

# GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION & FREDERICKSBURG AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## TITLE VI NONDISCRIMINATION PLAN

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### POLICY STATEMENT

As sub-recipients of Federal funds, the GWRC and FAMPO are committed to assuring that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL 100.259), be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity. The GWRC and FAMPO further assure that every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all of their programs and activities whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not. In the event that the GWRC or FAMPO distribute federal-aid funds to another governmental entity, Title VI language will be included in all written agreements and will be monitored for compliance. The GWRC Title VI Coordinator is responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities, overseeing the preparation of required reports and overseeing other GWRC responsibilities as required by Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 200 and Title 49 CFR Part 21.

The GWRC Executive Director is responsible for ensuring implementation of the organization's Nondiscrimination Plan. The Title VI Coordinator, under supervision of the Executive Director, is responsible for coordinating the overall administration of the Nondiscrimination Plan and assurances. The authorities that provide guidance on Title VI and related nondiscrimination laws, regulations, and executive orders can be found in the "Title VI and Other Nondiscrimination Authorities" section of this document

This plan was developed to document the efforts the GWRC and FAMPO undertake on a continual basis to ensure compliance with Title VI and related statutes regarding nondiscrimination and Environmental Justice.

### TITLE VI ASSURANCES

The George Washington Regional Commission ("Recipient"), HEREBY AGREES THAT as a condition to receiving any federal financial assistance, it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d, et seq. ("Act"), and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations and other pertinent directives, to the end that in accordance with the Act, Regulations, and other pertinent directives, no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Recipient receives federal

financial assistance, and HEREBY GIVES ASSURANCE THAT it will promptly take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.

More specifically and without limiting the above general assurance, the Recipient hereby gives the following specific assurances regarding its federal aid assisted programs:

- 1) That the Recipient agrees that each “program” and each “facility”, as defined in the Regulations, will be (with regard to a “program”) conducted or will be (with regard to a “facility”) operated in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to, the Regulations.
- 2) That the Recipient shall insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids for work or material subject to the Regulations made in connection with federal aid assisted programs, and in adapted form in all proposals for negotiated agreements:

“The George Washington Regional Commission, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d, et seq., and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered pursuant to this advertisement will afford minority business enterprises full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.”

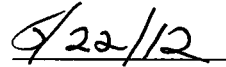
- 3) That where the Recipient receives federal financial assistance to construct a facility, or part of a facility, the Assurance shall extend to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.
- 4) That where the Recipient received federal financial assistance in the form, or for the acquisition of real property, or an interest in real property, the Assurance shall extend rights to space on, over, or under such property.
- 5) That the Recipient shall include the appropriate clauses regarding a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, permits, licenses and similar agreements entered into by the Recipient with other parties: (a) for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under federal aid-assisted programs; and (b) for the construction or use of, or access to space on, over, or under real property acquired or improved under federal aid-assisted programs.
- 6) That this Assurance obligates the Recipient for the period during which federal financial assistance is extended to the program, or is in the form of personal property, or real property or interest therein or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the Assurance obligates the Recipient or any transferee for the longer of the following periods: (a) the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits; or (b) the period during which the Recipient retains ownership or possession of the property.

- 7) The Recipient shall provide for such methods of administration for the program, as are found by the official to whom s/he delegates specific authority, to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Act, the Regulations, and this Assurance.
  
- 8) The Recipient agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial endorsement with regard to any matter arising under the Act, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

**THIS ASSURANCE** is given in consideration of, and for the purpose of obtaining, any and all federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts or other federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Recipient and is binding on it, other recipients, contractors, subcontractors, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants in the Federal Aid Highway Program. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this Assurance on behalf of the Recipient.



GWRC Executive Director



Date