

TITLE VI
ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT/GOALS FOR ENSUING YEAR

Kittery Area Comprehensive Transportation System (KACTS), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Maine portion of the Portsmouth Rochester Dover New Hampshire urbanized area (UZA), is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any KACTS program or activity on the grounds of race, color, national origin, income, gender, age, disability, or limited English proficiency. KACTS assures all its programs and activities will be free from discrimination, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not. KACTS' Title VI program, in accordance with FHWA's Title VI program (in contrast to the Title VI statute), expands the covered classes to include gender, age, disability and low-income. KACTS requires any contractor or consultant performing work on behalf of KACTS to certify that they will not participate, directly or indirectly, in any type of prohibited discrimination, and acknowledge they are subject to sanctions for non-compliance.

Accomplishments FY 2021:

- Staff participated in FHWA Title VI Liaison Training hosted by VTrans to improve skills and expertise in developing and implementing the Title VI plan.
- Continued KACTS contract with York County Community Action to provide transportation services for low-income residents.
- Copies of KACTS draft documents, agendas and minutes were sent to the Interested Parties list.
- Posted all KACTS documents on the website, including Agendas, Minutes, and other documents of public interest.
- Copies of the KACTS Transportation Plan, the KACTS TIP, and other Committee documents were distributed to towns, transportation stakeholders, and others upon request.
- Working closely with representatives from the Town of Kittery and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to discuss transportation issues and Shipyard projects as part of the implementation activities for the Joint Land Use Study in conjunction with the Department of Defense.
- Completed certifications and assurances for all FTA grants. Assisted York County Community Action Corporation in applying for Section 5307 grants for the KACTS funding allocation.
- Coordinated with MaineDOT and other agencies to help with development and implementation strategies for the state's Climate Action Plan.

Annual Work Plan FY 2022:

- Monitor any grant sub recipients to assure they are completing all necessary requirements and regulations.
- Continue to update stakeholder lists, and update website to make KACTS activities and funding more accessible for protected populations.

- Continue to update and reformat KACTS Title VI and Public Participation Plans to make them more accessible and understandable to the public.
- Continue to partner with other agencies that may serve disadvantaged populations to inform and provide access to KACTS projects, making sure that agendas and other meeting information gets posted to reach more people and specifically more accessible to protected populations to ensure a more inclusive process around transportation decision making.
- Continue to update the MPO website and social media to include relevant and pertinent transportation related information.
- Continue to document transportation activities that are expected to enhance access and other transportation benefits to disadvantaged populations in the KACTS area.