



City Council Agenda Statement

Meeting Date: December 3, 2024

Agenda Heading: Consent

Item Number: B.8

TITLE:

El Segundo Title VI Program to Fulfill Federal Transit Administration Requirements and Continue Receipt of Associated Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the El Segundo Title VI Program as required by the Federal Transit Administration for federal funding recipients.
2. Alternatively, discuss and take other action related to this item.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

BACKGROUND:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is a federal law that prohibits recipients and subrecipients of federal financial assistance (e.g., states, local governments, transit providers) from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in their programs or activities, and obligates federal funding agencies to enforce compliance. In summary, the Title VI program includes a notice to the public on rights under the program, discrimination complaint procedures and forms, a public participation plan and a language assistance plan, which are intended as a way for the public to provide feedback on activities and programs and report transit-related discrimination occurrences.

Agencies that receive federal funding are required to develop and submit a Title VI Program report to the Department of Transportation/Federal Transit Administration (FTA) every 3 years as part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Failure to comply with these requirements or timely submit for the program renders an agency ineligible to receive FTA funding.

DISCUSSION:

The City of El Segundo is a subrecipient to federal funding via Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). Federal funding was received in 2001 for the work related to the Douglas Gap Closure project (Metro agreement MOU.PTELSEG, City Agreements No. 2966 and No. 2966A). Federal funding was also received on the more recent Park Place Grade Separation Project and El Segundo Boulevard Improvement Project.

Given the federal funding the City has received, Metro informed staff during their compliance review that the City of El Segundo is required to have a Council approved Title VI program in place. Staff have completed the attached report which updates the Title VI Program and it has also been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office and Human Resources Department. This Title VI program demonstrates the City's ongoing efforts to ensure non-discrimination and equality in the operation of our transit system and delivery of our services. Upon Council approval, staff will submit the document to Metro to ensure compliance with federal requirements.

Staff recommends the City Council approve the Title VI Program, as required by the FTA, to continue the City's receipt of associated federal funding.

CITY STRATEGIC PLAN COMPLIANCE:

Goal 3: Deliver Solution-Oriented Customer Service, Communication, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Strategy B: Implement Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives to cultivate representation and opportunities for all the members of the community.

Goal 5: Champion Economic Development and Fiscal Sustainability

Strategy A: Identify opportunities for new revenues, enhancement of existing revenues, and exploration of potential funding options to support programs and projects.

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ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Title VI Subrecipient Program - 2024 Update

