

**YORK AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION (YAMPO)
TITLE VI
ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT**

FY 2012 - 2013

Submitted to: The York Area Metropolitan Organization (YAMPO)

Submitted by: The YAMPO Title VI Compliance Officer and Transportation Staff, York County
Planning Commission

INTRODUCTION

In 2012 the York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO) adopted procedures to investigate complaints generated by the public, while ensuring due process for complainants and respondents. These procedures apply to any complaints filed relating to any YAMPO program, procedure or activity and/or its sub-recipients covered under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Our process requires that an annual report should be filed with the YAMPO on public complaints fielded. The report should also address efforts that the YAMPO and YCPC staff has undertaken to remain apprised of and active in these processes. The following items are provided in this report:

- * Complaints received between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013; and,
- * Efforts to educate/train the York County Planning Commission (YCPC) staff about Title VI and Environmental Justice (EJ) initiatives for the YAMPO. Activities undertaken by the YAMPO to address Title VI and EJ are also addressed below. This information provides a report on all activities the YCPC staff and the YAMPO have accomplished to remain apprised of and active in Title VI and EJ initiatives.

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013)

No formal or informal complaints were filed during this time.

To the best of my knowledge, these are the events that have occurred with the Title VI Complaint Process over the past year.

Submitted,

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June 30, 2013

EDUCATION/TRAINING EFFORTS FOR THE YAMPO/ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE YAMPO

Education/Training

- * Environmental Justice Training ("Every Voice Counts") - Sponsored by the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) on March 27, 2013, this training focused on the identification of EJ populations and "Benefits and Burdens" analysis for transportation

projects proposed in EJ-designated areas.

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- * More Effective Engagement in Land Use Planning Webinar - Sponsored by the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service on April 17, 2013, the focus of this session was on issue/problem and goal “framing” activities.

Activities Undertaken by the YAMPO

- * The YCPC staff now can aid in the fielding of complaints filed by individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). Information on the YCPC website can translated into more than ten (10) different languages. Moreover, on behalf of the YAMPO, the YCPC has an agreement with PennDOT to utilize translation services provided by *Language Service Associates*. Through this service, our staff can enlist the services of a translator to aid LEP individuals during meetings or for telephone conversations.
- * Fall 2012 - Employing Geographical Information Systems (GIS) computer software, Environmental Justice (EJ) populations identified and evaluated for the 2013-2016 YAMPO TIP. EJ populations are categorized, as follows: minority, low-income and Hispanic. The population data was based on Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ) determined for the York County Transportation Model. Designated zones in which TIP project highway and bridge projects falling within these TAZ’s were identified. These TAZ’s were identified as having specialized population totals higher than that of the county-wide average. The GIS program allows each of these population data set to be layered upon another, by that, showing all three population groups on one map. These data will be employed as “Benefits and Burdens” analysis for programmed projects, both for the next updates of the YAMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Long Range Transportation Plan.