

Self Certification Requirements

Requirement:

WHEREAS the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI assurance executed by each State under Section 324 of the Title 23 and under Section 794 of Title 29 have been met and the requirements of Executive Order #12898 (Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations) and Executive Order #13166 (Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency) are being addressed; and,

Certification Documentation:

The Shenango Valley Area Transportation Study (SVATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) began developing a revised Public Involvement Plan (PIP) in 2008. The plan specifically identifies tools and techniques to use when reaching out to underserved populations (EJ populations, disabled, LEP). The PIP was adopted by the SVATS MPO at the July 15, 2008 meeting. The PIP included outreach to underserved populations. The outreach is documented and is Exhibit I.

Requirement:

WHEREAS the requirements of Section 1101(b) of SAFETEA-LU (Public Law 109-59) regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in FHWA and FTA funded planning projects (49 CFR Part 26) have been met; and"

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The SVATS Metropolitan Planning Organization had one contract with outside staff in calendar year 2009. The contract was for completion of the PCTI Corridor Study for US-19. The contract was awarded to Whitman, Requardt and Associates Inc. This firm is not DBE certified; however, one of their subconsultants—Olszak Management Consulting—is a DBE firm. The subconsultant's cost is not to exceed \$24,938.02, or 12.48% of the total project cost of \$199,813.76. Documentation of the process is attached.

Requirement:

WHEREAS the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336, 104 Statute 327, as amended) and USDOT regulations entitled "Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities" (49CFR, Parts 27, 37 and 38) have been met; and,

Certification Documentation:

All SVATS MPO meetings are advertised with the inclusion of TTY services available. A copy of the newspaper notification is Exhibit III.

Requirement:

WHEREAS the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) continues to be financially constrained as required by Section 450.216 of the Final Rulemaking issued on October 28, 1993, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) policy on the documentation of financial capacity, published in FTA Circulars.

Certification Documentation:

The SVATS MPO modified the 2009-2012 TIP 4 times in 2009. Prior to approval of each amendment a TIP financial constraint chart was completed. The chart showed the transfer of funding between projects and verified the funding per year was financially constrained. An example of a TIP amendment and financial constraint chart is Exhibit IV.