

**YORK AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION (YAMPO)
TITLE VI
ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT**

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INTRODUCTION

In 2012 the York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO) adopted procedures to investigate complaints generated by the public, while ensuring due process for complainants and respondents. These procedures apply to any complaints filed relating to any YAMPO program, procedure or activity and/or its sub-recipients covered under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Our process requires that an annual report should be filed with the YAMPO on public complaints fielded. The report should also address efforts that the YAMPO and YCPC staff has undertaken to remain apprised of and active in these processes. The following items are provided in this report:

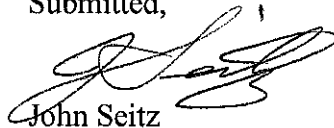
- * Complaints received between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014; and,
- * Efforts to educate/train the York County Planning Commission (YCPC) staff about Title VI and Environmental Justice (EJ) initiatives for the YAMPO. Activities undertaken by the YAMPO to address Title VI and EJ are also addressed below. This information provides a report on all activities the YCPC staff and the YAMPO have accomplished to remain apprised of and active in Title VI and EJ initiatives.

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014)

No formal or informal complaints were filed during this time.

These are the events that have occurred with Title VI and EJ activities that have occurred over the past year to the best of my knowledge.

Submitted,



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EDUCATION/TRAINING EFFORTS FOR THE YAMPO/ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE YAMPO

Education/Training

- * 2014 Civil Rights Symposium ("Speaking with One Voice: Broadening Perspectives") - Sponsored by the Departmental Office of Civil Rights, the U.S. Department of Transportation.

YCPC Staff members reviewed the following session recordings from the 2014 Civil Rights Symposium.

Understanding and Abiding by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - The presentation focused on the elements needed to create a Title VI Plan. The presentation reviewed Title VI in regards to who is protected, who must comply, the responsibilities of funding agencies and enforcement and compliance. The presentation also include discussion on discriminatory conduct.

EJ- Ensuring Equity and Nondiscrimination in Regional Planning - The presentation focused on the role of regional planning organizations in environmental justice. The presentation reviewed examples of different methods of conducting environmental justice analysis, including regional equity analysis, traditional environmental justice analysis and transportation equity analysis, as well as the shortcomings associated with that those methods of analysis.

Activities Undertaken by the YAMPO

- * December 2013 and May 2014 - The YCPC staff submitted drafts of the 2015 - 2018 YAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to seven (7) Native American Nations or Tribes having a vested heritage interest in York County. These tribes were contacted as part of the public involvement process established for the biennial update of the YAMPO TIP. Specific projects with potential right-of-way takings were highlighted for these groups to review. The Tribe/Nation list was provided by PennDOT. Of these groups, two (2) Tribes/Nations expressed interest in the development of the YAMPO TIP.
- * The YCPC staff now can aid in the fielding of complaints filed by individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). Information on the YCPC website can translated into more than ten (10) different languages. Moreover, on behalf of the YAMPO, the YCPC has an agreement with PennDOT to utilize translation services provided by *Language Service Associates*. Through this service, our staff can enlist the services of a translator to aid LEP individuals during meetings or for telephone conversations.
- * Fall 2013 - Employing Geographical Information Systems (GIS) computer software, Environmental Justice (EJ) populations identified and evaluated for the 2015-2018 YAMPO TIP. EJ populations are categorized, as follows: minority, low-income and Hispanic. The population data was based on Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ) determined for the York County Transportation Model. Designated zones in which TIP project highway and bridge projects falling within these TAZ's were identified. These TAZ's were identified as having specialized population totals higher then that of the county-wide average. The GIS program allows each of these population data set to be layered upon another, by that, showing all three population groups on one map. These data will be employed as "Benefits and Burdens" analysis for programmed projects, both for the next updates of the YAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Long Range Transportation Plan.
- * July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 - When completing all Linking Planning and NEPA (LPN)

Forms for candidate projects, a map is created utilizing the above GIS technology to identify Environmental Justice populations. The map data was utilized in the Benefits and Burdens analysis for each candidate project.

- * Each advertisement for the YAMPO committee meetings include language that states the YAMPO's commit to compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of applicable civil rights statues, executive orders, regulation and policies, as well as the procedure to file a complaint by anyone who believes he or she has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI.