



MEIGS COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT

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Language Interpretation Assistance

Interpretation Services Provided By Language Link

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Section 1: Annual Certifications and Assurances

In accordance with 49 CFR Section 21.7(a), every application for financial assistance from FTA must be accompanied by an assurance that the applicant will carry out the program in compliance with Title VI regulations. This requirement shall be fulfilled when the applicant/recipient submits its annual certifications and assurances. Primary recipients will collect Title VI assurances from sub-recipients prior to passing through FTA funds.

Meigs County Public Transit will remain in compliance with this requirement by annual submission of certifications and assurances as required by ODOT. This certification is included with the annual grant assurances and certifications attached with the ODOT Grant. It is completed annually.

Section 2: Title VI Policy Statement

Meigs County Public Transit, operating demand response transit provider, as a recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant dollars either directly from FTA or through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), will comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d), the U.S. Department of Transportation implementing regulations, FTA Circular 4702.1B, and ODOT Public Transportation requirements as specified in Master Grant Agreement, and State Management Plan. Meigs County Public Transit operates its programs and services without regard to race, color, and national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

Section 3: Notice to the Public

Meigs County Public Transit's Notice to the Public can be found in Appendix C. Whenever a Safe Harbor analysis shows a language group exceeding 5% or 1,000 persons, then Meigs County Public Transit will translate the notice into that language. According to FTA Circular 4702.1B, transit agencies are required to inform the public of their rights under Title VI by strategically posting a Notice to the Public in high-visibility areas. The Title VI Notice shall be displayed in the following locations at a minimum:

- Agency Website: The notice must be posted on the recipient's website.
- Public Areas of the Office: This includes reception rooms and meeting rooms at the agency's administrative or central office.

Transit Vehicles: It is strongly recommended notices be placed inside all vehicles used in the provision of transit service (e.g., posters, flyers, or comment cards). Meigs County Public Transit:

- ☒ Posts notices inside vehicles.
- ☐ Does not post notices inside vehicles.

Meigs County Public Transit may post notices in locations other than the aforementioned areas, Currently, Meigs County Public Transit has:

☐ No other locations.

☒ Additional locations including: Website and public area of the facility

Section 4: Title VI Complaint Procedure

An example of the Meigs County Public Transit complaint procedure directions can be found in Appendix E. Whenever a Safe Harbor analysis shows a language group exceeding 5% or 1,000 persons, then Meigs County Public Transit will translate the complaint procedure into that language.

According to FTA Circular 4702.1B and standard compliance guidelines for subrecipients, the Title VI complaint procedure and form shall be posted in the following minimum locations:

- Agency Website: Both the complaint procedure and the complaint form must be available on the recipient's website.
- Central Administrative Office: A hard copy must be available at the agency's central office.
- Inside the Title VI Plan: The full procedure and form must be included as part of the agency's formal Title VI Program document.

Section 5: Title VI Complaint Form

An example of the Meigs County Public Transit complaint form can be found in Appendix F. The complaint form is made available to the public and can be found:

- On the Meigs County Public Transit website
- At the agency's central office/administrative office (hard copy made available)
- Within the Title VI Program document (can be found in Appendix F as mentioned)

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

Meigs County Public Transit maintains a list or log of all Title VI investigations, complaints, and lawsuits, pertaining to its transit-related activities. This list can be found in Appendix G.

Section 7: Public Participation Plan

Strategies and Desired Outcomes

To promote inclusive public participation, Meigs County Public Transit will employ the following strategies, as appropriate:

- ✓ 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 Meigs County Public Transit since the last Title VI Program submission are summarized in the table in Appendix H.

Section 8: Language Assistance Plan

Overview

Meigs County Public Transit is required to take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access for Limited-English Proficient (LEP) persons. LEP refers to individuals who speak English "less than very well". Meigs County Public Transit 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 Language Link to obtain translators. The agency will also utilize web-based translator programs if available.

Four-Factor Analysis

To determine the right level of service, complete the following four factors.

Factor 1: Demography (The Number of LEP Persons)

Instructions: Go to data.census.gov. Search for Table **S1601** (Language Spoken at Home) for your specific County. Use the most recent "5-Year Estimates".

Population Group	Number of Persons	Percentage (%)
Total Population (Age 5+)	20,880	100%
Total LEP Population (English "less than very well")	7	0.03%
Largest LEP Language: Indo-European	73	0.003%
2nd Largest LEP Language: Spanish	60	0.003%

Factor 2: Frequency of Contact

How often does your staff (drivers, dispatchers, reception) interact with LEP individuals?

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☒ Rarely (Once or twice a year)
- ☐ Never

A log of LEP encounters can be found in Appendix I.

Factor 3: Importance of the Service

ABC Mobility recognizes that public transit is a vital service. To ensure safety and access, we prioritize the translation of Vital Documents. Vital documents currently translated include: Title VI Notice, Complaint Form, and ADA Information.

Factor 4: Resources and Costs

Select the resources your agency uses to assist LEP persons (check all that apply):

- ☒ Telephone Interpretation: Provided by service noted on Main Page of plan.
- ☒ "I Speak" Cards: Carried by drivers and dispatchers to identify languages. Example in Appendix J.
- ☐ Website Translation: Our website includes a Google Translate or similar widget.

☐ Community Partners: We coordinate with local social service agencies or schools.

Section 9: Minority Representation (Simplified)

Overview

If Meigs County Public Transit has a non-elected transit-related planning board, advisory council, or committee, a subrecipient must track the racial breakdown of those members to ensure representation. If the transit board is elected, a subrecipient does not need to track that information. The following table clarifies “elected” versus “non-elected.”

If the Board Member is...	Category
Voted for by the citizens of the county/city.	Elected
Appointed by a Mayor or Commissioner.	Non-Elected
Voted in by the existing Non-Profit Board members.	Non-Elected
A volunteer who joined the committee.	Non-Elected

The Meigs County Public Transit governing board is:

☒ Elected – the following membership breakdown information is not needed.

☐ Non-Elected – the following membership breakdown must be completed.

Step 1: Membership Breakdown

Instructions: In the first row, enter the population percentages for your service area (found in the same Census Table S1601 used in Section 8). In the second row, enter the actual number of members on your board/committee by race.

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

Group	Caucasian	Hispanic	African American	Asian American	Native American	Two or More Races
Service Area Population %						
Number of Board Members						

Step 2: Efforts to Encourage Participation

☒ Elected Board: Our board is comprised of elected officials and therefore no non-elected committee exists.

If non-elected board members - how does Meigs County Public Transit encourage minority participation on its boards? (Check all that apply):

☐ Public Notices: We include "Equal Opportunity" language in all board recruitment advertisements.

☐ Community Outreach: We reach out to local minority-owned businesses or community centers when vacancies occur.

☐ Other Efforts:

Section 10: Providing Assistance to and Monitoring Subrecipients

Does agency provide funding to subrecipients?

☒ No, the agency does not have subrecipients.

☐ Yes. If yes, list the subrecipient names: Click or tap here to enter text.

- Meigs County Public Transit monitors subrecipients using the following process:
- Meigs County Public Transit uses the following process to ensure all subrecipients are complying with the general reporting requirements of FTA Circular 4702.1B:
- Meigs County Public Transit collects Title VI programs from the subrecipients listed above and reviews programs for compliance by doing the following:

Section 11: Title VI Equity Analysis for Facility Acquisition

Title 49 CFR, Appendix C, Section (3)(iv) requires “the location of projects requiring land acquisition and the displacement of persons from their residences and business may not be determined on the basis of race, color, or national origin.” For purposes of this requirement, “facilities” does not include bus shelters, as they are considered transit amenities. It also does not include transit stations, power substations, or any other project evaluated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Facilities included in the provision include, but are not limited to, storage facilities, maintenance facilities, operations centers, etc. Has the agency built a facility? Check the response below.

- ☒ No, Meigs County Public Transit has not built a facility.
- ☐ Yes, Meigs County Public Transit has built a facility and completed a Title VI equity analysis to compare the equity impacts of various siting alternatives, and the analysis must occur before the selection of the preferred site. Appendix K will include the Title VI plan a copy of the Title VI equity analysis.

Section 12: Fixed Route Transit Providers Service Standards and Policies

- ☒ Meigs County Public Transit is **not** a fixed route transit provider. As such, the remainder of Section 12 is not applicable to Meigs County Public Transit and may be deleted from this document.
- ☐ Meigs County Public Transit is a fixed route transit provider. As such, the remainder of Section 12 is applicable to Meigs County Public Transit and is to be filled out completely and attached in Appendix M.

Appendix A

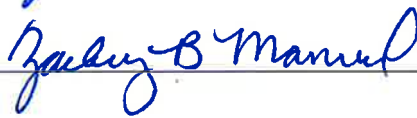
Title VI Plan Adopted
on:

August 25, 2026

Adopted by:

Meigs County Commissioners

Signature(s):

Appendix B

Title VI Plan Revision Log

Date Month/day/year	Action Taken	Authorizing Individual
2/23/2023	Adoption of Original Plan	
2/8/2024	Updated Policy statement, civil right coordinator, implemented LEP Plan, updated forms	
4/8/2025	Updated Civil Right Coordinator, updated Notice to Public Posted locations	
8/25/2026	Entire Plan Revised	

Appendix C

Title VI Notice to the Public

Notifying the Public of Rights Under Title VI

Meigs County Public Transit

- The Meigs County Public Transit 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 Meigs County Public Transit.
- For more information on the Meigs County Public Transit's civil rights program, the procedures to file a complaint, or to file a complaint, please contact the Transit Director at 740-444-5555 (TTY 800-750-0750); email Theresa.Lavender@jfs.ohio.gov; or visit our administrative office at 117 East Memorial Drive, Pomeroy Ohio 45769. For more information, visit www.meigstransit.org.
- For transportation-related Title VI matters, a complaint may also be filed directly with the: Ohio Department of Transportation, Attn: Office of Opportunity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Title VI Coordinator, 1980 West Broad Street, Mailstop 3270, Columbus, Ohio 43223

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

- If information is needed in another language, contact 1-800-535-7749.

Appendix D

Complaint Process

Any individual, group of individuals or entity that believes they have been intentionally discriminated against on the basis of race, color, or national origin by Meigs County Public Transit may file a Title VI complaint by completing and submitting the agency's Title VI Complaint Form.

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 Meigs County Public Transit 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, Meigs County Public Transit will review it to determine if our office has jurisdiction. A copy of each Title VI complaint received will be forwarded to the Ohio Department of Transportation 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.

Meigs County Public Transit has 45 days to investigate the complaint. If more information is needed to resolve the case, Meigs County Public Transit may contact the complainant requesting further information. The complainant has **10** business days from the date of the letter to send requested information to the investigator assigned to the case. If the investigator is not contacted by the complainant or does not receive the additional information within **10** business days, Meigs County Public Transit can administratively close the case.

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

- ✓ A closure letter summarizes the allegations and states that there was not a Title VI violation and that the case will be closed.
- ✓ A letter of finding (LOF) 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 it must direct the appeal to the agency initially. The complainant has **30** days after the date of the closure letter or the letter of finding to do so. If there is outstanding concern, the appeal may be directed to the state DOT or FTA. The appeal process information will be included in the letter.

A person may also file a complaint directly with the: Ohio Department of Transportation, Attn: Office of Opportunity, Diversity and Inclusion 1980 West Broad Street, Mailstop 3270, Columbus, OH 43223, or the Federal Transit Administration, Office of Civil Rights, Attention: Complaint Team, East Building, 5th Floor-TCR, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC, 20590.

If information is needed in another language, then contact 1-800-535-7749

Appendix E

Title VI Complaint Form

Section I:					
Name:					
Address:					
Telephone (Home):			Telephone (Work):		
Email Address:					
Accessible Requirements?	Format	Large Print		Audio Tape	
		TDD		Other	
Section II:					
Are you filing this complaint on your own behalf?			Yes*	No	
*If you answered "yes" to this question, go to Section III.					
If not, please supply the name and relationship of the person for whom you are complaining:					
Please explain why you have filed for a third party: _____					
Please confirm that you have obtained the permission of the aggrieved party if you are filing on behalf of a third party.			Yes	No	
Section III:					
I believe the discrimination I experienced was based on (check all that apply):					
☐ Race		☐ Color		☐ National Origin	
Date of Alleged Discrimination (Month Day, Year) _____					
Explain as clearly as possible what happened and why you believe you were intentionally discriminated against. Describe all persons who were involved. Include the name and contact information of the person(s) who discriminated against you (if known) as well as names and contact information of any witnesses. If more space is needed, please use the back of this form.					

Section IV					
Have you previously filed a Title VI complaint with this agency?			Yes	No	
Section V					
Have you filed this complaint with any other Federal, 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:
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Name of agency complaint is against:
Contact person:
Title:
Telephone number:

You may attach any written materials or other information that you think is relevant to your complaint.

Signature and date required below

Signature

Date

If information is needed in another language, contact 1-800-535-7749.

Please submit this form to:

Meigs County Public Transit
Transit Director
117 East Memorial Drive, Pomeroy Ohio 45769
740-444-5555
Theresa.Lavender@jfs.ohio.gov

Appendix F

Transit Related Title VI Investigations, Complaints and Lawsuits

	Date (Month, Day, Year)	Summary (include basis of complaint: race, color, or national origin)	Status	Action(s) Taken
Investigations				
Lawsuits				
Complaints				

Appendix G

Public Participation Activities

Event Date	Insert Agency Name Staffer(s) or Department	Activity	Communication Method (Public notice, posters, social media)	Notes
6/15/2023	Susan Buchanan	Elder Abuse Awareness Fair	In-person	Outreach and education on services and accessibility.
11/8/2023	Administration	Veteran Outreach at OhioMeansJobs	In-person and social media	Outreach and education on MCPT services to our veterans.
4/17/2024	Administration	Survey outreach	Social media	Encouraging public to complete survey for TDP.
6/12/2024	Susan Buchanan	Elder Abuse Awareness Day	In-person	Outreach and education on services and accessibility.
8/15/2024	Various staff	County Fair	In-person and social media	Outreach, education, and data survey collection
6/11/2025	Susan Buchanan	Elder Abuse Awareness Day	In-person	Outreach and education on services and accessibility.
4/12/2025	Admin and direct staff	Child Abuse Prevention Month, survey collection	In-person and social media	Outreach/education of services
5/28/2025	Administration	Accessible vehicles	Social Media	Education on our new accessible vehicles
10/2/2025	Administration	Veteran's Appreciation Day	In-person	Outreach/education of services and accessibility
3/6/2026	Drivers	Safety Training	Social Media	Outreaching the public on accessibility training for drivers.
4/13/26	Susan Buchanan	Senior Outreach	In-person	Visited the Maple's Apartment to provide outreach and education on MCPT and accessibility
4/25/2026	Admin and direct staff	Child Abuse Prevention Event	In person and social media	Outreach/education of services
6/15/2026	Joanie Carauthers	Elder Abuse Awareness Month	In person	Outreach/education on accessibility
8/17-8/20 2026	Joanie Carauthers	Meigs County fair	In person	Outreach/education of services

Appendix H

Log of LEP Encounters

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

Appendix I

“I Speak” Language Identification Card

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

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 Ngöô.	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