



# SANDAG Title VI Program Update

## Fact Sheet

### Background

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. Recognizing that low-income neighborhoods and communities of color bear environmental burdens disproportionately, Executive Order 12898 mandates a commitment to address environmental justice for people of color and low-income populations, and Executive Order 13166 requires recipients of federal financial assistance to provide meaningful access to persons with limited proficiency in English.

As a recipient of federal funds, SANDAG must ensure that all services, access to services, and the ability to participate in planning processes are equitably distributed and provided without regard to race, color, or national origin. In 2012, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued a Circular to help agencies comply with these mandates. SANDAG is required to submit a program to the FTA every three years to demonstrate compliance with the FTA Title VI guidance and U.S. Department of Transportation regulations.

In accordance with this mandate, on July 23, 2021, the SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2022-01, approving the SANDAG 2021 Title VI Program.

### Key Elements

The SANDAG 2021 Title VI Program is a summary of planning-related activities over the past three years. It also is an important tool to assist SANDAG staff in carrying out all activities in a non-discriminatory fashion going forward. The Program takes its lead from both federal civil rights and environmental justice mandates, and the Board's Commitment to Equity which seeks to incorporate equity into all aspects of the agency's work. The Program contains up-to-date narrative descriptions of processes and procedures, data, and tables and maps, used by SANDAG to ensure non-discriminatory use and pass through of federal financial assistance. It is intended to be a readable, useful, and living document.

Key highlights of the Program include information about:

- » Regional transportation planning activities over the timeline of the

report, and other major projects and plans

- » Social equity processes and analyses conducted over the timeline of the Program
- » Opportunities for meaningful public engagement with Title VI-protected populations, including people of color and low-income populations
- » Assistance to and monitoring of subrecipients to support their compliance with Title VI regulations, including efforts to provide assistance to potential subrecipients
- » Language assistance activities to ensure persons with limited English proficiency are able to access and participate in planning activities
- » Details of Title VI assistance that SANDAG provides to the two transit agencies in the region, North County Transit District, and Metropolitan Transit System.

### For more information

To download a copy of the SANDAG 2021 Title VI Program or for more information, visit [SANDAG.org/CivilRights](https://www.sandag.org/CivilRights)

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