# County of Richardson, Nebraska Title VI Nondiscrimination Assurances

DOT Order No. 1050.2A

The **County of Richardson, Nebraska**, (herein referred to as the "Recipient"), **HEREBY AGREES THAT**, as a condition to receiving any Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) through Federal Highway Administration and Nebraska Department of Transportation, is subject to and will comply with the following:

#### Statutory/Regulatory Authorities

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin);
- 49 C.F.R. Part 21 (entitled Non-discrimination In Federally-Assisted Programs Of The Department Of Transportation—Effectuation Of Title VI Of The Civil Rights Act Of 1964);
- 28 C.F.R. section 50.3 (U.S. Department of Justice Guidelines for Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)

The preceding statutory and regulatory cites hereinafter are referred to as the "Acts" and "Regulations," respectively.

#### **General Assurances**

In accordance with the Acts, the Regulations, and other pertinent directives, circulars, policy, memoranda, and/or guidance, the Recipient hereby gives assurance that it will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that:

"No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity," for which the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance from DOT, including the Federal Highway Administration.

The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 clarified the original intent of Congress, with respect to Title VI and other Non-discrimination requirements (The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), by restoring the broad, institutional-wide scope and coverage of these non-discrimination statutes and requirements to include all programs and activities of the Recipient, so long as any portion of the program is Federally assisted.

#### Specific Assurances

More specifically, and without limiting the above general Assurance, the Recipient hereby gives the following Assurances with respect to its Federal-Aid Highway Program:

- 1. The Recipient agrees that each "activity," "facility," or "program" as defined in §§ 21.23(b) and 21.23(e) of 49 CFR § 21 will be (with regard to an "activity") facilitated, or will be (with regard to a "facility") operated, or will be (with regard to a "program") conducted in compliance with all requirements imposed by, or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations.
- The Recipient will insert the following notification in all solicitations for bids, Requests for Proposals for work, or material subject to the Acts and Regulations made in connection with all Federal Aid Highway Program and, in adapted form, in all proposals for negotiated agreements regardless of funding source:

"The County of Richardson, Nebraska, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contact entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award."

- 3. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix A and E of this Assurance in every contract or agreement subject to the Act and the Regulations.
- 4. The Recipient will insert the clauses of Appendix B of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any deed from the United States effecting or recording a transfer of real property, structures, use, or improvements thereon or interest therein to a Recipient.
- 5. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance to construct a facility, or part of a facility, the Assurance will extend to the entire facility and facilities operated in connection therewith.
- 6. That where the Recipient receives Federal financial assistance in the form, or for the acquisition of real property or an interest in real property, the Assurance shall extend to rights to space on, over, or under such property.
- 7. That the Recipient will include the clauses set forth in Appendix C and Appendix D of this Assurance, as a covenant running with the land, in any future deeds, leases, permits, licenses, or similar instruments entered into by the Recipient with other parties:
  - (a) for the subsequent transfer of real property acquired or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program; and
  - (b) for the construction or use of, or access to, space on, over, or under real property acquired, or improved under the applicable activity, project, or program.
- 8. That this Assurance obligates the Recipient for the period during which Federal financial assistance is extended to the program, except where the Federal financial assistance is to provide, or is in the form of, personal property, or real property, or interest therein, or structures or improvements thereon, in which case the Assurance obligates the Recipient, or any transferee for the longer of the following periods:
  - (a) the period during which the property is used for a purpose for which the Federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits; or
  - (b) the period during which the Recipient retains ownership or possession of the property.
- 9. The Recipient will provide for such methods of administration for the program as are found by the Secretary of Transportation or the official to whom he/she delegates specific authority to give reasonable guarantee that it, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors, consultants, transferees, successors in interest, and other participants of Federal financial assistance under such program will comply with all requirements imposed or pursuant to the Act, the Regulations and this Assurance.
- 10. The Recipient agrees that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under the Act, the Regulations, and this Assurance.

By signing this ASSURANCE, County of Richardson, Nebraska, also agrees to comply (and require any sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, successors, transferees, and/or assignees to comply) with all applicable provisions governing Federal Highway Administration or Nebraska Department of Transportation access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff. You also recognize that you must comply with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by the Federal Highway Administration or Nebraska Department of Transportation. You must keep records, reports, and submit the material for review upon request to *Federal Highway Administration, Nebraska Department of Transportation,* or its designee in a timely, complete, and accurate way. Additionally, you must comply with all other reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by law or detailed in program guidance.

County of Richardson, Nebraska, gives this ASSURANCE in consideration of and for obtaining any Federal grants, loans, contracts, agreements, property, and/or discounts, or other Federal-aid and Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the recipients by the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Federal Highway Administration and Nebraska Department of Transportation. This ASSURANCE is binding on Nebraska, other recipients, sub-recipients, sub-grantees, contractors, subcontractors and their subcontractors', transferees, successors in interest, and any other participants in the Federal Aid Highway Program. The person(s) signing below is authorized to sign this ASSURANCE on behalf of the Recipient.

Signature of Responsible Agency Officia

Richardson County Board of Commissioners John Caverzagie, Chairman

Name and Title of Responsible Agency Official (please print)

July 24442024

Date

#### **APPENDIX A**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees as follows:

- (1) Compliance with Regulations: The contractor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Acts and Regulations relative to Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, or the Nebraska Department of Transportation, as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
- (2) Non-discrimination: The contractor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The contractor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.
- (3) Solicitations for Subcontractors, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the contractor of the contractor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to Non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.
- (4) Information and Reports: The contractor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Recipient, the Federal Highway Administration, or Nebraska Department of Transportation to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a contractor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the contractor will so certify to the Recipient or the Federal Highway Administration, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- (5) Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of a contractor's noncompliance with the Non-discrimination provisions of this contract, the Recipient will impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration or Nebraska Department of Transportation may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
  - (a.) withholding payments to the contractor under the contract until the contractor complies; and/or
  - (b.) cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
- (6) Incorporation of Provisions: The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs one through six in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto. The contractor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as the Recipient, the Federal Highway Administration, or Nebraska Department of Transportation may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that, if the contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation with a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the contractor may request the Recipient to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of the Recipient. In addition, the contractor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

#### APPENDIX B

#### CLAUSES FOR DEEDS TRANSFERRING UNITED STATES PROPERTY

The following clauses shall be included in deeds effecting or recording the transfer of real property, structures, or improvements thereon, or granting interest therein from the United States pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 4:

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the U.S. Department of Transportation as authorized by law and upon the condition that the **County of Richardson, Nebraska**, will accept title to the lands and maintain the project constructed thereon, in accordance with all applicable federal statutes, the Regulations for the Administration of the Federal-*Aid Highway* Program and the policies and procedures prescribed by the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance and in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation pertaining to and effectuating the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. § 2000d to 2000d-4), does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and convey unto the **County of Richardson, Nebraska,** all the right, title and interest of the U.S. Department of Transportation in and to said lands described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

#### (HABENDUM CLAUSE)

**TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** said lands and interests therein unto **County of Richardson**, **Nebraska**, and its successors forever, subject, however, to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations herein contained as follows, which will remain in effect for the period during which the real property or structures are used for a purpose for which Federal financial assistance is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits and will be binding on the **County of Richardson**, **Nebraska**, its successors and assigns.

The County of Richardson, Nebraska, in consideration or the conveyance of said lands and interests in lands, does hereby covenant and agree as a covenant running with the land for itself, its successors and assigns, that (1) no person will on the grounds of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with regard to any facility located wholly or in part on, over, or under such lands hereby conveyed [,] [and)\* (2) that the County of Richardson, Nebraska, will use the lands and interests in lands and interests in lands so conveyed, in compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as said Regulations and Acts may be amended [, and (3) that in the event of breach of any of the above-mentioned non-discrimination conditions, the Department will have a right to enter or re-enter said lands and facilities on said land, and that above described land and facilities will thereon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the U.S. Department of Transportation and its assigns as such interest existed prior to this instruction].\*

(\*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary in order to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

#### **APPENDIX C**

## CLAUSES FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED OR IMPROVED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY, OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in all deeds, licenses, leases, permits, or similar instruments entered into by the **County of Richardson**, **Nebraska**, pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(a).

- A. The (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree [in the case of deeds and leases add "as a covenant running with the land"] that:
  - 1. In the event facilities are constructed, maintained, or otherwise operated on the property described in this (deed, license, lease, permit, etc.) for a purpose for which a U.S. Department of Transportation activity, facility, or program is extended or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits, the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will maintain and operate such facilities and services in compliance with all requirements imposed by the Acts and Regulations (as may be amended) such that no person on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities.
- B. With respect to licenses, leases, permits, etc., in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, **County of Richardson, Nebraska**, will have the right to terminate the (lease, license, permit, etc.) and to enter, re-enter, and repossess said lands and facilities thereon, and hold the same as if the (lease, license, permit, etc.) had never been made or issued.\*
- C. With respect to a deed, in the event of breach of any of the above Nondiscrimination covenants, the County of Richardson, Nebraska, will have the right to enter or re-enter the lands and facilities thereon, and the above described lands and facilities shall there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of the County of Richardson, Nebraska, and its assigns.\*

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#### **APPENDIX D**

## CLAUSES FOR CONSTRUCTION/USE/ACCESS TO REAL PROPERTY ACQUIRED UNDER THE ACTIVITY, FACILITY OR PROGRAM

The following clauses will be included in deeds, licenses, permits, or similar instruments/agreements entered into by **County of Richardson, Nebraska**, pursuant to the provisions of Assurance 7(b):

- A. The (grantee, licensee, permittee, etc., as appropriate) for himself/herself, his/her heirs, personal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns, as a part of the consideration hereof, does hereby covenant and agree (in the case of deeds and leases add, "as a covenant running with the land") that (1) no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the use of said facilities, (2) that in the construction of any improvements on, over, or under such land, and the furnishing of services thereon, no person on the ground of race, color, or national origin, will be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, (3) that the (grantee, licensee, lessee, permittee, etc.) will use the premises in compliance with all other requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Acts and Regulations, as amended, set forth in this Assurance.
- B. With respect to (licenses, leases, permits, etc.), in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, **County of Richardson**, **Nebraska**, will have the right to terminate the (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) and to enter or re-enter and repossess said land and the facilities thereon, and hold the same as if said (license, permit, etc., as appropriate) had never been made or issued.\*
- C. With respect to deeds, in the event of breach of any of the above Non-discrimination covenants, County of Richardson, Nebraska, will there upon revert to and vest in and become the absolute property of County of Richardson, Nebraska, and its assigns.\*

(\*Reverter clause and related language to be used only when it is determined that such a clause is necessary to make clear the purpose of Title VI.)

#### **APPENDIX E**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the "contractor") agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

### Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21.
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. § 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability); and 49 CFR Part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, (49 USC § 471, Section 47123), as amended, (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex);
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (PL 100-209), (Broadened the scope, coverage and applicability of
  Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the
  Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of
  the programs or activities of the Federal-aid recipients, sub-recipients and contractors, whether such
  programs or activities are Federally funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189) as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 C.F.R. parts 37 and 38;
- The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-discrimination statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex);
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, which ensures discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100);
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, which prohibits you from discriminating because of sex in education programs or activities (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq).

## County of Richardson, Nebraska Title VI Implementation Plan

## **Policy Statement**

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes, the **County of Richardson**, **Nebraska**, ensures that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits or services of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in all programs, services, or activities administered by the **County of Richardson**, **Nebraska**.

Signature of Responsible Agency Official Richardson County Board of Commissioners

John Caverzagie Chairman
Name and Title of Responsible Agency Official (please print)

July 24, 2024

Date

### **Organization and Staffing**

Pursuant to 23 CFR 200, County of Richardson, Nebraska, has appointed a Title VI Coordinator who is responsible for County of Richardson, Nebraska, Title VI Program.

(Provide contact information for the agency's Title VI Coordinator and an organization chart illustrating the level and placement of Title VI Coordinator within the Agency.)

Richardson County Board of Commissioners c/o Richardson County Clerk Courthouse, Room 203 1700 Stone Street Falls City, NE 68355 402-245-2911 clerk@richardsoncountyne.gov

## Implementation Procedures

This document shall serve as the Local Public Agency's (hereinafter referred to as the LPA) Title VI Plan pursuant to 23 CFR 200 and 49 CFR 21. For the purposes of this Title VI Implementation Plan, "Federal Assistance" shall include:

- 1) grants and loans of Federal funds,
- 2) the grant or donation of Federal property and interest in property,
- 3) the detail of Federal personnel,
- 4) the sale and lease of, and the permission to use (on other than a casual or transient basis), Federal property or any interest in such property without consideration or at a nominal consideration, or at a consideration which is reduced for the purpose of assisting the LPA, or in recognition of the public interest to be served by such sale or lease to the LPA, and
- 5) any Federal agreement, arrangement, or other contract which has as one of its purposes, the provision of assistance.

#### The LPA shall:

- a) Issue a policy statement, signed by the head of the LPA, which expresses its commitment to the nondiscrimination provisions of Title VI. The policy statement shall be circulated throughout the LPA's organization and to the general public. Such information shall be published where appropriate in languages other than English.
- b) Take affirmative action to correct any deficiencies found by the Federal Highway Administration, Nebraska Department of Transportation, or the U.S. Department of Transportation within a reasonable time period, not to exceed 90 days, in order to implement Title VI compliance in accordance with this agreement. The head of the LPA shall be held responsible for implementing Title VI requirements.
- c) Designate a coordinator who has a responsible position in the organization and easy access to the head of the LPA. The coordinator shall be responsible for initiating and monitoring Title VI activities and preparing required reports.
- d) Develop and implement a community outreach and public education program.
- e) Process complaints of discrimination consistent with the provisions contained in this agreement. Investigations shall be conducted by civil rights personnel trained in discrimination complaint investigation. Identify each complainant by race, color, national origin or sex, the nature of the complaint, the date the complaint was filed, the date the investigation was completed, the disposition,

the date of the disposition, and other pertinent information. A copy of the complaint, together with a copy of the LPA's report of investigation, will be forwarded to NDOT's Highway Civil Rights Manager within 10 days of the date the complaint was received by the LPA.

- f) Collect statistical data (race, color, national origin, sex) of participants in, and beneficiaries of the programs and activities conducted by the LPA.
- g) Conduct Title VI reviews of the LPA and subrecipient contractor/consultant program areas and activities. Revise where applicable, policies, procedures and directives to include Title VI requirements.
- h) Conduct training programs on Title VI and related statutes.
- i) Prepare a yearly report of Title VI accomplishments for the last year and goals for the next year.
  - 1) Annual Work Plan
    - Outline Title VI monitoring and review activities planned for the coming year; identify which
      activities will be accomplished and target date for completion.
  - 2) Accomplishment Report
    - List major accomplishments made regarding Title VI activities. Include instances where
      Title VI issues were identified, and discrimination was prevented. Indicate activities and
      efforts the Title VI Coordinator and program area personnel have undertaken in monitoring
      Title VI. Include a description of the scope and conclusions of any special reviews (internal
      or external) conducted by the Title VI Coordinator.
    - List any major problem(s) identified and corrective action taken. Include a summary and status report on any Title VI complaints filed with the LPA. Include a listing of complaints received against sub-recipients, as well as a summary of complaint and actions taken.

# Discrimination Complaint Procedures – Allegations of Discrimination in Federally Assisted Programs or Activities

- Any person or any specific class of persons, by themselves or by a representative, that believe they have been subjected to discrimination or retaliation prohibited by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes may file a complaint with the LPA. All complaints will be referred to the LPA's Title VI Coordinator for review and action.
- 2. Complaints must be filed within 180 days of the last date of alleged discrimination. The filing date of the complaint is the earlier of: (1) the postmark of the complaint, or (2) the date the complaint is received by any office authorized to receive complaints.
  - In either case, the LPA or his/her designee may extend the time for filing or waive the time limit in the interest of justice, specifying in writing the reason for so doing.
- 3. Complaints should be in writing and signed by the complainant and/or the complainant's representative. Complaints shall set forth as fully as possible the facts and circumstances surrounding the claimed discrimination. In the event that a person makes a verbal complaint of discrimination to an officer or employee of the LPA, the person shall be interviewed by the Title VI Coordinator. If necessary, the Title VI Coordinator will assist the person in reducing the complaint to writing and submit the written version of the complaint to the person for signature. The complaint shall then be handled according to the LPA's investigative procedures.
- 4. Within 10 days, the Title VI Coordinator will acknowledge receipt of the allegation, inform the complainant of procedures to be followed, and advise the complainant of other avenues of redress available, such as NDOT, FHWA, and U.S. DOT.
- 5. The LPA will advise the NDOT within 10 days of receipt of the allegations. Generally, the following information will be included in every notification:
  - a) Name, address, and phone number of the complainant;
  - b) A written explanation of what has happened;
  - c) The basis of the complaint (i.e., race, color, national origin);
  - d) The identification for the respondent, e.g. agency/organization alleged to have discriminated;
  - e) The date(s) of the alleged discriminatory act(s);
  - f) The date of complaint received by the LPA;
  - g) Other agencies (state, local or Federal) where the complaint has been filed; and,
  - h) An explanation of the actions the LPA has taken or proposed to resolve the issue raised in the complaint.
- 6. NDOT will forward the complaint to the FHWA. The FHWA Office of Civil Rights will determine the appropriate individual and/or organization to conduct the investigation.
- 7. Within 60 days, the Title VI Coordinator will conduct an investigation of the allegation and based on the information obtained, will render a recommendation for action in a report of findings to the head of the LPA. The complaint should be resolved by informal means whenever possible. Such informal attempts and their results will be summarized in the report of findings.
- 8. Within 90 days of receipt of the complaint, the head of the LPA will notify the complainant in writing of the final decision reached, including the proposed disposition of the matter. The notification will advise the complainant of his/her appeal rights with NDOT, or U.S. DOT, if they are dissatisfied with the final decision rendered by the LPA. The Title VI Coordinator will also provide NDOT with a copy of this decision and summary of findings upon completion of the investigation.
- 9. Any complaints received against the LPA should immediately be forwarded to NDOT for investigation. The LPA will not investigate any complaint in which it has been named in the complaint.

10. Contacts for Title VI administrative jurisdictions are as follows:

Nebraska Department of Transportation NDOT Civil Rights Office, Title VI Program P.O. Box 94759 Lincoln, NE 68509-4759 (402) 479-4544

Federal Highway Administration Nebraska Division Office 100 Centennial Mall North Lincoln, NE 68508 (402) 437-5765