

Title VI - Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning's Notice to Beneficiaries

The Division of Statewide Planning (Statewide Planning) operates its programs, services, and activities in compliance with federal nondiscrimination laws including [Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#), the [Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987](#), and related statutes and regulations. Title VI prohibits discrimination in federally assisted programs and requires that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin (including limited English proficiency), be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal assistance. Related federal nondiscrimination laws administered by the [Federal Highway Administration](#), the [Federal Transit Administration](#), or both prohibit discrimination on the basis of age, sex, and disability. These protected categories are contemplated within Statewide Planning's Title VI Program consistent with federal interpretation and administration. Additionally, Statewide Planning provides meaningful access to its programs, services, and activities to individuals with limited English proficiency, in compliance with [US Department of Transportation](#) policy and guidance on federal [Executive Order 13166](#).

To request additional information about Statewide Planning's Civil Rights obligations please contact Benny Bergantino, Title VI Coordinator at Benny.Bergantino@doa.ri.gov or (401) 222-1755. Persons wishing to file complaints under Title VI should do so within 180 days of the alleged occurrence. Complaints may be submitted in writing to the Title VI Coordinator using the [Title VI/Civil Rights Complaint Form](#) or [Title VI/Civil Rights Complaint form for other Languages](#), or by contacting Mr. Bergantino at the above telephone or email address. Reasonable accommodations will be provided to anyone needing assistance due to physical, sensory impairments or a disability to request information or file a complaint. This assistance is available by contacting Thomas Mannock, Ph.D. at 222-6377 (voice) or #711 (R.I. Relay).