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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0194-24

DATE: July 22, 2024

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING THE NAVAJO TRANSIT SYSTEM TITLE VI PROGRAM PLAN

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to approve the Navajo Transit System Title VI Program Plan, as required under Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation's regulations found at 49 C.F.R. Part 21.

Final Authority: Resources and Development Committee

Vote Required: Simple Majority

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the proposed resolution in detail.

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Eligible for Ac	ction: <u>07-30-24</u>	
1	PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION	
2	25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Second Year, 2024	
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10	AN ACTION	
11	RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;	
12	APPROVING THE NAVAJO TRANSIT SYSTEM TITLE VI PROGRAM PLAN	
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14	BE IT RESOLVED:	
15	SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY	
16	A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council	
17	oversees the Navajo Division of Transportation and the planning and coordinating	
18	of all roads and transportation activities of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§	
19	500(C)(6), 501(C)(1).	
20	B. Pursuant to Resolution CO-59-21, the Navajo Transit System was moved from the	
21	Navajo Division of General Services to the Navajo Division of Transportation and	
22	the Navajo Nation Council oversight committee for Navajo Transit System was	
23	changed from the Heath, Education and Services Committee to the Resources and	
24	Development Committee.	
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26	SECTION TWO. FINDINGS	
27	A. Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (herein referred to as "Title VI")	
28	protects people from discrimination based on race, color, and national origin in	
29	programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance.	
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- B. The U.S. Department of Transportation ("DOT")'s regulations found at 49 C.F.R. Part 21 are designed to ensure that Title VI is upheld under any program that DOT financially assists.
- C. All recipients receiving financial assistance from the Federal Transit
  Administration ("FTA"), including Indian tribes, are subject to Title VI and
  DOT's implementing regulations.
- D. Navajo Transit System receives program funds as a direct recipient of the FTA's Tribal Transit Program (5311(c)) and as a direct recipient of other FTA programs (Rural 5311), and is therefore required to have an approved Title VI Program Plan.
- E. The Navajo Transit System Title VI Program Plan is herein attached as **Exhibit** A.
- F. Executive Official Review Document Number 022138, including a determination by the Navajo Nation Department of Justice deeming the document "legally sufficient", is herein attached as **Exhibit B**.
- G. The Resources and Development Committee deems it in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to approve the Navajo Transit System Title VI Program Plan.

## SECTION THREE. APPROVAL

A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the Navajo Transit Sytem's Title VI Program Plan, which is attached as **Exhibit A**.