

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

M E M O R A N D U M

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SUBJECT: Consideration of the 2017 Title VI Program Update for Public Transportation

It is requested that the information presented herein be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting of March 21, 2017.

DESCRIPTION, CONDITIONS, AND ANALYSIS

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance. As a direct recipient of federal public transportation funds, Indian River County is required to submit a Title VI program to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The purpose of the Title VI program is to document the methods by which Indian River County ensures that its transit services are provided in a nondiscriminatory manner.

Federal regulations stipulate which elements must be included in the Title VI Program. For Indian River County, the Title VI program includes a description of the county's complaint process, a limited English proficiency (LEP) population analysis, and transit service standards and policies. The update also includes an analysis of the level and quality of transit service provided for minority and low-income areas (see Appendix C). This quality of service analysis was originally prepared as part of the Transit Development Plan Major Update approved by the MPO in September 2013.

The Title VI program must be updated every three years. Indian River County's current Title VI program expires on April 1, 2017. The attached document complies with the requirements issued by FTA for Title VI programs. In order for Indian River County to continue receiving federal public transportation funds, the Title VI program needs to be approved by the Board and submitted to the FTA for its review and approval.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Title VI Program Update and direct staff to submit the program to the Federal Transit Administration.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2017 Title VI Program Update.