

Notifying the Public of Rights under Title VI

This notice is also posted on the public notice bulletin boards on the 9th and 10th floors of the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission Office, and on poster boards on display at all MATS meetings. It is included in the Title VI Documentation Report. This notification is part of the Title VI requirements outlined in FTA Circular 4702.1B.

Macon Area Transportation Study

The Macon Area Transportation Study operates its programs and services without regard to race, color, and national origin in accordance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Any person who believes she or he has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI may file a complaint. The Title VI Complaint Form must be completed and filed within 90 days of the discrimination incident and sending it to any of the following:

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Procedure

Once a complaint is filed and received by the MATS Technical Director, the MATS Policy Committee, Technical Committee, and the Citizens' Advisory Committee will be notified and will receive a copy of the complaint. The Chair of the MATS Policy Committee will schedule a time at regular meeting or a special called meeting to discuss the complaint. The MATS Policy Committee will receive input and determine what additional information is needed. The MATS Policy Committee will set a time and date to hold a formal hearing on the complaint in accordance with the MATS Bylaws and Participation/Involvement Plan.

*The Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP) was established in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. As part of the LEP, The Macon Area Transportation Study (MATS) will provide language assistance in public information, public notices, and on the website to those individuals who need aid or special accommodations. With proper advance notice, MATS will also provide language assistance in the form of interpreter services at public meetings if needed.