SNHPC Title VI Program Update

- The NHDOT advises that MPO Title VI Programs should be updated every three years.
  - The SNHPC’s last Title VI Program update occurred in December 2017.

- The SNHPC received recommendations from a recent review of the Title VI Program.
  - The review was conducted in April 2020 by RLS & Associates, Inc. (on behalf of the NHDOT Bureau of Rail and Transit).
The Draft SNHPC Title VI and Environmental Justice Program was released for public comment on August 17, 2020, and the 30-day comment period will end on September 17, 2020.

Comments on the draft Title VI Program are welcome any time during the comment period and may be submitted to the SNHPC by regular mail or e-mailed to Nate Miller (nmiller@snhpc.org).

The SNHPC MPO will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of The Draft SNHPC Title VI Program at the September 22, 2020 meeting.
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• Recommendations from the review by RLS & Associates, Inc. (on behalf of the NHDOT Bureau of Rail and Transit):
  • Remove references to age and disability from the Title VI Policy Statement (as these are protected under statutes other than Title VI).
  • Add instructions for how to file a complaint directly with the FTA Office of Civil Rights.
  • Update the demographic profile with the most recent American Community Survey data.
  • Update the list of sub-recipients in Section 3.10 and 3.11 of the Title VI Program.
  • Update the membership list in Appendix D of the Title VI Program.
Updated Demographics- Minority Population

- Minority residents comprise approx. 13.0% of the population of the SNHPC region.
- This average is exceeded in one (1) census tract in the Town of Derry and twenty-five (25) census tracts in the City of Manchester.

The distribution of approved Long Range Transportation projects does not suggest that areas with larger minority populations are subject to a disproportionate share of either benefits or adverse impacts from transportation projects.
Approx. 8.5% of the population in the SNHPC region lives below the poverty line.

This average is exceeded in three (4) census tracts in the Town of Derry, one (1) census tract in the Town of Goffstown, and twenty-one (21) census tracts in the City of Manchester.
Limited English Proficiency is defined as, “Individuals who do not speak English as their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English.”

Approx. 4.2% of the population of the SNHPC region is identified as having Limited English Proficiency.

- **1.3% of the population (approx. 3,542 people) are Spanish-speaking LEP.**
- 1.6% of the population are LEP for “Other Indo-European Languages”
- 0.8% of the population are LEP for “Asian and Pacific Languages”
- 0.5% of the population are LEP for “Other Languages”
Special Considerations for Spanish Speaking Population

• Given that the Spanish-speaking LEP population in the region exceeds 1,000 individuals, the SNHPC will develop a **Language Assistance Plan** pursuant to FTA requirements.

• The **Language Assistance Plan** will likely include considerations including, but not limited to:
  
  • Translating key SNHPC documents and public notices into Spanish.

  • Retaining a language/translation service to provide accommodations as needed for LEP persons in the region.
Questions?