



## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Transportation & Public Works

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Johannes J. Hoevertsz, 707-565-2231

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisory District(s):** Countywide

**Title:**

Title VI Program Triennial Update for Sonoma County Transit

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt Resolution approving the 2022 Title VI Civil Rights Program Update for Sonoma County Transit.

**Executive Summary:**

The Department of Transportation and Public Works (TPW), Transit Division, is requesting adoption of a Resolution approving the 2022 Title VI Civil Rights Program Update for Sonoma County Transit. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its implementing regulations provide that no person in the United States 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 under any program or activity that receives federal financial assistance. Sonoma County Transit receives ongoing federal transit assistance through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and, therefore, must comply with Title VI regulations.

The Federal Transit Administration requires recipients of federal transit assistance to submit an updated Title VI Program report once every three years. Sonoma County Transit has prepared its 2022 Title VI Civil Rights Program Update in accordance with FTA's Title VI requirements. This report is an update of the Title VI Civil Rights Assessment that was submitted to FTA in April 2019. Recipients of federal transit assistance must provide a resolution showing that the appropriate governing body responsible for policy decisions reviewed and approved the Title VI Program.

**Discussion:**

With a fleet of 49 fixed-route and 31 paratransit vehicles, Sonoma County Transit provides intercity public transit service along major travel corridors linking all incorporated cities in Sonoma County. Sonoma County Transit also provides local fixed-route and paratransit service within several incorporated cities in Sonoma County. In addition, local transit service is provided within the Lower Russian River and Sonoma Valley unincorporated communities. During fiscal year 2021, Sonoma County Transit provided a total of 345,683 fixed-route passenger trips and 23,179 paratransit trips. The 2022 Title VI Program report includes updated information from Sonoma County Transit about its Title VI public notices, complaint procedures, public participation process, service standards and policies, and language assistance measures.

**Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Prior Board Actions:**

4/16/19: Board adopted a resolution approving the 2019 Title VI Civil Rights Program Triennial Update for Sonoma County Transit. Resolution No. 19-0156.

4/26/16: Board adopted a resolution approving the 2016 Title VI Civil Rights Program Triennial Update for Sonoma County Transit. Resolution No. 16-0150.

5/7/13: Board adopted a resolution approving the 2013 Title VI Civil Rights Program Triennial Update for Sonoma County Transit. Resolution No. 13-0184.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

There are no fiscal impacts.

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

None.

**Attachments:**

Resolution

**Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:**

2022 Sonoma County Transit Title VI Program Update