

## TITLE VI NON DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (District) is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of its services or programs on the basis of race, color, national origin or language proficiency. This commitment includes an intention to avoid or minimize any disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority or low-income populations.

## **Statement of Policy:**

The District, as a federal grant recipient, must ensure that all its programs and activities comply with federal law known as Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its related regulations<sup>i</sup>. Title VI requires, in part, that the District consider the impacts of its decisions on minority and low-income populations, including any decisions related to fare changes, major service changes, service standards, or service policies. The District intends to ensure that, while neutral on their face, its decisions do not have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on minority or low-income populations without substantial legitimate justification.

Pursuant to federal and state law, the District is committed to ensuring that important programs and activities normally provided in English are accessible to persons who have a limited ability to speak, read, write, or understand English.

The District's commitment to non-discrimination extends to informing the District's funding recipients and contractors that they are also subject to applicable federal and state non-discrimination laws in all of their programs, activities and services for the District.

The District's Office of Civil Rights is responsible for providing leadership, direction, and policy to ensure compliance with Title VI. To request additional information regarding the District's non discrimination obligations or to file a complaint, please contact the District's Office of Civil Rights. Retaliation against any party filing a discrimination complaint is prohibited by law, and such retaliation may result in legal action.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> This policy adheres to the regulations set and enforced by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security regulation 6 C.F.R. Part 19.