Title VI/Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan for Sub-Recipients in the Local Agency Program (LAP) with the Florida Department of Transportation.

Policy Statement

The City of Lynn Haven values diversity and welcomes input from all interested parties, regardless of cultural identity, background or income level. Moreover, the City believes that the best programs and services result from careful consideration of the needs of all of its communities and when those communities are involved in the transportation and other decision making processes. Thus, the City does not tolerate discrimination in any of its programs, services or activities. Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other federal and state authorities, the City will not exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination anyone on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, income or family status.

Complaint Procedures

The City has established a discrimination complaint procedure and will take prompt and reasonable action to investigate and eliminate discrimination when found. Any person who believes that he or she has been subjected to discrimination based upon race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, family or income status in any of the City's programs, services or activities may file a complaint with the City Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator:

Name:

Joel B. Schubert, City Manager

Address: City of Lynn Haven

825 Ohio Avenue

Email:

Lynn Haven, FL 32444

Phone:

citymanager@cityoflynnhaven.com

(850) 265-2121

(850) 265-8931 Fax:

Hearing Impaired: Telephone the Florida Relay Service Numbers (800) 955-8771 (TDD)

or (800) 955-8770 (voice) for assistance.

If possible, the complaint should be submitted in writing and contain the identity of the complainant; the basis for the allegations (i.e., race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability or family status); and a description of the alleged discrimination with the date of occurrence. If the complaint cannot be submitted in writing, the complainant should contact the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator for assistance.

The Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator will respond to the complaint within thirty (30) calendar days and will take reasonable steps to resolve the matter. Should the City be unable to satisfactorily resolve a complaint, the City will forward the complaint, along with a record of its disposition to the appropriate District of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The City's Title VI Coordinator is the City Manager and is not required to obtain other approval to discuss discrimination issues. However, should the complainant be unable or unwilling to complain to the City, the written complaint may be submitted directly to Florida Department of Transportation. FDOT will serve as a clearing house, forwarding the complaint to the appropriate state or federal agency:

Florida Department of Transportation Equal Opportunity Office ATTN: Title VI Complaint Processing 605 Suwannee Street MS 65 Tallahassee, FL 32399

ADA/504 Statement

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and related federal and state laws and regulations forbid discrimination against those who have disabilities. Furthermore, these laws require federal aid recipients and other government entities to take affirmative steps to reasonably accommodate the disabled and ensure that their needs are equitably represented in transportation programs, services and activities.

The City will make every effort to ensure that its facilities, programs, services, and activities are accessible to those with disabilities. The City will make every effort to ensure that its advisory committees, public involvement activities and all other programs, services and activities include representation by the disabled community and disability service groups.

The City encourages the public to report any facility, program, service or activity that appears inaccessible to those who are disabled. Furthermore, the City will provide reasonable accommodation to disabled individuals who wish to participate in public involvement events or who require special assistance to access facilities, programs, services or activities. Because providing reasonable accommodation may require outside assistance, organization or resources, the City asks that requests be made at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the need for accommodations.

Questions, concerns, comments or requests for accommodation should be made to the City's ADA Officer:

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Assurances

Every three years, or commensurate with a change in City executive leadership year, the City must certify to FHWA and FDOT that its programs, services and activities are being conducted in a nondiscriminatory manner. These certifications are termed 'assurances' and serve two important purposes. First, they document the City's commitment to nondiscrimination and equitable service to its community. Second, they serve as a legally enforceable agreement by which the City may be held liable for breach. The public may view the assurance by visiting the City's offices.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the City Commission this 12th day of May 2015.

ATTEST:

John B. Schubert, City Manager

CITY OF LYNN HAVEN, FLORIDA

Margo D. Anderson, Mayor