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**POTOMAC AND RAPPAHANNOCK
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION

MOTION: _____

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-06-____
OFFICIAL COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 5, 2008**

SECOND: _____

**RE: APPROVAL OF A TITLE VI POLICY FOR THE POTOMAC AND
RAPPAHANNOCK TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission is a recipient of Federal Transit Administration funds; and

WHEREAS, any activity or program receiving Federal financial assistance must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; and

WHEREAS, a requirement of Title VI is to inform the public of the protections against discrimination afforded to them and disseminating this information.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission does hereby approve the proposed Title VI policy and authorizes the Executive Director to disseminate the policy to the beneficiaries.



Potomac and Rappahannock
Transportation Commission

14700 Potomac Mills Road
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June 5, 2008

TO: Chairman Jones and Commissioners
FROM: Alfred H. Harf 
Executive Director
RE: Approval of PRTC's Title VI Policy

Recommendation:

Approval of a Title VI Policy for the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission as proposed, in order to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

Background:

As a recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds, PRTC is required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, which states:

“No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal Financial assistance.”

The 1964 landmark federal statute was more recently fortified further by Executive Orders signed by President Clinton in February 1994 “Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority and Low-Income Populations” and August 2000 “Improving Access to Services for Person with Limited English Proficiency.”

Part of the Title VI requirement is to apprise the members of the public of the protections against discrimination afforded to them and disseminating this information in various formats. While PRTC management has made it a practice to follow the Title VI requirements, while preparing an item for the web page outlining the protections it became apparent that an official policy would be prudent. Attached is the proposed PRTC policy which, if approved, will be posted on PRTC's website, displayed in the passenger waiting area, and periodically posted on the buses.

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Fiscal Impact:
Not applicable.

Attachment: As stated

ATTACHMENT

PRTC Title VI Policy

PRTC is committed to a policy of non-discrimination in the conduct of its business, including its Title VI responsibilities – the delivery of equitable and accessible transportation services. PRTC recognizes its responsibilities to the communities in which it operates and to the society it services. It is PRTC's policy to utilize its best efforts to assure 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 subjected to discrimination under its program of transit service delivery and related benefits.

Toward this end, PRTC embraces the following policy tenets/program:

- A. No person or group of persons will be discriminated against with regard to fares, routing, scheduling or quality of transportation services that PRTC furnishes, on the basis of race, color, or national origin.
- B. Frequency of service, age and quality of PRTC vehicles assigned to routes and location of routes will not be determined on the basis of race, color, or national origin.
- C. The full and fair participation of all affected populations in transportation decision making shall be promoted.
- D. Disproportionately high adverse impacts of programs and activities on minority and low income populations shall be identified and addressed as appropriate.
- E. Meaningful access to programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency shall be ensured.

The responsibility for carrying out PRTC's commitment to this program has been delegated to the PRTC Executive Director by the Commission. Title VI staff is responsible for the day-to-day operations of this Program and will receive and investigate Title VI complaints which come through the complaint process. However, all Directors, managers, supervisors, and employees share in the responsibility for making PRTC's Program a success.