



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.
Washington, DC 20590

In Reply Refer To: HCR-20
DOT# 2015-0166

(b) (6)

Subject: DOT# 2015-0166

Dear **(b) (6)**

This letter is in reference to your complaint received by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on April 16, 2015. In your complaint, you allege that the City of Macon and Macon-Bibb County, Georgia has discriminated against persons on the basis of race, in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI). Specifically, you allege that the extension of Little Richard Penniman Boulevard, also known as the South Downtown Connector, disproportionately impacts the Beall's Hill/Central South neighborhood, which is a predominantly minority community.

Our preliminary investigation has determined that the South Downtown Connector is being funded entirely by funds from the special-purpose local-options sales tax (SPLOST), and not by the State of Georgia or the federal government. FHWA only has jurisdiction to investigate Title VI allegations against recipients of federal financial assistance. Accordingly, this complaint will be dismissed by FHWA for lack of jurisdiction.

This concludes the processing of your complaint by the FHWA Office of Civil Rights. The complaint will be closed and no further action will be taken by FHWA.

Please note that you may file a private suit at any time pursuant to section 601 of Title VI.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ryan Fitzpatrick at (202) 366-1583.

Sincerely,

Nichole McWhorter
Division Manager
Coordination and Compliance Division

cc: Vanessa Ross, Civil Rights Specialist, FHWA's Georgia Division Office
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