

Title VI Implementation Plan



November 30th 2021 to November 30th 2024

Contents

Title VI Policy Statement.....	3
Title VI Notice to the Public	4
Title VI Notice to the Public -Spanish.....	5
Title VI Complaint Procedures	6
Title VI Complaint Form	7
Title VI Investigations, Complaints, and Lawsuits.....	9
Public Participation Plan	10
Limited English Proficiency Plan	12
Non-elected Committees Membership Table	14
Title VI Equity Analysis	15
Board Approval for the Title VI Program	17

Title VI Policy Statement

The Friendship Village Tempe AZ policy assures full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. Title VI states that “no person shall on the grounds of race, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination” under any The Friendship Village Tempe AZ sponsored program or activity. There is no distinction between the sources of funding.

The Friendship Village Tempe AZ also assures that every effort will be made to prevent discrimination through the impacts of its programs, policies and activities on minority and low-income populations. Furthermore, The Friendship Village Tempe AZ will take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to services for persons with limited English proficiency.

When The Friendship Village Tempe AZ distributes Federal-aid funds to another entity/person, The Friendship Village Tempe AZ will ensure all sub recipients fully comply with The Friendship Village Tempe AZ Title VI Nondiscrimination Program requirements. The Executive Director has delegated the authority to Security and Transportation Manager, Title VI Program Coordinator, to oversee and implement FTA Title VI requirements.

Cole Marvin

Cole Marvin, Executive Director

Title VI Notice to the Public

Notifying the Public of Rights Under Title VI The Friendship Village Tempe AZ

The Friendship Village Tempe AZ operates its programs and services without regard to race, color, or national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Any person who believes she or he has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI may file a complaint with the Friendship Village Tempe AZ.

For more information on the Friendship Village Tempe AZ's civil rights program, and the procedures to file a complaint, contact Michael M Coughlin Security and Transportation Manager 480 831 3171 email coughlinmichael@fvtaz.com; or visit our administrative office at 2645 East Southern Ave. Tempe, AZ 85282. For more information, visit friendshipvillage@fvtaz.com

A complainant may file a complaint directly with the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) by filing a complaint directly with the corresponding offices of Civil Rights: City of Phoenix Public Transit Department: ATTN: Title VI Coordinator, 302 N. 1st Ave., Suite 900, Phoenix AZ 85003 FTA: ATTN: Title VI Program Coordinator, East Building, 5th Floor-TCR 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington DC 20590

If information is needed in another language, contact 480 831 3146. Para información en Español llame: Recursos Humanos

Title VI Notice to the Public -Spanish

Aviso al Público Sobre los Derechos Bajo el Título VI **The Friendship Village Tempe AZ**

The Friendship Village Tempe AZ (*y sus subcontratistas, si cualquiera*) asegura cumplir con el Título VI de la Ley de los Derechos Civiles de 1964. El nivel y la calidad de servicios de transporte serán provehidos sin consideración a su raza, color, o país de origen.

Para obtener más información sobre la The Friendship Village Tempe AZ's programa de derechos civiles, y los procedimientos para presentar una queja, contacte Michael Coughlin Security and Transportation Manager , (TTY 480 831 3171); o visite nuestra oficina administrativa en 2645 East Southern Avenue. Para obtener más información, visite coughlinmichael@fvtaz.com

El puede presentar una queja directamente con City of Phoenix Public Transit Department o Federal Transit Administration (FTA) mediante la presentación de una queja directamente con las oficinas correspondientes de Civil Rights: City of Phoenix Public Transit Department: ATTN Title VI Coordinator 302 N. 1st Ave., Suite 900, Phoenix AZ 85003 FTA: ATTN Title VI Program Coordinator, East Building, 5th Floor –TCR 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington DC 20590

The above notice is posted in the following locations:
Trams, shuttles, Transportation Office

Friendship Village Tempe Title VI Complaint Procedures



Friendship Village Tempe AZ

Title VI Complaint Procedures

These procedures provide guidance for all complaints filed under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as they relate to any program or activity that is administered by Friendship Village Tempe, AZ including consultants, contractors and vendors. Intimidation or retaliation as a result of a complaint is prohibited by law. In addition to these procedures, complainants reserve the right to file a formal complaint with other State or Federal agencies or to seek private counsel for complaints alleging discrimination. Every effort will be made to resolve complaints at the lowest possible level.

- (1) Any person who believes he and/or she has been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, or national origin may file a Title VI complaint by completing and submitting the agency's Title VI Complaint Form.
- (2) Formal complaints must be filed within 180 calendar days of the last date of the alleged act of discrimination or the date when the alleged discrimination became known to the complainant(s), or where there has been a continuing course of conduct, the date on which the conduct was discontinued or the latest instance of the conduct.
- (3) Complaints must be in writing and signed by the complainant(s) and must include the complainant(s) name, address and phone number. The Title VI contact person will assist the complainant with documenting the issues if necessary.
- (4) Allegations received by fax or e-mail will be acknowledged and processed, once the identity of the complainant(s) and the intent to proceed with the complaint have been established. For this, the complainant is required to mail a signed, original copy of the fax or email transmittal for the complaint to be processed.
- (5) Allegations received by telephone will be reduced to writing and provided to the complainant for confirmation or revision before processing. A complaint form will be forwarded to the complainant for him/her to complete, sign and return for processing.
- (6) Once submitted Friendship Village Tempe, AZ will review the complaint form to determine jurisdiction. All complaints will receive an acknowledgement letter informing her/him whether the complaint will be investigated by the Friendship Village Tempe, AZ or submitted to the State or Federal authority for guidance.

(7) Friendship Village Tempe, AZ will notify the Title VI Coordinator of all Title VI complaints within 72 hours via telephone at: 602-262-7242; email to: phxtransiteo@phoenix.gov

(8) Friendship Village Tempe, AZ has 60 days to investigate the complaint. If more information is needed to resolve the case, the Authority may contact the complainant. The complainant has 60 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 30 business days, the Authority can administratively close the case. A case can be administratively closed also if the complainant no longer wishes to pursue their case.

(9) After the investigator reviews the complaint, she/he will issue one of two 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. An 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, she/he has 30 days after the date of the letter or the LOF to do so.

(10) A complainant dissatisfied with Friendship Village Tempe, AZ decision may file a complaint directly with the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department (COP): Attention: Title VI Coordinator, 302 N. 1st Ave., Suite 900, Phoenix, AZ 85003 or the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) offices of Civil Rights: Attention Title VI Program Coordinator, East Building, 5th Floor-TCR 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington DC 20590

(11) A copy of these procedures can be found online at: Friendshipvillage@fvtaz.com

Amistad pueblo tempe az

Procedimientos de Quejas Bajo el Título VI

Estos procedimientos proporcionan orientación para todas las quejas presentadas bajo el Título VI del Decreto de los Derechos Civiles de 1964, en lo que se refieren a cualquier programa o actividad que sea administrado por Friendship Village, Tempe, AZ la incluyendo a los asesores, contratistas y proveedores. Por ley, se prohíbe la intimidación o las represalias como resultado de una queja. Además de estos procedimientos, los reclamantes se reservan el derecho de presentar una queja formal ante otras agencias estatales o federales o de solicitar asesoría privada para quejas alegando discriminación. Se hará todo lo posible para resolver las quejas al nivel más bajo posible.

- (1) Cualquier persona que crea que ha sido discriminada por motivos de raza, color, u origen nacional puede presentar una queja bajo el Título VI completando y presentando la Forma de Quejas del Título VI de la agencia.
- (2) Las quejas formales se deben presentar dentro de 180 días de calendario de la última fecha del supuesto acto de discriminación o de la fecha en la que el/los reclamante/s se haya/n enterado de la supuesta discriminación, o cuando haya habido un curso de conducta continuo, la fecha en la que la conducta haya sido suspendida o la última ocasión en la cual ocurrió la conducta.
- (3) Las quejas se deben hacer por escrito y deben ser firmadas por el/los reclamante/s y deben incluir el nombre, el domicilio y el número de teléfono del/los reclamante/s. Si es necesario, la persona de contacto del Título VI ayudará al/la reclamante a documentar las cuestiones.
- (4) Las alegaciones recibidas por fax o por correo electrónico serán admitidas y procesadas, una vez que se haya establecido la identidad del/la reclamante y la intención de proceder con la/s queja/a. Para ello, se requiere que el/la reclamante envíe por correo postal una copia original firmada del fax o de la transmisión de la nota electrónica para que la queja sea procesada.
- (5) Las alegaciones recibidas por teléfono se reducirán a un formato por escrito y se les proveerán al/la reclamante para su confirmación o revisión antes de su procesamiento. Se remitirá una forma de la queja al/la reclamante para que la complete, la firme y la devuelva para su procesamiento.
- (6) Una vez presentada, la Friendship Village, Tempe, AZ revisará la forma de la queja para determinar la jurisdicción. Todas las quejas recibirán una carta de reconocimiento informándole si la queja

será investigada por la Friendship Village, Tempe, AZ o presentada a la autoridad estatal o federal para recibir su orientación.

- (7) La Friendship Village, Tempe, AZ le notificará al Coordinador del Título VI sobre todas las quejas del Título VI dentro de 72 horas por teléfono llamando al: 602-262-7242; por correo electrónico escribiendo a: phxtransiteo@phoenix.gov
- (8) La Friendship Village, Tempe, AZ tiene 60 días para investigar la queja. Si se necesita más información para resolver el caso, la Autoridad puede ponerse en contacto con el/la reclamante. El/la reclamante tiene 60 días hábiles a partir de la fecha de la carta para enviar la información solicitada al investigador asignado al caso. Si el investigador no es contactado por el/la reclamante o no recibe la información adicional dentro de los 30 días hábiles, la Autoridad puede cerrar el caso administrativamente. Un caso también se puede cerrar administrativamente si el/la reclamante ya no desea seguir adelante con su caso.
- (9) Después de que el investigador revise la queja, emitirá una de dos cartas al/la reclamante: una carta de cierre o una carta de hallazgo "Letter of Finding" (LOF). Una carta de cierre resume los alegatos y afirma que no hubo una infracción con respecto al Título VI y que el caso se cerrará. Una carta LOF resume las alegaciones y las entrevistas con respecto al supuesto incidente, y explica si se llevará a cabo alguna acción disciplinaria, capacitación adicional del/la miembro del personal u otra acción. Si el/la reclamante desea apelar a la decisión, tiene 30 días después de la fecha de la carta o de la LOF para hacerlo.
- (10) Un/a reclamante insatisfecho/a con la decisión de la Friendship Village, Tempe, AZ puede presentar una queja directamente con el Departamento de Transporte Público de la Ciudad de Phoenix: City of Phoenix Public Transit Department (COP), Attention: Title VI Coordinator, 302 N. 1st Ave., Suite 900, Phoenix, AZ 85003, ó con las oficinas de Derechos Civiles de la Administración Federal de Transporte: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Offices of Civil Rights, Attention Title VI Program Coordinator, East Building, 5th Floor-TCR 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington DC 20590
- (11) Una copia de estos procedimientos se puede encontrar en línea en: Freindshipvillage@fvtaz.com

Title VI Complaint Forms

TITLE VI COMPLAINT FORM

Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against by Valley Metro or City of Phoenix or any of its service providers and believes the discrimination was based upon race, color or national origin, may file a formal complaint with Valley Metro Customer Service.

Please provide the following information to process your complaint. Alternative formats and languages are available upon request. You can reach Customer Service at 802.253.5000 (TTY: 802.251.2039) or via email at csr@valleymetro.org.

SECTION 1: CUSTOMER INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____ Preferred method of contact: ☐ Phone ☐ Email

SECTION 2: INCIDENT INFORMATION

Date of Incident: _____ Time of Incident: _____ AM ☐ PM ☐ City: _____
Incident Location: _____ Direction of Travel: _____
Route #: _____ Bus/Light Rail/Streetcar #: _____
Service Type: ☐ Local Bus ☐ Express/RAPID ☐ Circulator/Connector ☐ Light Rail ☐ Streetcar ☐ Dial-a-Ride
Operator Name: _____
Operator Description: _____
What was the discrimination based on (Check all that apply): ☐ Race ☐ Color ☐ National Origin ☐ Other _____

Explain as clearly as possible what happened and why you believe you were 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. You may also attach any written materials or other information relevant to your complaint.

Have you filed this complaint with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide information about a contact person at the FTA where the complaint was filed:

Name: _____ Title: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____

Have you previously filed a Title VI complaint with this agency? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature and date required below:

Signature _____
Date _____



FORMA DE RECLAMACIÓN BAJO EL TÍTULO VI

Cualquier persona que crea que ha sido discriminada por Valley Metro o la Ciudad de Phoenix o por cualquiera de sus proveedores de servicios y cree que la discriminación fue basada en su raza, color u origen nacional, puede registrar una queja formal ante el Servicio al Cliente de Valley Metro.

Por favor provea la siguiente información para procesar su queja. Hay formatos e idiomas alternativos disponibles si se solicitan. Usted se puede comunicar con el Servicio al Cliente llamando al 602.253.5000 (TTY: 602.251.2039) ó por correo electrónico a csr@valleymetro.org.

SECCIÓN 1: INFORMACIÓN DEL CLIENTE

Nombre: _____ Apellido: _____
Domicilio: _____
Ciudad: _____ Estado: _____ Código Postal: _____
Teléfono del Hogar: _____ Teléfono Celular: _____
Correo Electrónico: _____ Método preferido de contacto: ☐ Teléfono ☐ Correo Electrónico

SECCIÓN 2: INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL INCIDENTE

Fecha del Incidente: _____ Hora del Incidente: _____ | AM | PM Ciudad: _____
Ubicación del Incidente: _____ Dirección del Viaje: _____
Ruta #: _____ Autobús/Tren Ligero/Tranvía #: _____
Tipo de Servicio ☐ Autobús Local ☐ Express/RAPID ☐ Circular/Conector ☐ Tren Ligero ☐ Tranvía ☐ Dial-a-Ride
Nombre del/la Operador/a: _____
Descripción del/la Operador/a: _____
¿En qué se basó la discriminación? (Marque todo lo que sea aplicable):
☐ Raza ☐ Color ☐ Origen Nacional ☐ Otro _____

Explique lo más claramente posible lo que sucedió y por qué cree usted que se le discriminó. Describa a todas las personas que estuvieron involucradas. Incluya el nombre y la información de contacto de la/s persona/s que le discriminó/arón (si los conoce), así como los nombres y la información de contacto de cualquier testigo. Si se necesita más espacio, por favor use el reverso de esta forma. Usted también puede adjuntar cualquier material por escrito u otra información relevante a su queja.

¿Ha usted registrado esta queja ante la Administración Federal de Transporte (FTA por sus siglas en inglés)? ☐ Sí ☐ No
Si contestó Sí, por favor provea información sobre una persona de contacto en la administración FTA donde se registró la queja:

Nombre: _____ Título: _____
Domicilio: _____ Teléfono: _____

¿Ha usted registrado previamente una queja bajo el Título VI ante esta agencia? ☐ Sí ☐ No

Firma y fecha requeridas abajo:

Firma _____
Fecha _____



*Friendship Village,
Tempe, AZ
Public Participation
Plan*



Friendship Village, Tempe AZ provides limited transit services solely to persons who are participants in its programs (Our Residents)

Friendship Village Tempe AZ is engaging the public in its planning and decision making processes, as well as marketing and outreach activities. The public will be invited to participate in the process whether through public meetings or surveys. As an agency receiving federal financial assistance, Friendship Village Tempe AZ made the following community outreach efforts:

Each quarter there is a meeting of the Village Residents (the public) and the Management team for the Friendship Village, Tempe, AZ to review ongoing enhancements to the property and services provided, to include transportation.

These meetings can be scheduled in a one-on-one format with the Residents and the Security and Transportation department or in groups on property at any hours that would best fit the needs of the Residents, and are able to be set up in the properties auditorium.

Multiple meetings can be set up if this would better meet the greater need of the Residents. All meetings with regard to Residents needs are held at The Friendship Village Tempe, AZ property. Medical transport for Residents is available at *no charge* in the Friendship Village and will transport Residents with need of such services.

Additional information is sent out monthly in the property magazine "The Villager" as well as contact information placed strategically throughout the property to include the new Resident orientation packet.

Limited English Proficiency Plan



Limited English Proficiency Plan

Friendship Village Tempe AZ has developed the following Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP) to help identify reasonable steps to provide language assistance for LEP persons seeking meaningful access to Friendship Village Tempe AZ services as required by Executive Order 13166. A Limited English Proficiency person is one who does not speak English as their primary language and who has a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English.

This plan details procedures on how to identify a person who may need language assistance, the ways in which assistance may be provided, training to staff, notification to LEP persons that assistance is available, and information for future plan updates. In developing the plan while determining the Friendship Village's Tempe AZ extent of obligation to provide LEP services, the Friendship Village Tempe AZ undertook a U.S. Department of Transportation four-factor LEP analysis which considers the following:

- 1) The number or proportion of LEP persons eligible in the Friendship Village Tempe AZ service area who may be served or likely to encounter by Friendship Village Tempe AZ program, activities, or services;
- 2) The frequency with which LEP individuals come in contact with an Friendship Village Tempe AZ services;
- 3) The nature and importance of the program, activities or services provided by the Friendship Village Tempe AZ to the LEP population; and
- 4) The resources available to Friendship Village Tempe AZ and overall costs to provide LEP assistance. A brief description of these considerations is provided in the following section.

A statement in Spanish will be included in all public outreach notices. Every effort will be made to provide vital information to LEP individuals in the language requested. All relevant documentation will be provided in Spanish as well as any language required upon request

Safe Harbor Provision

Friendship Village Tempe AZ complies with the Safe Harbor Provision, as evidenced by the number of documents available in the Spanish language. With respect to Title VI information, the following shall be made available in Spanish:

- (1) Title VI Notice
- (2) Complaint Procedures
- (3) Complaint Form

In addition, we will conduct our marketing (including using translated materials) in a manner that reaches each LEP group. Vital Documents include the following:

- (1) Notices of free language assistance for persons with LEP
- (2) Notice of Non-Discrimination and Reasonable Accommodation
- (3) Outreach Materials
- (4) Bus Schedules
- (5) Route Changes
- (6) Public Hearings

Title VI Investigations, Complaints, and Lawsuits

This form will be submitted annually. If no investigations, lawsuits, or complaints were filed, a blank form will be submitted.

<i>Name and/or Case Number</i>	<i>Date Case Filed (Month, Day, Year)</i>	<i>Case Summary (include basis of complaint: ex. race, color, national origin)</i>	<i>Case Status/ Response</i>	<i>Case Resolution Action</i>
Investigations				
Lawsuits				
Complaints				

X Friendship Village, Tempe, AZ has not had any Title VI complaints, investigations, or lawsuits in 2021.

Non-elected Committees Membership Table

A sub recipient who selects the membership of transit-related, non-elected planning boards, advisory councils, or committees must provide a table depicting the membership of those organizations broken down by race. Subrecipients also must include a description of the efforts made to encourage participation of minorities on these boards, councils, and committees.

X Friendship Village Tempe AZ does NOT select the membership of any transit-related committees, planning boards, or advisory councils.

Title VI Equity Analysis

A sub recipient planning to acquire land to construct certain types of facilities must not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin, against persons who may, as a result of the construction, be displaced from their homes or businesses. "Facilities" in this context does not include transit stations or bus shelters, but instead refers to storage facilities, maintenance facilities, and operation centers.

There are many steps involved in the planning process prior to the actual construction of a facility. It is during these planning phases that attention needs to be paid to equity and non-discrimination through equity analysis. The Title VI Equity Analysis must be done before the selection of the preferred site.

Note: Even if facility construction is financed with non-FTA funds, if the sub recipient organization receives any FTA dollars, it must comply with this requirement.

The Friendship Village Tempe AZ has no current or anticipated plans to develop new transit facilities covered by these requirements. No facilities covered by these requirements were developed since 1980.

Monitoring for Subrecipient Title VI Compliance

☒ Does NOT monitor sub recipients for Title VI compliance.

Board Approval for the Title VI Program

ATTACH A COPY OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES HERE