

Get Involved

Public participation for the SJATSO is guided by this Public Participation Plan (PPP). The PPP outlines recommended methods to engage the public during the transportation planning & decision-making process and informs members of the public how they can be involved.

When select major SJATSO documents, maps or programs are proposed to be changed, copies of the existing documents and the proposed changes will be made available during the public comment period at the following locations:

- Rolling Hills Public Library, 1904 N Belt Hwy, St Joseph, MO 64506
- St. Joseph Public Library Districts, 927 Felix St, St Joseph, MO 64501
- Doniphan County Library Districts, 207 Locust St, Doniphan, MO 63935
- St. Joseph City Hall, 1100 Fredrick Ave, 2nd Floor, Suite 202, St. Joseph, MO
- Documents are also published online at <http://stjoempo.org/>

As well, notices are sent via local newspapers, advertisements and public notices, social media, posted to the SJATSO website and included in the SJATSO quarterly newsletters.

Anyone interested can subscribe to the meeting agenda announcements and/or updates by contacting the SJATSO.

SJATSO fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. For more information or to obtain a Title VI Complaint Form please visit <http://stjoempo.org/title-vi-and-environmental-justice-program/> or call (816) 236-1471.



El SJATSO totalmente cumple con el Título VI del Acto de Derechos Civil de 1964 y estatuas relacionadas y reglamento o reglamentación en todos los programas y actividades. Para más información u obtener Título VI Forma de Queja por favor visite www.stjoempo.org o llamar (816) 236-1471.

CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM

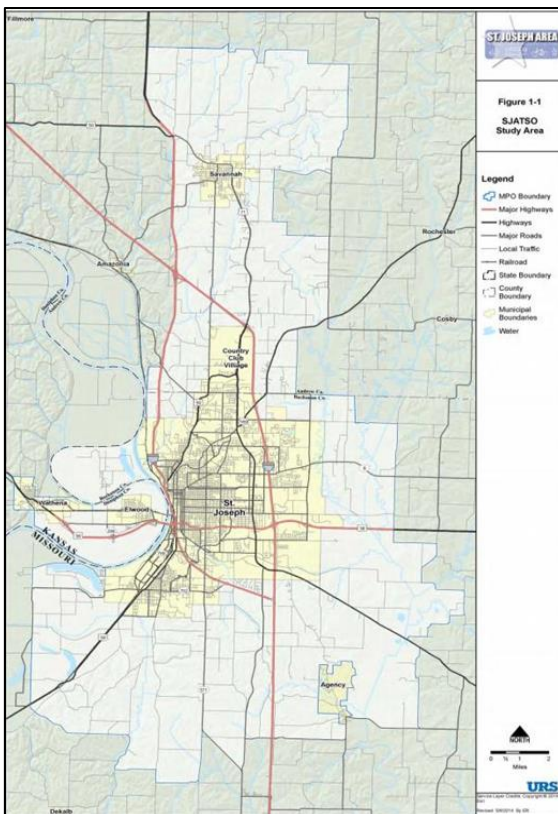
Title VI, Environmental Justice, and Limited English Proficiency

Adopted 2018

What is SJATSO?

The St. Joseph Area Transportation Study Organization (SJATSO) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region. A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a regional decision-making body composed of elected officials, state and federal partners, and city staff from the metropolitan area. The MPO is charged with producing federally required transportation policy and planning documents as well as ensuring an inclusive public participatory process is followed.

SJATSO Boundaries



Civil Rights

MPOs are responsible for creating a Title VI/Environmental Justice (EJ) Program, a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan, and complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Title VI prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin. This is required for all plans, programs and processes receiving federal funds.

EJ ensures the benefits and burdens related to transportation are not disproportionate.

The **LEP** population includes persons for whom English is not their primary language and who have a limited ability to speak, understand, read, or write English; the LEP plan outlines the special accommodations the public can expect for LEP persons.

ADA considerations include having physically accessible offices and meeting locations, and an electronic presence that is compatible with assistive technologies used by individuals with disabilities.

Program Basics

The Title VI Program is updated every 3 years, with the most recent adoption in November 2018. The program is reviewed by the public, as well as MPO committees and state Departments of Transportation.

This program helps clarify how SJATSO will remain in compliance with all federal requirements and the actions the public can expect.

Complaints Procedure

SJATSO has established a Title VI Complaint Procedure to provide guidance through the Title VI process that is compliant with the guidelines found in Chapter VII of the Federal Transit Administration Circular 4702.1B, dated October 1, 2012. SJATSO is responsible for providing guidance pertaining to its complaint procedures against SJATSO.

The full procedure and forms can be found online. Upon request, hard copies and assistance in the preparation of any necessary written material will be provided to a person or persons. Additionally, with advance notice, translation services will be provided as needed. Formal complaints must be submitted within 180 calendar days of the date in which the alleged act occurred.

Additionally, all complaints received will be logged in Appendix E of the Title VI Program with details such as date and action taken; this will be publicly available. In addition to recording complaints against the MPO, this log will also include complaints, lawsuits and investigations against St. Joseph Transit.

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