

a. If a transit provider:

- (1) Operates 50 or more fixed route vehicles in peak service and is located in an Urbanized Area (UZA) of 200,000 or more in population; or
- (2) Has been placed in this category at the discretion of the Director of Civil Rights in consultation with the FTA Administrator,

Then the transit provider's Title VI Program must contain all of the elements described in this chapter.

- b. If a fixed route transit provider does not meet the threshold in paragraph a, then the transit provider is only required to set system-wide standards and policies, as further described below.
- c. Threshold. FTA requires all transit providers to submit a Title VI Program to comply with DOT Title VI regulations; the threshold provides a distinction regarding the degree of evidence a fixed route transit provider must provide to demonstrate compliance with those regulations.
- d. Determination. As of the effective date of this circular (4702.1B), those transit providers that operate 50 or more fixed route vehicles in peak service and are located in a UZA of 200,000 or more in population, are required to meet all requirements of this chapter (i.e., setting service standards and policies, collecting and reporting data, monitoring transit service, and evaluating fare and service changes).

1. IMPLEMENTATION. Fixed route transit providers with Title VI Programs due between October 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013 must submit a Title VI Program that is compliant with this Circular ~~by March 31, 2013~~ **the next time your program is due for updating/revision.** On or about October 1, 2012, FTA will publish a list of recipients that are in this group, and FTA will also reach out to each recipient to ensure awareness of the requirement.

- a. **All fixed route transit providers with Title VI Programs that do not expire between October 1, 2012, and March 31, 2013, are required to develop or update their system-wide standards and policies and submit them into TEAM ~~by March 31, 2013~~ **the next time your program is due for updating/revision.****
- b. Title VI Programs due to expire on or after April 1, 2013, must comply with the reporting requirements of this Circular, 4702.1B.
- c. Service Equity Analyses. Transit providers with 50 or more vehicles in fixed route service that are located in large UZAs and have major service changes scheduled between October 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013, may follow the service equity analysis guidance provided in FTA Circular 4702.1A. A transit provider may conduct a service equity analysis consistent with the new Circular for major service changes occurring prior to April 1, 2013, but is not required to do so. All major service changes occurring on or after April 1, 2013 must be analyzed with the framework outlined in section 7 of this chapter.