

Dear Community Members:

Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority provides public transportation services for Cape Girardeau County. These services are available to everyone. We receive funding through the Federal Transit Administration and as a recipient of federal funding we are required to maintain a current Title VI policy for our organization.

Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states the following: No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Additionally, Title VI extends its protection of non-discrimination to Limited English Proficient (LEP) persons. This refers to persons for whom English is not their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English. It includes people who reported to the U.S. Census that they speak English less than very well, not well, or not at all.

We have recently updated our Title VI policy and are reaching out to the community to invite you to review and comment on the policy. A draft may be found on our website www.cgcta.com under the public notices section or you may contact our administrative offices to receive a printed copy of the proposed policy. If you have questions or comments about the Title VI Program, please contact our office at 573-335-5533.

We will conduct a 30-day public comment period beginning April 18, 2023. To promote public participation we will hold a public meeting for any interested parties to ask questions or have concerns addressed. This public meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on May 1, 2023, at our administrative office located at 937 Broadway Street, Suite 200, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

During the public comment period we will accept comments via email (<u>info@cgcta.com</u>), USPS mail, phone or in person.

Please feel free to share our invitation for public review and participation with anyone you think may have an interest.

Sincerely,

Kelley Watson

Accounting Manager

Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority

Please be advised that print materials from our office are available in alternative formats upon request, including braille and large print. We also offer language assistance for CTA transit services. These services may be requested by contacting our administrative office and are available free of charge.