

# Pioneer Valley Title VI Update 2023

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This update responds to the requirements for the Pioneer Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (PVMPO). As a subrecipient of federal funding from both the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through MassDOT and PVTA, the PVMPO is required to comply with these agencies' civil rights guidance.

## FTA and FHWA guidance for the following:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits intentional and unintentional discrimination based on race, color, and national origin by any recipient of federal assistance.
- Executive Order 13166—Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency directs federal agencies, and recipients of federal funding to provide meaningful language access to their services. Under Title VI, limited English proficiency is considered the primary indicator of national origin.
- Executive Order 12898—Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-income Populations requires federal agencies, and recipients of their funding, to address environmental justice (EJ) concerns.
- The Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits public entities from discriminating against persons with disabilities or excluding them from participation in, or denying them of the benefits of, their services, programs, or activities.

<http://pvmpo.pvpc.org/civil-rights-title-vi/>



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### NEWS

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The PVMPPO released a series of proposed amendments to the Transportation Evaluation Criteria (TEC) for public review. Please [click here](#) to view amendment.

The FFY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was endorsed by the MPO at the May 24, 2022 meeting, [click here](#) to see the document

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

MPO – December 20 @ 10:00am

JTC- [December 14 @ 10:00am](#)

### PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

## Civil Rights – Title VI

The Pioneer Valley MPO complies with all federal and Massachusetts civil rights laws and policies.

### Notice of Nondiscrimination Rights and Protections to Beneficiaries

[Title VI Notice of Nondiscrimination Rights and Protections to Beneficiaries](#) (pdf)

### Nondiscrimination Policy Statement

[Nondiscrimination Policy Statement](#) (pdf)

### MPO Title VI Program

The Pioneer Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (PVMPPO) is a cooperative body of ten signatories designated by the Governor to act as a forum for ensuring a Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive (often referred to as the “3C”) decision making of transportation investments within the region. The 3C framework followed by the PVMPPO promotes the involvement by all levels of government, stakeholders and general public through a proactive public participation process.

[Title VI Program](#) (pdf)  
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### Transportation Equity Program:

Identifies the transportation needs of protected populations through outreach and data collection, ensures that these needs are considered in the MPO’s activities, and evaluates the extent to which the MPO meets the needs of these protected populations.

### Public Participation Program:

Provides avenues through which all residents, including protected