

**Metropolitan Council**  
**Title VI Program Major Service Change Policy**  
**Effective June 2013**

All increases or decreases in fixed route service meeting the threshold require a Title VI Service Equity Analysis prior to implementation. The equity analysis must be approved by the Metropolitan Council and a record included in the agency's Title VI Program.

Major service changes meet at least one of the following criteria:

- a) For an existing route(s), one or more service changes resulting in at least a 25% change in the daily in-service hours within a 12 month period (minimum of 3,500 annual in-service hours)
- b) A new route in a new coverage area (minimum net increase of more than 3,500 annual in-service hours)
- c) Restructuring of transit service throughout a sector or sub-area of the region as defined by Metro Transit
- d) Elimination of a transit route without alternate fixed route replacement

The following service changes are exempt:

- a) Seasonal service changes
- b) Route number or branch letter designation
- c) Any change or discontinuation of a demonstration route within the first 24 months of operation
- d) Changes on special service routes such as State Fair, sporting events and special events
- e) Route changes caused by an emergency. Emergencies include, but are not limited to, major construction, labor strikes and inadequate fuel supplies
- f) Any service change that does not meet the conditions of a major service change as defined above