Federal Transit Administration Title VI Program

Pointe Coupee Council on Aging

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Section 1: Title VI Plan Approval

Title	VI	Plan	May 13, 2021	
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			Pointe Coupee Council on Aging	
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Title VI Plan Revision Log

Date Month/day/year	Section Revised	Summary of Revisions	
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Section 2: Title VI Policy Statement Policy Statement

The **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P.L. 100.259) be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any programs or activities. **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** assures every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all of its programs and activities, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not (inclusive of additional Title VI Authorities and citations).

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, broadened the scope of Title VI coverage by expanding the definition of terms "programs or activities" to include all programs or activities of Federal Aid recipients, sub-recipients, and contractor/consultants, whether such programs and activities are federally assisted or not (Public Law 100259 [S.557] March 22, 1988.)

The **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** will be responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities, preparing required reports and other responsibilities as required by 23 Code of Federal Regulation, (CFR) 200 and 49 Code of Federal Regulation 21.

Becky Bergeron, Executive Director

Date

Any individual, group of individuals or entity that believes they have been discriminated against on the basis of race, color or national origin by the **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** may file a Title VI complaint by submitting the agency's Title VI / ADA Complaint Form.

For all Title VI matters, please contact:

Becky Bergeron, Executive Director

Pointe Coupee Council on Aging

P.O. Box 110

New Roads, La. 70760

1-888-638-4402

bbergeron@pc-coa.org

TITLE VI Notice to the Public

The Pointe Coupee Council on Aging's Notice to the Public is as follows:

Notifying the Public of Rights Under Title VI

Pointe Coupee Council on Aging

- ✓ The **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** operates its programs and services without regard to race, color, and national origin in accordance with 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 with the **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** and should be filed within 180 days of date of alleged discrimination.
- ✓ For more information on the **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging's** civil rights program, the procedures to file a complaint, or to file a complaint contact 225-638-4402, 1-888-638-4402; email bbergeron@pc-coa.org; or visit our administrative office at Pointe Coupee Council on Aging, 2112 False River Drive, New Roads, La. 70760.
- ✓ A complaint may also be filed directly with the:

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Attn: Cynthia Douglas, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 or (225) 379-1923.

Federal Transit Administration, Office of Civil Rights, Attention: Title VI Program Coordinator, East Building, 5th Floor-TCR, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC, 20590.

✓ If information is needed in another language, contact 1-225-346-0660.

The **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging's** Notice to the Public is posted in the public areas of the office and inside the transit vehicles.

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Notificación al público de derechos bajo el título VI

- El Insert Agency Name opera sus programas y servicios sin distinction de raza, color y origen nacional, segun el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles. Cualquier persona que cree o que ha sido perjudicada por una práctica discriminatoria ilegal bajo el Título VI puede presentar una queja con el Insert Agency Name.
- Para obtener más información sobre el programa de derechos civiles de Pointe Coupee Council on Aging, o para obtener más información sobre los procedimientos para presenter una queja llame al 1-888-638-4402, <u>bbergeron@pc-coa.org</u> o visite nuestra oficina administrativa en 2112 False River Drive, New Roads, La. 70760
- Un demandante puede presenter una queja directamente a la el Departmet de Transporte del estado de Louisiana, llame al (225) 379-1923. Email Cynthia.douglas@la.gov,
- Un demandante puede presenter una queja directamente a la Administración Federal de tránsito, Oficina de Derechos Civiles, Atención: Coordinadora del Programa Título VI, edificio este, 5 piso-TCR, 1200 New Jersey Ave., se Washington, DC, 20590.
- Si se necesita información en otro idioma, comuníquese con 1-888-638-4402.

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Section 4: Title VI / ADA Complaint Procedure

The **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging's** Title VI / ADA Complaint Procedure is made available in the following locations:

	Agency website, if available:
X	Hard copy in the central office
X	Agency Title VI Plan

Any individual, group of individuals or entity that believes they have been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin or disability by the **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** may file a Title VI/ ADA complaint by completing and submitting the agency's Title VI/ ADA Complaint Form. File initial complaint with **Becky Bergeron**, **Executive Director** at **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging**.

Any individual having filed a complaint or participated in the investigation of a complaint shall not be subjected to any form of intimidation or retaliation. Individuals who have cause to think that they have been subjected to intimidation or retaliation can file a complaint of retaliation following the same procedure for filing a discrimination complaint.

A complaint must be filed with the Pointe Coupee Council on Aging no later than 180 days after the following:

- 1. The date of the alleged act of discrimination; or
- 2. The date when the person(s) became aware of the alleged discrimination; or
- 3. Where there has been a continuing course of conduct, the date on which that conduct was discontinued of the latest instance of the conduct.

Once the complaint is received, the **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** will review it to determine if our office has jurisdiction. (A copy of each Title VI complaint received will be forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development within ten (10) calendar days of receipt.) The complainant will receive an acknowledgement letter informing her/him whether the complaint will be investigated by our office.

The **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** has 45 days to investigate the complaint. If more information is needed to resolve the case, the **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** may contact the complainant.

After the investigator reviews the complaint, she/he will issue one of two (2) letters to the complainant: a closure letter or a letter of finding (LOF).

- ✓ A <u>closure letter</u> summarizes the allegations and states that there was not a Title VI violation and that the case will be closed.
- ✓ A <u>letter of finding (LOF)</u> summarizes the allegations and the interviews regarding the alleged incident, and explains whether any disciplinary action, additional training of the staff member, or other action will occur.

If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision, she/he has 180 days after the date of the letter or the letter of finding to do so. A person may also file a complaint directly with the: Louisiana Department of Transportation, Attn: Cynthia Douglas, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70804.

LADOTD will analyze the facts of the case and will issue its conclusion to the appellant within 60 days of the receipt of the appeal.

If information is needed in another language, then contact 1-225-346-0660.

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Procedimiento de Queja Titulo VI / ADA

El fonnulario de queja del Titulo VI / ADA del Pointe Coupee Council on Aging esta disponible en las siguientes ubicaciones:

- Pagina web de la agencia
- Copia impresa localizada en la oficina central

Cualquier individo, grupo de individuos o entidad que crea que ha sido objeto de discriminacion por motivos de raza, color, nacionalidad o discapacidad por el Pointe Coupee Council on Aging puede presentar una queja del Titulo VII ADA al completar y enviar el fonnulario de queja del Titulo VII ADA correspondiente a la agencia. Este decumento debeni de ser enviado a la direccion indicada en el fonnulario de queja. Presente la queja inicial con Becky Bergeron, Executive Director en Pointe Coupee Council on Aging.

Cualquier individuo que haya presentado una queja o participle en la investigacion de alguna queja no debera ser sujeto a ninguna fonna de intimidacion o represalias. Aquel individuo que considere que ha sido sujeto de intimidacion o de represalias puede llenar un formulario de queja para represalias siguiendo el mismo procedimiento que para una queja de descriminacion.

Esta queja debera ser presentada a traves de la Oficina de Programas de Cumplimiento del Pointe Coupee Council on Aging en un periodo de no mas de 180 dias despues de lo siguiente:

- 1.- La fecha del presunto acto de discriminacion; o
- 2.- La fecha en la que la persona (s) se percataron del presunto acto de discriminacion; o
- 3.- Cuando se ha detectado que el acto de discriminacion se ha convertido en una conducta repetitiva. En estos casos se incluira la fecha del ultimo acontecimiento.

Una vez que se reciba la queja, el / la Coordinador del Titulo VI / ADA del insert Pointe Coupee Council on Aging lo revisara para detenninar si nuestra oficina tiene jurisdiccion. El demandantete recibira una carta de notificacion en la cual se le hara saber si la queja sera investigada por nuestra oficina.

Ell La coordinador del Titulo VI / ADA del insert Pointe Coupee Council on Aging tendra 45 dias para investigar la queja. Si se necesita mas infonnacion para resolver el caso, el (la) Coordinador (a) del Titulo VI / ADA puedria contactar al demandante.

Despues de que ell la Coordinador del Titulo VI / ADA revise la queja, emitira una de dos (2) cartas al demandante: una carta de cierre o una carta de hallazgo.

- Una <u>carta de cierre</u> resumiendo las alegaciones del caso en la cual indicara que no hubo una violacion del Titulo VII ADA y por tal motivo el caso sera cerrado.
- Una <u>carta de hallazgo</u> resumiendo las alegaciones y las entrevistas sobre el supuesto incidente en esta misma carta se le explicara al demandante si se llevara a cabo alguna accion disciplinaria, entrenamiento adicional al personal o se tomara alguna otra accion necesaria.

Si el demandante desea apelar la decision, el tendra 180 dias despues de la fecha marcada en la carta de cierre ode la carta de hallazgo para hacerlo. Ell La Coordinador, Jamie Ainsworth (225)379-3055, del Titulo VI / ADA analizara los hechos del caso y emitira su conclusion al apelante en un periodo de 60 dias despues de haber recibido la apelacion.

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Section 5: Title VI / ADA Complaint Form

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⊠ Agency Title VI Plan				
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Are you filing this complaint on y			Yes*	No
*If you answered "yes" to this qu	estion, go to Section III.			
If not, please supply the name a are complaining:	and relationship of the persor	n for whom you		
Please explain why you have file	ed for a third party:		1	
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Have you previously filed a Title	VI complaint with this agency	y?	Yes	No

The Pointe Coupee Council on Aging's Title VI / ADA Complaint Procedure is made available in the following

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Section V	
Have you filed this complaint with any other Federa	al, State, or local agency, or with any Federal or State court?
[] Yes [] No	
If yes, check all that apply:	
[] Federal Agency:	
[] Federal Court	[] State Agency
[] State Court	[] Local Agency
Please provide information about a contact person	at the agency/court where the complaint was filed.
Name:	
Title:	
Agency:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Section VI	
Name of agency complaint is against:	
Contact person:	
Title:	
Telephone number:	
You may attach any written materials or other info	rmation that you think is relevant to your complaint.
Signature	Date

If information is needed in another language, contact 1-225-346-0660.

Please submit this form in person at the address below, or mail this form to:

Pointe Coupee Council on Aging Becky Bergeron, Executive Director P.O. Box 110 2112 False River Drive New Roads, La. 70760

(225) 638-4402 Office (225) 638-4403 Fax

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Formato de Reclamo del Título VI o ADA del Pointe Cou	oee Council o	on Aging
Sección I:		
Nombre:		
Dirección:		
Teléfono (Casa/Celular):		Teléfono (Trabajo):
Dirección de correo electrónico:		
Sección II:		
¿Está usted presentando esta queja en su propio nombre:	Sí 🗆	No □
* Si usted contestó "sí" a esta pregunta, pase a la Sección III		
Si su respuesta es "no", por favor escribe el nombre y la rela persona que está presentando la queja en contra:	ción de la	Nombre: Relación:
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Sección V
¿Ha presentado esta queja con cualquier otro federal, estatal o local, o ante cualquier tribunal federal o estatal? Sí □ No □
En caso afirmativo, marque el nombre de todas las que correspondan:
□ Agencia Federal: □ Tribunal Federal: □ Agencia Estatal: □ Tribunal Estatal: □ Agencia local :
Sírvanse proporcionar información acerca de una persona de contacto en la corte / entidad donde se presentó la queja.
Nombre:
Título:
Agencia:
Dirección:
Teléfono:
Sección VI
Nombre de la agencia/companía de queja es contra:
Persona de contacto;
Título:
Teléfono:
Firma:
Fecha:
Por favor, envíe este formulario en persona en la dirección indicada más abajo:
Pointe Coupee Council on Aging Becky Bergeron, Executive Director P.O. Box 110 2112 False River Drive New Roads, La. 70760
(225) 638-4402 Office (225) 638-4403 Fax

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Section 6: List of Transit Related Title VI Investigations, Complaints and Lawsuits

The **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** maintains a list or log of all Title VI investigations, complaints and lawsuits, pertaining to its transit-related activities.

Check	One:
x	There have been \underline{no} investigations, complaint and/or lawsuits filed against us since the last plan submission.
	There have been investigations, complaints and/or lawsuits filed against us. See list below. Attach additional information as needed.

	Date (Month, Day, Year)	Summary (include basis of complaint: race, color, or national origin)	Status	Action(s) Taken
Investigations				
1.				
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Lawsuits				
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Complaints				
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Section 7: Public Participation Plan

Strategies and Desired Outcomes

To promote inclusive public participation, the **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** will employ the following strategies, as appropriate (make these determinations based on a demographic analysis of the population(s) affected, type of plan, program and/or service under consideration, and the resources available):

- ✓ Provide for early, frequent and continuous engagement by the public.
- ✓ Select accessible and varied meeting locations and times
- ✓ Employ different meeting sizes and formats
- ✓ Use social media in addition to other resources as a way to gain public involvement
- ✓ Use radio, television or newspaper ads on stations and in publications that serve LEP populations. Outreach to LEP populations may also include audio programming available on podcasts.
- ✓ Expand traditional outreach methods by visiting ethnic stores/markets and restaurants, community centers, libraries, faith-based institutions, local festivals, etc.

Public Outreach Activities

The public outreach and involvement activities conducted by the **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** since the last Title VI Program submission are summarized in the table below.

Enter specific Public Participation activities in the table below.

Event Date	Insert Agency Name Staffer(s)	Activity	Communication Method (Public Notice, Posters, Social Media)	Notes
1/30/2019	Jeanette Rachal	PC Electric Event	Public Event	
All years			Social Media& News articles	Due to COVID no public events
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Section 8: Language Assistance Plan

Plan Components

As a recipient of federal US DOT funding, the **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** is required to take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to our programs and activities by limited-English proficient (LEP) persons.

Limited English Proficient (LEP) refers to persons for whom English is not their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, write, speak or understand English. This includes those who have reported to the U.S. Census that they speak English less than very well, not well, or not at all.

The Pointe Coupee Council on Aging's Language Assistance Plan includes the following elements:

- Item #1: The results of the Four Factor Analysis, including a description of the LEP population(s), served.
- Item #2: A description of how language assistance services are provided by language
- Item #3: A description of how LEP persons are informed of the availability of language assistance service
- Item #4: A description of how the language assistance plan is monitored and updated
- Item #5: A description of how employees are trained to provide language assistance to LEP persons

Four Factor Analysis Methodology

To determine if an individual is entitled to language assistance and what specific services are appropriate, the **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** has conducted a *Four Factor Analysis* of the following areas: 1) LEP Demography, 2) Contact Frequency, 3) Importance of Service, and 4) Resources and Costs.

Factor 1: The number or proportion of LEP persons eligible to be served or likely to be encountered by the program or recipient. In addition to the number or proportion of LEP persons served, the Pointe Coupee Council on Aging will identify:

- (a) How LEP persons interact with the recipient's agency;
- (b) Identification of LEP communities, and assessing the number or proportion of LEP persons from each language group to determine the appropriate language services for each language;
- (c) The literacy skills of LEP populations in their native languages, in order to determine whether translation of documents will be an effective practice; and
- (d) Whether LEP persons are underserved by the recipient due to language barriers.

Factor 2: The frequency with which LEP persons come into contact with the program.: Identifies and assesses the frequency Pointe Coupee Council on Aging's staff comes into contact with LEP persons. Examples of contact could include:

- (a) Use of bus and rail service;
- (b) Purchase of tickets through vending machines, outlets, websites, and over the phone;
- (c) Participation in public meetings;
- (d) Customer service interactions;
- (e) Ridership surveys;
- (f) Operator surveys.

Factor 3: The nature and importance of the program, activity, or service provided by the program to people's lives. Generally speaking, the more important the program, the more frequent the contact and the likelihood that language services will be needed.

This section discusses how the **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging's** program and services impact the lives of person's within the community. The **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** will specify the community organizations that serve LEP persons, if available.

Factor 4: The resources available to the recipient for LEP outreach, as well as the costs associated with that outreach. Resource and cost issues can often be reduced by technological advances, reasonable business practices, and the sharing of language assistance materials and services among and between recipients, advocacy groups, LEP populations and Federal agencies. Large entities and those entities serving a significant number of LEP persons should ensure that their resource limitations are well substantiated before using this factor as a reason to limit language assistance.

The summary below discusses the low cost methods the **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** uses to provide outreach to LEP persons as well as train staff (and transit provider/lessee, if applicable) on Title VI and LEP principles.

Item #1 – Results of the Four Factor Analysis (including a description of the LEP population(s) served)

Factor 1: The number or proportion of LEP persons eligible to be served or likely to be encountered.

The Pointe Coupee Council on Aging's staff reviewed the American Community Survey data https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs and determined that 835 (4%) persons in the *Pointe Coupee Parish*, of the 835 persons with limited English proficiency, 338 (40%) speak Spanish.

Agency should insert the tables from ACS that document the persons who "speak English less than very well"

https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=United%20States&table=DP05&tid=ACSST1Y2017.S160 2&g=0100000US 0400000US22.050000&lastDisplayedRow=29&vintage=2017&layer=state&cid=DP05 0001E&t=Language%20Spoken%20at%20Home&hidePreview=true

Factor 2: The frequency with which LEP persons come into contact with the program.

Pointe Coupee Council on Aging assessed the frequency with which staff and drivers have, or could have, contact with LEP persons. **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** provides approximately 24,145 passenger trips per year. If an individual has speech limitations, the dispatcher or driver will work with the Transit Manager and the LADOTD, if needed, to ensure the individual receives access to the transit services.

Factor 3: The nature and importance of the program, activity, or service provided by the program to people's lives.

All of **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging's** programs are important; however, those related to safety, public transit, nondiscrimination and public involvement are among the most important. The **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** is committed to providing meaningful access and will provide written translation for any of its documents, when reasonable, effective and with the available resources. In other cases, the **Pointe**

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Coupee Council on Aging will strive to provide alternative but meaningfully accessibility. Moreover, the **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** continually evaluates its programs, services, and activities to ensure that persons who may be LEP are always provided with meaningful access. The Title VI policy, complaint form, and LEP policy are available in Spanish upon request.

Factor 4: The resources available for LEP outreach, as well as the costs associated with that outreach.

The **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** makes every effort to make its programs, services, and activities, accessible to LEP individuals. The **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** will use available resources, both internal and external to accommodate reasonable requests for translations.

Item # 2 - Description of how Language Assistance Services are Provided, by Language

The Pointe Coupee Council on Aging has identified, developed, and uses the following:

- a) Individuals who have contact with the public are provided with "I Speak" language cards to identify language needs in order to match them with available services. Language cards verified and distributed by the Director as need.
- b) The **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging** has developed partnerships with local agencies, organizations, law enforcement, colleges/universities, local school districts and social service agencies that are available to assist with it LEP responsibilities.
- c) A list of web based translation services can be provided by contracting the Human Resources Department.

Item #3 - Description of how LEP Persons are Informed of the Availability of Language Assistance Service

In order to ensure that LEP individuals are aware of **Pointe Coupee Council on Aging**'s language assistance measures, Pointe Coupee Council on Aging provides the following:

- Title VI Program including the Language Assistance Plan is made available on website, if applicable, and hard copy in central office.
- Drivers and dispatchers are provided "I Speak" language cards to identify language needs in order to match them with available services.

Item #4 – Description of how the Language Assistance Plan is Monitored and Updated

Pointe Coupee Council on Aging will continue to update the LEP plan as required by U.S. DOT. At a minimum, the plan will continue to be reviewed and updated every three (3) years in conjunction with the Title VI submission, or when data from the 2020 U.S. Census is available, or when it is clear that the concentrations of LEP individuals are present in the Pointe Coupee Council on Aging service area. Updates will continue to include the following:

- The number of documented LEP person contacts encountered annually.
- How the needs of LEP persons have been addressed.
- Determination of the current LEP population in the service area.
- Determination as to whether the need for translation services has changed.
- Determine whether local language assistance programs have been effective and sufficient to meet the need.
- Determine whether Pointe Coupee Council on Aging's financial resources are sufficient to fund language assistance resources needed.
- Determine whether Pointe Coupee Council on Aging has fully complied with the goals of this LEP Plan.
- Determine whether complaints have been received concerning Pointe Coupee Council on Aging's failure to meet the needs of LEP individuals

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The following training will continue to be provided to Pointe Coupee Council on Aging staff:

- Information on the Pointe Coupee Council on Aging Title VI Procedures and LEP responsibilities.
- Description of language assistance services offered to the public.
- Use of "I Speak" language cards (used to identify language preference).
- Documentation of language assistance requests.
- Use of web-based interpreter services
- How to handle a potential Title VI / LEP complaint.

Limited English Proficient (LEP) Resource Materials:

LEP Policy

Pointe Coupee Council on Aging shall provide for communication for limited English proficient riders to ensure them equal opportunity to benefit from services. Family members or friends of limited English proficient riders will not be used as translators unless specifically requested by that individual. Arrangements have been made with XXX to obtain translators. The agency will also utilize web based translator programs if available.

If you need help with English, please call 1-225-356-0660.

Pointe Coupee Council on Aging proporcionará comunicación para jinetes competentes inglés limitados para asegurarles igualdad de oportunidades para beneficiarse de los servicios. Miembros de la familia o amigos de jinetes habilidades inglesas limitadas no se utilizará como traductores a menos que pedido específicamente por ese individuo. Han establecido acuerdos con la Agencia para obtener traductores. La agencia también utiliza programas de traductor basado en web si está disponible.

Si usted necesita ayuda con el inglés, por favor llame 1-225-346-0660

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"I Speak" Language Identification Card

Mark this Box if you speak	Language Identification Chart	Language
	Mark this box if you read or speak English	English
	Marque esta casilla si lee o habla español	Spanish
	Kos lub voj no yog koj paub twm thiab hais lus Hmoob	Hmong
	如果说中国在方框内打勾	Chinese
	Xin ñaùnh daáu vaøo oâ naøy neáu quyù vò bieát ñoïc vaø noùi ñöôïc Vieät Ngöõ.	Vietnamese
	당신이한국어말할경우이 상자를표시	Korean
	Markahan itong kuwadrado kung kayo ay marunong magbasa o magsalita ng Tagalog.	Tagalog
	Kreuzen Sie dieses Kästchen an, wenn Sie Deutsch lesen oder sprechen	German
	Отметить этот флажок, если вы говорите по-русски	Russian
	Означите ову кућицу ако говорите српски	Serbian
	आप हिंदी बोलते हैं तो इस बक्से को चिह्नित करें	Hindi
	پر نشان لگائیں تو اس باکس بولتے ہیں اردو اگر آپ	Urdu

Note: For additional languages visit the US Census Bureau website http://www.lep.gov/ISpeakCards2004.pdf

Log of LEP Encounters Any incident where an English deficient rider requests language assistance should be documented here.

Date	Time	Language Spoken By Individual (if available)	Name and Phone Number of Individual (if available)	Service Requested	Follow Up Required	Staff Member Providing Assistance	Notes

Section 9: Minority Representation Information

Recipients that have transit-related, non-elected planning boards, advisory councils or committees, or similar committees, the membership of which is selected by the recipient, must provide a table depicting the racial breakdown of the membership of those committees, and a description of efforts made to encourage the participation of minorities on such committees.

A. Minority Representation Table

Table Depicting Membership of Board, Committees, Councils, Broken Down by Race

Body	Caucasian	Hispanic	African American	Asian American	Native American	Two or More Races
Population	62.6%	2.8%	35.5%	.03%	.03%	1.2%
Board of Directors	77%		23%			

B. Efforts to Encourage Minority Participation

To encourage participation on its boards, committees and councils, the Pointe Coupee Council on Aging will make every effort to encourage minority participation on the board. We advertise in our official parish journal prior to open annual membership meeting and nominations are opened to the floor for nominations. The membership in attendance votes on the nominations for the vacant board seat.

Section 10: Providing Assistance to and Monitoring Subrecipients

Section	TO: PLO	viding As:	sistance to and Monttoring Subrecipients				
1.	Does agency provide funding to subrecipients?						
	⊠ No,	the ageno	cy does not have subrecipients.				
	□ Yes.	If yes, lis	t the subrecipient names: (list other agency names here)				
		Insert A	gency Name monitors subrecipients using the following process:				
		1.	Insert Agency Name uses the following process for ensuring all subrecipients are complying with the general reporting requirements of FTA C4702.1B: (document the process here)				
		2.	Insert Agency Name collects Title VI programs from the subrecipients listed above and reviews programs for compliance by (list the process here)				
Has the	agency l	ouilt a fac	/ Analysis ility? (check a response below) as not built a facility.				
var	ious sitin	ng alterna	as built a facility and completed a Title VI equity analysis to compare the equity impacts of tives, and the analysis must occur before the selection of the preferred site. (Include at an a copy of the Title VI equity analysis.)				

Section 12: Requirements for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)

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All MPOs must complete Part Three; in addition to the requirements specified in Part One.

1. Did the

MPO Requirements (Ref: FTA Circular 4702.1B Chapter VI)					
 Does the plan contain a demographic profile of the metropolitan area that includes identification of the locations of minority populations in the aggregate? 					
2) A description of the procedures by which the mobility needs of minority populations are identified and considered within the planning process?	□Y □N				
3) Demographic maps that overlay the percent minority and non-minority populations as identified by Census or American Community Survey (ACS) data, at the Census tract or block group level, and charts that analyze the impacts of the distribution of State and Federal funds in the aggregate for public transportation purposes, including federal funds managed by the MPO as a designated recipient?					
4) Analysis of disparate impacts on the basis of race, color, or national origin, and, if so, determines whether there is a substantial legitimate justification for the policy that resulted in the disparate impacts, and if there are alternatives that could be employed that would have a less discriminatory impact.					
Comments:					

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