



WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS FY 2016 REPORTING PERIOD TITLE VI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Title VI Training & Presentations

WVDOT recognizes the importance of both providing and receiving ongoing Title VI training. In support of its commitment to training, in FY 2016 WVDOT held Title VI training sessions in all of its ten (10) districts. The training focused on covering the history and importance of the Title VI program, and equipping WVDOT employees with the skills necessary to identify potential Title VI issues and to effectively address Title VI concerns.

In addition to the training above, during FY16 WVDOT conducted the following training related activities:

- **SASHTO Conference:** The WVDOT EEO Division presented during a technical session at the SASHTO annual conference, held in West Virginia. The presentation titled, *Public Utilities and ADA Compliance*, focused on regulatory requirements and the unique challenges that utility pole placement can be when attempting to bring sidewalks and curb ramps into compliance. WVDOT also shared, as a best practice, its partnership with public utilities and the training we have provided as part of that partnership.
- **Planning conference:** At the 2016 WVDOT planning conference, the EEO Division gave a presentation on public involvement as it related to Title VI populations. The ADA Coordinator also presented on current and proposed regulations relating to web site accessibility.
- **Trans Comm.:** The WVDOT hosted the AASHTO Communications Committees annual conference. During the conference the WVDOT EEO Division led several Table Top discussions on how to ensure that communication with people with disabilities is equally effective as communication with people without disabilities.
- **Sub-Recipients:** Throughout the year the EEO Division has held numerous meetings, both formal and informal with Local Public Agencies to discuss both Title VI and ADA responsibilities.

Public Outreach

In FY 2016, WVDOT met with two public utilities to discuss utility pole placement. The purpose of the meeting was to talk about regulatory requirements concerning pole placement and how to address current noncompliance. The meeting also included a training session for engineers and technicians working for the public utility who are responsible for both pole placement and removal. Overall, we are very pleased with the outcome and consider this to be the beginning of a partnership with our public utilities in addressing ADA concerns.

Professional Development

In FY 2016 WVDOT sponsored a training session conducted by the National Highway Institute on the Fundamentals of Environmental Justice. The two day training session was attended by representatives of WVDOT's the local FWHA Division office and representatives from some of our sub-recipients and MPOs.

Title VI Complaints

There were no Title VI complaints in FY 2016.