Announcement: COIN 15-03 “Title VI Compliance by Local Agencies" was posted to the Local Assistance LAPM Publications website at http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/COIN/index.htm

Background:
The Local Agencies as recipients of Federal financial assistance are required to comply with various nondiscrimination laws and regulations including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 amended each of the affected statutes by adding a section defining the word “program” to make clear that discrimination is prohibited throughout an entire agency if any part of the agency receives federal financial assistance. Recent Local Agency Compliance Reviews conducted by Caltrans on their Title VI Programs have highlighted the lack of awareness by the Local Agencies on Title VI Compliance thus leading to the lack of enforcement of the Title VI Program or the total absence of the Title VI Program, which is mandated for the Local Agencies receiving Federal financial assistance.

Clarification:
This COIN brings attention to the fact that Local Agencies receiving Federal financial assistance are required to institute and maintain a Title VI Program in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes as required by 23 CFR Part 200. The COIN summarizes and presents the Local Agency Requirements on Title VI Compliance. Sections 1 through 4 provide specific guidelines for Local Agencies on Title VI compliance. The Local Agencies are encouraged to follow the guidance provided by Caltrans in instituting and maintaining their Title VI Programs.

Impacts:
This COIN pertains to all Local Agencies receiving Federal financial assistance.

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