

TITLE VI POLICY STATEMENT

Virgin Islands Department of Public Works (VIDPW) is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation, denied benefits, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity, on the basis of race, color, or national origin. VIDPW will effectuate the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 USC Section 2000d), 49 CFR Part 21, and 23 CFR Part 200, FTA Circular 4702.1.B and other nondiscrimination directives. VIDPW will ensure full compliance with these provisions and related statutes and regulations in all of the Department Public Works programs and activities. VIDPW further assures every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all of its programs and activities, whether those programs are federally funded or not.

The Commissioner, as Chief Executive Officer of VIDPW, has the overall responsibility for carrying out the Department's commitment to the Title VI Program. The Title VI Program is a Territory-wide initiative, and all managers, supervisors, and employees share the responsibility of ensuring compliance.

Any person who believes that he or she has been subjected to discrimination or retaliation based on their race, color, or national origin may file a Title VI complaint. Complaints may be filed directly to the Department of Public Works or to the Federal Funding agency. Complaints must be filed in writing and signed by the complainant or a representative and should include the complainant's name, address, and telephone number or other means by which the complainant can be contacted. Complaints must be filed within 180 days of the date of the alleged discriminatory act.

To request additional information on the Department of Public Works' non-discrimination obligations or to file a Title VI Complaint, please submit your request or complaint in writing to:

Civil Rights Program Manager 6002 Anna's Hope Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820 Phone: 340.773.1290 x 2272

Website: sharon.challenger@dpw.vi.gov

Complaint forms can be obtained online at the Department of Public Works website dpw.vi.gov

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Title VI complaints may be filed directly to:

Federal Transit Administration Office of Civil Rights 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590 202-366-4648 TTY 202-366-9696

If you need information in another language, contact 340.773.1290 x 2272. Si necesita información en otro idioma, comuníquese al 340.773.1290 x 2272.

Derek A. Gabriel Commissioner

Date