

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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TPB Access for All (AFA) Advisory Committee Subcommittee on Transit Information for Limited English Speakers

**Subcommittee Chair: Kim Propeack, Director of Community Organizing and Political
Action for CASA of Maryland, Inc.**

Thursday, August 30, 2007

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M

First Floor Training Center

Lunch will be provided to all meeting attendees.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions**.....1:00 p.m.
Kim Propeack, Subcommittee Chair
CASA of Maryland, Inc.
2. **Review of WMATA’s Draft Language Assistance Plan**1:05 p.m.
Maxine Marshall
Principal, The DMP Group, LLC
WMATA’s Consultant for Developing the Language Assistance Plan
3. **Group Discussion**.....1:30 p.m.
Facilitated by Kim Propeack

The committee will be asked to discuss the following questions:

- 1a. Title VI requires a regular methodology to review shifting linguistic necessities in the community; do you think that the plan performs this function?
- 1b. Given your knowledge about the community, and in addition to what is in the plan, do you have tools to suggest to WMATA to perform this function?
- 2a. Is the language assistance set out here adequate to ensure meaningful access to the WMATA programs?
- 2b. Given your knowledge about the community, and in addition to what is in the plan, do you have tools to suggest to WMATA to perform this function?
- 3a. Title VI also requires staff training and vigilant monitoring to ensure that LEP persons can meaningfully access the program. Does the plan satisfy these requirements?
- 3b. Given your experience with agency adaptation of LEP plans, are there tools that you can suggest or ways in which you can help WMATA craft a training program and monitor implementation?



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4. In our report, we recommended a Hot Spots approach to experiment with different methodologies. Why wasn't this incorporated?

4. **Review of Comments and Next Steps**2:30 p.m.

5. **Adjourn**.....3:00 p.m.

The next full AFA meeting is **Thursday, November 15, 2007 from 2p.m. to 4p.m.**

Additional AFA comments on WMATA's Draft Language Access Plan are due by September 7, 2007 COB. Comments should be sent to both WMATA and TPB Staff: Deborah Coram dcoram@wmata.com and Beth Newman bnewman@mwkog.org

