

"No person in the United States shall, on the ground 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." - Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Your Rights

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You have the right to be treated fairly in the transportation planning process. Federal law prohibits discrimination. This law is part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It is called Title Six or Title VI. The Bend MPO is committed to ensuring that the work we do is fair and meets the requirements of Title VI.

Title VI and Environmental Justice Plan.

The scope of this program is to ensure that transportation programs and services are accessible and provided uniformly, and to avoid adverse and disproportionate impacts by considering the populations impacted by transportation projects. This is primarily accomplished through inclusive public participation, outreach, and the consideration of all factors and measures that provide for a context sensitive solution.

- Complaint Process and Form: [English](#) [Español](#)
- Title VI [Adopted](#) Plan

What is the Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization?

The Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the lead agency for regional transportation planning and the decision making body for federal and state transportation

funding for the Bend Area. The MPO works cooperatively with local governments to set priorities for transportation needs. Our transportation systems depend upon these critical federal and state dollars.

What is TITLE VI?

The phrase "title six" refers to a section of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability or socioeconomic status in any program or service that receives federal funds.

How can I learn about and get involved in the MPO's programs?

One of the best ways to help ensure that the transportation system meets your needs is to stay informed and to be involved in the transportation planning decision-making process. The Bend MPO

provides the public with full access to key decisions and the information upon which they are based. The Bend MPO encourages the involvement of interested groups and the general public during the development and modification of its transportation plans and programs. Meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes are published on the MPOs website at: www.bendmpo.org. We welcome your participation and comments.

Do you believe that you have been treated unfairly?

If you believe that you have been treated unfairly, you may file a written complaint with

the Bend MPO. Complaints may be filed by any person who believes they have been excluded from participation in, been denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any MPO service, program, or activity, and believes the discrimination is based upon race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, economic status or limited English proficiency. Written complaints will be investigated. A signed written complaint must be submitted within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act (or latest occurrence). Federal laws prohibit a recipient of federal funds from retaliating against any person who has made a complaint, testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing. Written complaint forms can be obtained at the MPO Office in Bend (709 NW Wall Street), by calling 541-323-8545 or by visiting the MPO's website at: www.bendmpo.org

How do I find out more?

Please call the Title VI Coordinator at 541-323-8545 or visit www.bendmpo.org.

Key written materials can be translated with sufficient notice. Please contact the MPO for more information.

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Environmental Justice

With respect to Environmental Justice, the Bend MPO seeks to identify and address disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations. Environmental Justice places emphasis on encouraging participation of low-income and minority populations in the transportation decision making process. Additionally, it safeguards against disproportionately high and adverse health effects, and ensures that low-income and minority populations, where they exist, receive their fair share of transportation benefits.

TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) or STS (Speech To Speech) assistance, please call 1-800-676-3777 for information (voice or text); 1-877-735-7525 (STS English); 1-800-735-3896 (STS Spanish); 1-800-750-1232, or 7-1-1 (TDD); and for assistance with Voice Carryover Device communication, 1-800-735-3260.

The Bend MPO seeks to provide high-quality, timely and cost effective transportation systems that are safe, reliable, and responsive to the needs of the community. The efforts of the MPO help to ensure the efficient movement of people and products.