entrance to the Forum ONLY is free but seats are limited.

To REGISTER for the STCREC TRAINING Symposium AND Title VI Forum,

Visit: <http://www.brgfl.com/STCREC/Register.html>

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