

APPENDIX F

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY FOUR FACTOR ANALYSIS

It is the policy of the Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS) to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency are neither discriminated against nor denied meaningful access to and participation in the agency's programs and services. This Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Analysis was developed per the requirements of FTA Circular 4702.1B and Executive Order 13166.

1. Number or proportion of LEP people eligible to be served or likely to be served or encountered by the program or recipient

According to 2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate, 1,082 or 0.4% of the population of the Urbanized Area of 272,615 ages five and over speak English "not well" or "not at all."

The primary use of federal transportation funds is transportation planning. Residents likely to be served are members of the general public who serve on planning focus groups, who attend public hearings on transportation plans, and who comment on transportation plans and projects.

PPUATS does not provide direct public transportation. PPUATS is, however, a Co-Designated Recipient of FTA Section 5310 funds, along with the Illinois Department of Transportation. As a Co-Designated Recipient, PPUATS programs FTA Section 5310 funds for non-capital projects in the Urbanized Area.

2. Frequency with which LEP people come into contact with the program.

For the reasons listed above, LEP people seldom come into direct contact with PPUATS's transportation programs.

3. The nature and importance of the program, activity, or service provided by the recipient to people's lives.

While transportation planning benefits peoples' lives in many ways, PPUATS's services are neither life-sustaining nor critical to the daily needs of the public.

4. The resources available to the recipient and costs.

The production of developing written documents, such as transportation plans, transportation improvement programs, and comprehensive plans in a second language would be expensive.

Given the low encounter rates discussed earlier, the cost of translating these documents would not be cost-effective.

Conclusion

The low number of LEP people accessing services in the past, the low frequency at which LEP people encounter TCRPC's services, and the relatively minor value of our services to the daily lives of people all indicate that only very limited measures are needed to address needs of the LEP population. When necessary, TCRPC will provide translation services to targeted groups.