Title VI Annual Accomplishment Report

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization



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Introduction

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related federal nondiscrimination directives, the Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) assures that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or income status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any CAMPO sponsored program or activity.

The purpose of this report is to describe major Title VI activities conducted by CAMPO between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 (Fiscal Year 2022). This report will be submitted to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Office of Civil Rights, Title VI Team for inclusion in ODOT's Annual Report to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This report provides an overall review of the efficacy of CAMPO's Title VI nondiscrimination procedures and provides information on the following topics:

- **Title VI Plan Changes:** A summary of any approved changes to the Title VI Plan during the reporting period. If changes occurred, a signed copy of the revised Plan will be submitted to the Office of Civil Rights along with this document.
- **Title VI Reporting Structure:** A description of the Title VI reporting structure, including the Title VI Coordinator, MPO Manager, and other staff. This includes a demographic profile of staff associated with CAMPO activities.
- **Title VI Adherence:** A summary of CAMPO's planning, programming activities and a listing of Title VI activities occurring during the past year.
- **Demographic Information:** A summary of demographic information used to review and monitor populations covered under Title VI requirements. Includes a demographic profile of MPO Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committees.
- **Title VI Complaints:** A list of any Title VI complaints received during the reporting period, including the basis for the complaint (ethnicity, gender, etc.) and summary of the outcome or resolution.
- **Trainings & Education:** A list of Title VI Nondiscrimination trainings or educational activities MPO staff participated in.
- Title VI Goals: Description of Title VI goals and objectives for the upcoming year.

This document will also be available on the CAMPO website: www.corvallisareampo.org

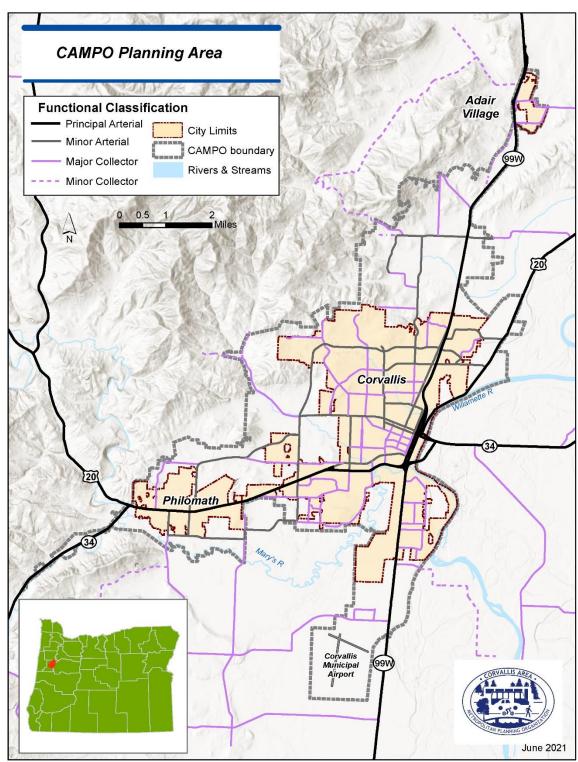
About the Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, CAMPO, is the federally designated MPO for the cities of Adair Village, Corvallis, Philomath, and Benton County. Federal regulations require that MPOs be formed for all Urbanized Areas with a population of 50,000 or more in order to provide for continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning for the region.

CAMPO is governed by a five-member Policy Board consisting of elected representatives from each city or county, as well as a staff person from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The Policy Board operates according to the adopted Operating Guidelines. CAMPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is made up of professional staff of the above entities, the ODOT Regional Planner and a representative from the Albany Transit System. Representatives of relevant federal and state agencies have ex-officio status on the TAC. The TAC reviews technical material and provides recommendations to the Policy Board.

The City of Corvallis is the owner of the Corvallis Transit System and their representation on the MPO Policy Board also represents the interests of the transit system.

The Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, under a contract with the Policy Board, provides fiscal and administrative services, and staffing to CAMPO.



Map 1: CAMPO Planning Area

Title VI Plan Changes

No changes to the CAMPO Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan took place during FY2022. The most recent update to the Plan was completed during FY2021. The update process began by reviewing previous CAMPO Title VI Plans as well as Title VI Plans adopted by other small MPOs in Oregon. Based on this review, staff developed a plan outline and began work on drafting the updated Title VI Plan. The next update to the CAMPO Title VI Plan is expected to place during the Fall of 2023 (FY2024).

Title VI Reporting Structure

CAMPO's staffing –including administrative, bookkeeping, and computer services– are performed by the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) under a contract with the Policy Board. CAMPO is primarily staffed by a single employee with additional support from OCWCOG's Transportation Programs Manager, Operations Supervisor and other administrative and transportation planning staff. OCWCOG staff dedicated to CAMPO activities are located in the Community and Economic Development Department (CED).

Stephen Dobrinich is the sole full-time staff member dedicated to CAMPO activities. As CAMPO's Title VI Coordinator, Stephen is responsible for ensuring compliance with Title VI requirements within the MPO. Stephen reports to Transportation Programs Manager Nicholas Meltzer. Contact information for both parties is listed below.

CAMPO CED Transportation Planner &	OCWCOG Transportation Programs
Title VI Coordinator	Manager
Stephen Dobrinich	Nicholas Meltzer
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(541) 223-7040	(541) 759-1911

The following is a list of staff detailing key demographic information. Both CAMPO staff and OCWCOG staff that support CAMPO activities are listed.

Job Title	Race or Ethnicity	Gender
Transportation Programs Manager	White/Caucasian	Male
Operations Supervisor	Hispanic/Latino	Female
CED Transportation Planner (CAMPO primary staff)	White/Caucasian	Male
Assistant Transportation Planner & ADA Coordinator	White/Caucasian	Female
CED Transportation Planner	White/Caucasian	Female
Administrative Assistant	White/Caucasian	Female
GIS Analyst/ CED Planner	White/Caucasian	Female
Assistant Transportation Planner	White/Caucasian	Male
Community and Economic Development Director	White/Caucasian	Female

Title VI Adherence

During the past year, CAMPO conducted a variety of regional planning activities. Planning efforts and relevant Title VI activities are listed below. Activities are categorized as either ongoing or project specific activities.

Ongoing Activities

Ongoing activities are tasks that are performed routinely over the course of a year or two. Examples of these include the development of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Self-Certification Process, and monthly meetings of the Policy Board and the Technical Advisory Committee. For these activities CAMPO, at a minimum, conducts the following outreach:

- Hold public meetings at convenient and accessible locations and times
- Post meeting dates, agendas and minutes on the CAMPO website: https://corvallisareampo.org/
- Provide reasonable public access to technical and policy information used in the development of plans and programs including posting key documents on the CAMPO website
- Provide a public comment opportunity on each Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee meeting agenda and invite the public to submit written comments electronically or on paper
- Utilize graphics and other visualization techniques, when appropriate, to describe MPO plans and programs (e.g. maps, graphs, photos, presentations, drawings)
- Extend outreach to existing advisory groups and other key stakeholders with updates and information on CAMPO plans and activities
- Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, including low-income and minority households, persons with disabilities, and seniors

During the FY2022 time period CAMPO held monthly Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings. Policy Board and TAC agendas and packets were posted to CAMPO's website and sent out via email to an interested parties list one week prior to each meeting. All Policy Board and TAC meetings are open to the public and have time reserved for public comments. Upon request CAMPO offers meeting accommodations, such as sign language and interpretive services, for those who need such services.

CAMPO's FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was developed during this accomplishment reporting period. CAMPO staff began drafting the FY2023 UPWP during the fall of 2021 and finalized a draft during in 2022. The UPWP was adopted by the CAMPO Policy Board on May 11, 2022. For the development of the UPWP CAMPO engaged stakeholders in the following ways:

- Emailing stakeholders and interested parties regarding draft UPWP discussion and opportunity for public comments via email or during regularly schedules CAMPO meetings
- Holding a 15-day comment period (March 3 to March 17, 2022) prior to a decision by the Policy Board to adopt the UPWP
- Providing public comment opportunities at all Policy Board and TAC meetings
- Providing notifications regarding the UPWP public comment period on the CAMPO website, along with agendas and minutes for all Policy Board and TAC meetings

CAMPO also coordinated with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) on their public involvement and consultation processes on amendments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). During FY2022 a

number of amendments to the FY2021-24 STIP/MTIP were discussed and approved during Policy Board and TAC meetings with summary information included in meeting packets and on the CAMPO website. In some instances, amendment information was also published in the Corvallis Gazette-Times.

Project Specific Activities

Project specific activities are long-range transportation efforts that are undertaken periodically. Examples of these include the development and periodic update of CAMPO's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) or the undertaking of special studies. These are performed every two to five years. For these functions, CAMPO develops a specific public involvement program prior to the commencement of the activity. The specially tailored programs, at minimum, include all the elements listed above for ongoing activities and also include targeted public outreach and solicitation of public comments.

Regional Transportation Plan Update:

During FY2022 CAMPO completed an update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The newly adopted 2043 RTP analyzes system needs over the next 20 years and outlines projects and policies guiding the development of a multi-modal transportation system (including transit, highway, bicycle, pedestrian, and accessible transportation). This was a multi-step project which took over a year to complete. As part of this process, CAMPO held six virtual open house events for stakeholder engagement and requested input from key partners and the general public.

Two virtual open house events were held on July 20, 2021 as part of the initial public outreach stage of the project. This was followed by an intermediate outreach phase with two additional virtual open house events held on October 25, 2021. Final public outreach took place during in early 2022 with two final open house sessions held virtually on January 10, 2022. More information about public outreach and a final version of the CAMPO 2043 RTP can be found on this webpage: https://corvallisareampo.org/planning-programming/rtp/

Demographic Information

This section details demographic data used by CAMPO in relation to Title VI as well as a demographic profile of CAMPO's Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee.

Demographic Data

CAMPO collects demographic information for the MPO area to review and monitor populations covered under Title VI requirements. The table below summarizes key demographics that are used by CAMPO.

Measure	Value	Source
Percent of population living below the poverty line	24.0%	2015-2019 5-Year ACS, Table B17021
Percent of minority population	22.6%	2015-2019 5-Year ACS, Table B03002
Percent of population age 65+	13.2%	2015-2019 5-Year ACS, Table B01001
Percent of population with disabilities	10.7%	2015-2019 5-Year ACS, Table DP02
Percent of population that speaks English less than "very well"	5.7%	2015-2019 5-Year ACS, Table B16004

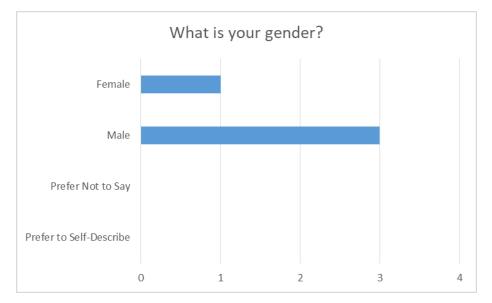
Demographic Profile of Policy and Advisory Committees

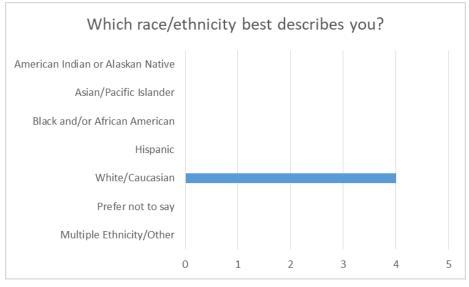
During October of 2020 staff requested that members of the CAMPO Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee complete a three question demographic survey.¹ Survey results are outlined in the sections below.

Policy Board

CAMPO's Policy Board is made up of five members. Policy Board members represent the cities of Adair Village, Corvallis, and Philomath, Benton County, and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). All Policy Board members are elected officials with the exception of ODOT's representative.

Four of the five Policy Board members responded to CAMPO's demographic survey. Their responses are captured in the charts below.





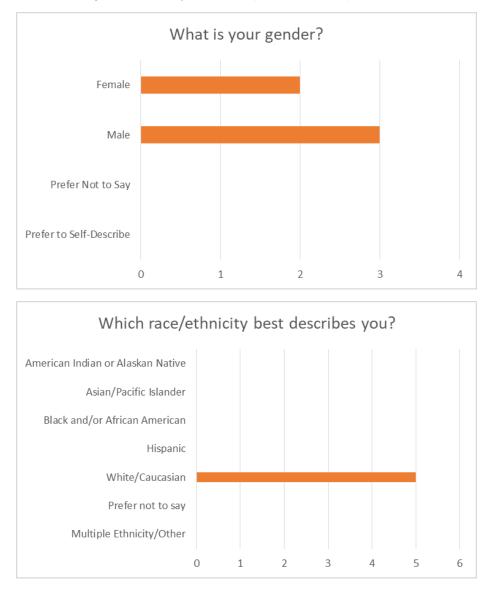
¹ Survey update will take place in fall 2023

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Technical Advisory Committee

CAMPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is made up of seven members. TAC members represent the cities of Adair Village, Corvallis, and Philomath, Benton County, Oregon State University, Albany Transit System, and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

All TAC members are staff persons with their respective agency. Five TAC members responded to CAMPO's demographic survey. Their responses are captured in the charts below.



Title VI Complaints

There were no Title VI complaints filed for CAMPO projects, programs or activities between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

Trainings & Education

CAMPO staff participated in the following trainings and educational activities during FY2022:

- July 25-31, 2021 National ADA Symposium Katie Trebes, ADA Coordinator
 - Access to Transportation
 - o Areas of Assembly for Title II and Title III
 - o Creating Accessible Digital Documents
 - Emergency Management and the ADA
 - Equal Access to Health Care Services for Individuals with Disabilities
 - \circ $\,$ Social Media and the ADA $\,$
- November 9, 2021 Steve Dobrinich, Transportation Planner
 - o U.S. Department of Transportation Public Meeting on Justice40: Session 1 of 2
- November 30, 2021 Katie Trebes, ADA Coordinator
 - o Participation in ADA Focus Group for Accessibility in the Rights-of-Way, City of Albany
- April 2022 Katie Trebes, ADA Coordinator
 - Review of Rights of Way Draft, City of Albany
- May 11, 2022: Professional Development Lunch and Learn (Trauma Informed Care) Module 1 Steve Dobrinich, Transportation Planner
 - o <u>https://traumainformedoregon.org/resources/training/tic-intro-training-modules/#</u>
- June 8, 2022
 - Professional Development Lunch and Learn (Trauma Informed Care) Module 2 & 3 Steve Dobrinich, Transportation Planner
 <u>https://traumainformedoregon.org/resources/training/tic-intro-training-modules/#</u>
- June 21, 2022 Katie Trebes, ADA Coordinator
 - ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Citywide and Parks Advisory Group Meeting, City of Albany

Title VI Goals

CAMPO's goals related to Title VI for the upcoming year include the following.

- Continue utilizing virtual engagement practices while hosting more meetings in a hybrid (virtual and in-person) format
- Continue to participate in webinars, trainings and other education opportunities related to Title VI and Environmental Justice topics
- Continue reading and participating in critical group discussions of books related to transportation and race
- Prepare for update to the CAMPO Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan; adoption planned for fall of 2023 (FY2024)
- Prepare for update to CAMPO Public Participation; adoption planned for fall of 2023 (FY2024)