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SUBJECT: Updated Service and Fare Change Equity Web Page

PROGRAM AREAS: Civil Rights

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Beginning in 2005, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has posted on the FTA website instructions to transit providers ensuring equity in service and fare changes. These instructions have included a self-assessment that we encouraged transit providers to complete as part of their analysis of the effects of proposed service and fare changes.

This page has been updated pursuant to the guidance on service and fare changes in the new Title VI circular. The updated page will be published today and can be found at http://www.fta.dot.gov/civilrights/title6/civil_rights_5445.html.

Chapter V part 4 of Circular 4702.1A requires transit agencies serving large urbanized areas to evaluate significant system-wide service and fare changes at the planning and programming stages to determine whether proposed changes would have a discriminatory impact. For service changes, this requirement applies to "major service changes" only and the recipient should establish guidelines or thresholds for what it considers a "major service change" to be.

Recipients are required to provide an analysis of their service and fare changes as part of the Title VI program that they submit to you on a triennial basis. However, at your discretion, you can ask certain recipients to provide you with their analysis prior to the proposed service and fare change going into effect. You can also ask transit agencies serving populations of less than 200,000 people to analyze the impacts of service and fare changes. I encourage you to make these decisions on a case-by-case basis. Requesting an analysis from an agency can help us respond to complaints or media stories of proposed changes that would allegedly have disparate impacts.

If you have any questions, please contact the regional office at 206-220-7954.

Sincerely,

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