

FLAGSTAFF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (METROPLAN)

Fiscal Year 2026 Accomplishments & Goals for Fiscal Year 2027



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INTRODUCTION

The Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization (dba MetroPlan) is primarily funded by federal transportation taxes passed through the Arizona Department of Transportation. As such, MetroPlan is responsible for assuring non-discrimination in its activities per Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

MetroPlan is responsible for conducting technical modeling of the transportation system, facilitating the interaction of federal, state, and local agencies dealing with transportation issues, preparation of financial analysis and project programming, and providing opportunities for public involvement.

All persons living, working, conducting business, and visiting the region are beneficiaries of the planning, coordination, and construction activities of the MPO. MetroPlan does not construct projects: this activity is accorded to member agencies. The safe movement of goods and people is supported by providing and maintaining a transportation network and facilities.

MetroPlan assures that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, sex/ gender, ability, limited English proficiency, low-income status, gender identity or expression or sexual orientation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any MetroPlan transportation planning sponsored program or activity. MetroPlan assures that every reasonable effort will be made to prevent discrimination through the impacts of its programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations within its region.

This report addresses MetroPlan's accomplishments in fiscal year 2026 and the goals set for 2027 related to Title VI compliance.

FY26 MetroPlan Accomplishments

I. Accomplishments – Program Area Review

- Conducted 15 Board and Committee meetings and one joint Board/TAC work session. Title VI Notice to the Public was posted electronically on the MetroPlan website and physically at the MetroPlan offices. Time for citizen comments was reserved at the start of all meetings. Agendas, minutes, and recordings of all meetings are available on the MetroPlan website.
- The updated Title VI Plan was adopted by the MetroPlan Executive Board on June 7, 2026. The updated plan is available to the public on the MetroPlan website.
- The 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program was completed and is compliant with Title VI.
- In March 2026, we completed a Title VI compliance review of MetroPlan procurement procedures and contract templates to ensure that all federal assurances are included.

II. Accomplishments: Subrecipient Reviews

In FY26, MetroPlan conducted a documentary review of one sub-recipient, Mountain Line, which included a review of the master subrecipient agreement and current Title VI Plan. The subrecipient was compliant with Title VI requirements, and no action was taken.

III. Accomplishments – Title VI Training

- January 2026 – Conducted Title VI Implementation Plan training for MetroPlan Executive Board, Technical Advisory Committee, and Staff
- 2/20/2026 – Title VI Coordinator attended ADOT Annual FHWA/FTA Title VI Training for MPO/COG

IV. Accomplishments: Complaint Procedures

In FY26, MetroPlan did not receive any complaints relating to Title VI. There were no lawsuits filed against MetroPlan in the fiscal year 2026. See the Title VI Plan for a description of the MetroPlan complaint process. The complaint form and process are also posted on the MetroPlan website, in both English and Spanish.

FY27 MetroPlan Goals

I. Goals – Reviews

Program Area Reviews

- Update the Title VI Plan for FY28 in accordance with ADOT, FHWA and FTA requirements.

Subrecipient Reviews

- New Award Review – During development, the Business Manager, Executive Director, and contract attorney review the sub-recipient master agreement to ensure inclusion of all Title VI assurances.
- Post-Award Review – At the beginning of FY27, the Business Manager will review current sub-recipients to ensure the agency has a current Title VI plan, has implemented Title VI complaint procedures, and has completed Title VI training within the last 12 months.

II. Goals – Training

- Annual Title VI training sessions with the Executive Board, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Staff, and current sub-recipients will be conducted in January 2027.
- Ensure new subrecipients are compliant with Title VI at the inception of the contract period and provide training or support where needed.

III. Other Title VI Goals for FY2027

Demographic Composition of MetroPlan Planning Region

- Maintain Title VI demographic data. See Appendix A of the FY2027 Title VI Plan for the most up-to-date demographic data relating to the MetroPlan Planning Region.

Maintain Appropriate Levels of Access and Communication

- Title VI Notice to Public – Update MetroPlan Title VI notice as needed and post on MetroPlan’s website and at MetroPlan offices.

Transit Planning Coordination

- Continue to work closely with Mountain Line and ADOT to recruit applications for the combined 5310 Program. The Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan updates take place on time in partnership with Mountain Line.

Local Transportation Planning Coordination

- Provide technical assistance and regional policy oversight to City, County, and State area planning processes within the MetroPlan region.

Unified Planning Work Program

- Update the Title VI Population data and analysis based on available American Community Survey Data.
- Make the UPWP available in other languages upon request. Note: Posted on the website under Plans.

Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

MetroPlan's Strategic Work Plan includes a set of goals and key performance indicators (KPIs) relevant to Title VI and Public Participation:

- Goal 2: Deliver Plans that Meet Partner and Community Needs
 - Objective 2.1: Maintain trust through reliable and transparent project management.
 - Objective 2.2: Expand inclusion of transportation disadvantaged community members and organizations in planning processes from setting planning priorities to implementing outcomes.
 - Objective 2.3: Fill gaps in transportation data and make data accessible.
 - Objective 2.4: Position partners for successful implementation of plans.
 - Objective 2.5: Support Vision Zero principles by prioritizing strategies, programs, and projects that reduce transportation-related fatalities and serious injuries.
 - Key Performance Indicators
 1. Involvement of stakeholders in scoping through final recommendations
 2. Participant demographics reflect community demographics
 3. Maintain strategic data sets collected and make available on the website
 4. For MetroPlan policies and strategies, include actions to implement in UPWP and staff workloads. For partners' actions, be clear in scoping about implementation and provide clear implementation steps
 5. Percent of prioritized programs and projects to increase safety
- Goal 3: Build MetroPlan's Visibility in the Community, emphasizing Safety Education
 - Objective 3.1: Develop creative education opportunities.
 - Objective 3.2: Expand MetroPlan's visibility through marketing that elevates transportation safety and Vision Zero principles.
 - - Key Performance Indicators
 1. Number of public outreach events attended or organized
 2. Number of people/organizations interacted with annually

- 3. Growth in digital trends, such as followers and reach
- Goal 4: Implement Programs that Encourage Mode Shift
 - Objective 4.1: Support active transportation as a viable everyday option through multimodal infrastructure development, multimodal demonstration, and pilot projects.
 - Objective 4.2: Initiate programs at K-12 schools to reduce parent pick up and drop off.
 - Objective 4.3: Educate the public about economic, health, congestion, climate, equity, and other benefits of multimodal transportation.
 - Key Performance Indicators
 - 1. Increase percentage of trips made by walking, cycling, micro-mobility and public transit broadly and at schools
 - 2. Number of schools collaborating on and incorporating Safe Routes to Schools curriculum and initiatives