



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.  
Washington, DC 20590

In Reply Refer to: HCR-20  
DOT# 2017-0243

(b) (6)

**Subject:** Dismissal of Complaint DOT# 2017-0243

Dear (b) (6)

This letter acknowledges that the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Office of Civil Rights is in receipt of your complaint, which alleged violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and USDOT's implementation regulations at 49 C.F.R. Part 21 and/or 23 C.F.R. Part 200.

Your complaint alleged the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) violated Title VI when planning and programming projects affecting the City of Grandview by in part failing to adequately acknowledge and consider public comment from citizens based on race. This complaint is being dismissed due to the issues raised being similar in nature to another complaint previously filed against MoDOT. As a result of that previous complaint, FHWA is conducting a Title VI compliance review of MoDOT, in accord with procedures outlined in the U.S. Department of Transportation's External Civil Rights Complaint Processing Manual. FHWA will consider the issues raised in this complaint during the compliance review.

FHWA will contact MoDOT regarding next steps, and will inform you about the results of the compliance review.

If you have any questions, please contact Erich Hines at (202) 366-5991 or by email at [erich.hines@dot.gov](mailto:erich.hines@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

*FOR* Irene Rico  
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