

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission

## **South East Texas Transit Title VI Complaint Procedures**

Any person who believes she or he has been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, or national origin by South East Texas Transit (SETT) may file a Title VI complaint by completing and submitting the agency's Title VI Complaint Form. SETT investigates complaints received no more than 180 days after the alleged incident. The SETT will process complaints that are complete.

Once the complaint is received, the SETT will review it to determine if our office has jurisdiction. The complainant will receive an acknowledgement letter informing her/him whether the complaint will be investigated by our office.

The SETT has 14 days to investigate the complaint. If more information is needed to resolve the case, the SETT may contact the complainant. The complainant has 7 business days from the date of the letter to send requested information to the investigator assigned to the case. If the investigator is not contacted by the complainant or does not receive the additional information within 10 business days, the SETT can administratively close the case. A case can be administratively closed also if the complainant no longer wishes to pursue their case.

After the investigator reviews the complaint, she/he will issue one of two letters to the complainant: a closure letter or a letter of finding (LOF). A closure letter summarizes the allegations and states that there was not a Title VI violation and that the case will be closed. A LOF summarizes the allegations and the interviews regarding the alleged incident, and explains whether any disciplinary action, additional training of the staff member or other action will occur. If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision, she/he has 14 days after the date of the letter or the LOF to do so.