

Appendix A

TITLE VI NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT

The Pioneer Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (PVMPO) assures that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance, as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P.L. 100.259). Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination based on race, color, and national origin. Related Nondiscrimination Authorities add the protected categories of sex, 23 U.S.C. 324; age, 42 U.S.C. 6101; disability, 29 U.S.C. 790; and income, federal Executive Order 12898. Further, PVMPO will make every effort to ensure nondiscrimination in all of its programs and activities, whether they are federally funded or not, and that services and benefits are fairly distributed to all people. PVMPO also upholds the Massachusetts Public Accommodation Law, M.G.L. c 272 §§92a, 98, 98a, and the Governor's Executive Order 526, section 4 which provide that access to programs, services and benefits be provided without regard to religion, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran's status and/or ancestry, along with the bases previously referenced. In addition, PVMPO will facilitate meaningful participation in the transportation planning process in a nondiscriminatory manner.

To obtain additional information on PVMPO nondiscrimination obligations, or to request a copy of the Department's Title VI program, or copies of the program in an alternative format (in accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act and Limited English Proficiency regulations), contact:

Title VI Specialist
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
60 Congress Street
Springfield, MA 01104-3419
413-781-6045
Fax: 413-732-2593 TTY/TDD: 413-781-7168
Website: <http://www.pvpc.org>

PVPC offers a variety of resources/services in languages other than English, free of charge. Services include but are not limited to the following: oral interpreters, written language services, and translations of vital documents.

To file a complaint of alleged violation of nondiscrimination obligations, complaint forms and further information may be obtained from PVPC by calling 43-781-6045 or 413-781-7168 (TTY), or via our website at <http://www.pvpc.org>. Any such complaint should be in writing, although staff is able to assist individuals who cannot provide a written complaint, and complaints must be filed within one hundred eighty (180) days following the date of the alleged discriminatory occurrence.

Caso esta informação seja necessária em outro idioma, favor contar o Especialista em Título VI do PVPC pelo fone 413-781-6045.

Si necesita información en otro lenguaje, favor contactar al especialista de PVPC del Título VI al 413-781-6045.