

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Title VI Policy Statement

It is my firm belief that the manner in which the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) treats people, whether employees or the general public whom we serve directly, correlates to the commitment MARTA makes and the acceptance of its responsibility to provide essential services designed to enhance the quality of life for residents and guests of the Metropolitan Atlanta Region. MARTA, as a recipient of funds administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation, enforces Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended through its policies and procedures. Collectively, they require that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in any program or activity. Prohibited practices include, but are not limited to:

- Denying a person any service or benefit because of race, color or national origin;
- Providing a different service or benefit, or providing services or benefits in a different manner; or
- Locating facilities in a way that would limit or impede access to a federally-funded service or benefit.

The Environmental Justice component of MARTA's policy is based on Title VI and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular mandates which guarantee fair treatment for people of all races, cultures and incomes regarding the development of Environmental Justice practices. Therefore, MARTA will:

- Ensure the involvement of low-income and minority groups in the decision-making process;
- Safeguard low-income and minority groups against disproportionality high and adverse human health or environmental impacts of its programs, policies and activities; and
- Ensure that low-income and minority groups receive their fair share of benefits.

The Executive Director of Diversity and Inclusion is responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities, preparing required reports, and ensuring that MARTA adheres to other compliance responsibilities as required by applicable regulations. The Title VI Program provides ongoing direction and program structure for ensuring compliance with Title VI and the functional responsibility of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. However, I also expect every MARTA manager, supervisor and employee to be aware of and apply the intent of Title VI when performing their duties. MARTA will not tolerate discrimination against any participant or beneficiary of MARTA services by an employee in the performance of assigned duties or implementation of a departmental policy or practice.

In the event that MARTA distributes federal funds to another entity, MARTA will monitor and ensure that each contractor at any tier and each sub-recipient at any tier prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin and require the inclusion of non-discrimination language in all written agreements. Any person believing they have been discriminated against on the basis of race, color or national origin, in the provision of services, programs activities or benefits, may file a formal complaint directly with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion or the FTA.

It is with firm resolve that I fully commit MARTA's resources to ensure that we remain compliant with aspects of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.


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