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Loudoun Seeks Public Input to Update Transit Equity Policy

Loudoun County is hosting an online comment period to gain input from the public on a proposed refinement to an existing Loudoun County Transit civil rights policy, currently provided under the 2020-2023 Title VI Program for Local Transit and Commuter Bus service. The comment period is open from August 12 through September 12, 2022, to allow members of the public to review policy information and provide input.

Loudoun County Transit is proposing to refine the program's policy regarding major service changes, which defines thresholds for evaluating whether changes to bus service have a discriminatory impact based on race, color, or national origin and/or income. The refined policy criteria would no longer include service changes that would "add" 15 percent or more average daily ridership because it is not possible to accurately determine how many more riders will use a new service. If implemented, the proposed change would be included in the 2023-2026 Title VI Program.

To view more information regarding the proposed change and submit a comment, visit loudoun.gov/transitequity.

Loudoun County Transit follows Title VI guidelines issued by the Federal Transit Administration for managing its public transportation program and transit services. Title VI is a federal statute based on the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI provides that no one in the United States will —on the grounds of race, color, or national origin — be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. Additionally, the Federal Transit Administration includes considerations in the Title VI Program for low-income households and persons who have a limited ability to read, write, speak or understand English.

For more information about Loudoun County Transit's Title VI Program, visit loudoun.gov/transitequity.

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