ARDOT FTA Title VI Complaint Procedures

The following procedures cover complaints filed under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987. Any person who believes they, or any specific class of persons, were subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in programs or activities of a Federal-aid Recipient may file a complaint. According to U.S. DOT regulations, 49 CFR § 21.11(b), a complaint must be filed not later than 180 days after the date of the alleged discrimination, unless the time for filing is extended by the investigating agency. If filed with ARDOT, then ARDOT will ensure that all complaints are sent to the appropriate authority for disposition.

Complaints alleging violations of Title VI should be filed in writing directly with one of the following agencies:

Director, FTA Office of Civil Rights East Building, 5th Floor – TCR 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590

Arkansas Department of Transportation Joanna P. McFadden, Civil Rights Officer 10324 Interstate 30 Little Rock, AR 72209 Email: <u>Joanna.mcfadden@ardot.gov</u> Telephone: (501) 569-2298 (voice/TTY 711)

ARDOT will retain a log of all Title VI complaints received by ARDOT Civil Rights Division for at least five (5) years. The log shall include the date the complaint was filed, a summary of the allegations, the status of the complaint, and actions taken in response of the complaint.

Alternate formats of this policy (large print, Braille, audiotape) are available upon request. Please contact Joanna McFadden at (501) 569-2298 (voice/TTY 711).