



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 06, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

PREPARER: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

DATE: August 23, 2023

TITLE: **Adopt Resolution No. 234-06, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Arcata Rescinding Resolution No. 201-10 and Authorizing and Approving the Arcata & Mad River Transit System's Title VI Plan Pursuant to the Civil Rights Act of 1964.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council adopt Resolution No. 234-06, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Arcata rescinding Resolution No. 201-10 and authorizing and approving the Arcata & Mad River Transit System's Title VI plan pursuant to the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

INTRODUCTION:

The City must adopt this resolution and Title VI Plan to include required deficiencies identified during Caltrans Division of Mass Transit review of the recently adopted Plan under Resolution No. 201-10 approved July 27, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, a federal statute, provides that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. In addition, Presidential Executive Order 13166 requires recipients, sub-recipients of federal funds to take reasonable steps to address the needs of individuals who have limited-English proficiency in order to ensure no discrimination occurs based upon national origin.

DISCUSSION:

Arcata and Mad River Transit System's Title VI Program goals are;

- Ensuring that the level and quality of public transportation service is provided in a nondiscriminatory manner;
- Promoting full and fair participation in public transportation decision-making without regard to race, color, or national origin;

- Ensuring meaningful access to transit-related programs and activities by persons with limited-English proficiency.

The Arcata and Mad River Transit System's Title VI Program has been updated to reflect the current requirements and updates. As a part of the program implementation, Arcata and Mad River Transit is also required to submit a Title VI compliance report to the Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation every three years. This plan and report highlight the Arcata and Mad River Transit's efforts to support and comply with all aspects of Title VI.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

Compliance with the Title VI Program will allow A&MRTS to continue applying for Federal funding.

No immediate financial impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution No. 234-06 (DOC)