

II. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Notice to the Public

To make **Washington County** riders aware of its commitment to Title VI compliance, and their right to file a civil rights complaint, **Washington County** has presented the following information:

Notifying the Public of Rights Under Title VI

Washington County, Ohio

- Washington County, Ohio operates its programs and services without regard to race, color, and national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Any person who believes she or he has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI may file a complaint with the Washington County Commissioners.
- For more information on Washington County Ohio's civil rights program, and the procedures to file a complaint, contact 740-373-6623, (800)750-0750; email rpeoples@wcgov.org; or visit our administrative office at 204 Davis Avenue, Marietta, Ohio. For more information, visit wcgov.org
- For transportation-related Title VI matters a complainant may file a complaint directly with the Ohio Department of Transportation by filing a complaint with the Office of Equal Opportunity, Attention: Title VI Coordinator, 1980 West Broad St., Columbus, OH 43223.
- For transportation-related Title VI matters a complainant may file a complaint directly with the Federal Transit Administration by filing a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights, Attention: Title VI Program Coordinator, East Building, 5th Floor-TCR, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20590.
- If information is needed in another language, contact 740-373-3745

The Transit System's Notice to the Public is posted in the following locations:

- 1) Public Areas of County Commissioners Office
- 2) Public Areas of the Transit Systems Office
- 3) Inside all Transit Vehicles

*Alternate languages are available upon request

Discrimination Complaint Procedures

Washington County has established a process for riders to file a complaint under Title VI as follows:

Title VI Complaint Procedure

Any person who believes she or he has been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, or national origin by Washington County, Ohio (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency") may file a Title VI complaint by completing and submitting the agency's Title VI Complaint Form. The Agency investigates complaints received no more than 180 days after the alleged incident. The Agency will process complaints that are complete.

Once the complaint is received, the Agency will review it to determine if our office has jurisdiction. The complainant will receive an acknowledgement letter informing her/him whether the complaint will be investigated by our office.

The Agency has 10 days to investigate the complaint. If more information is needed to resolve the case, the Agency may contact the complainant. The complainant has 10 business days from the date of the letter to send requested information to the investigator assigned to the case. If the investigator is not contacted by the complainant or does not receive the additional information within 10 business days, the Agency can administratively close the case. A case can be administratively closed also if the complainant no longer wishes to pursue their case.

After the investigator reviews the complaint, she/he will issue one of two letters to the complainant: a closure letter or a letter of finding (LOF). A closure letter summarizes the allegations and states that there was not a Title VI violation and that the case will be closed. An LOF summarizes the allegations and the interviews regarding the alleged incident, and explains whether any disciplinary action, additional training of the staff member, or other action will occur. If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision, she/he has 10 days after the date of the letter or the LOF to do so.

For transportation-related Title VI matters a person may also file a complaint directly with the Ohio Department of Transportation, at ODOT Office of Equal Opportunity, Attention: Title VI Coordinator, 1980 West Broad St., Columbus, OH 43223.

For transportation-related Title VI matters a person may also file a complaint directly with the Federal Transit Administration, at FTA Office of Civil Rights, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

If information is needed in another language, please contact the Washington County, Ohio transit office at 740-373-7671; Ohio Relay Service TDD 800-750-0750