



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.
Washington, DC 20590

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In Reply Refer to: HCR-20
DOT# 2017-0159

(b) (6)

Subject: Administrative Closure of Complaint DOT# 2017-0159

Dear **(b) (6)**:

This letter is to provide an update regarding the Title VI complaint you filed against the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Missouri Highways Transportation Commission, and the State of Missouri (collectively MoDOT), alleging MoDOT violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and its implementing regulations, including Title VI regulations administered by the United States Department of Transportation (49 C.F.R. Part 21) and the Federal Highway Administration (23 C.F.R. Part 200). Your complaint was received in this office on January 24, 2017.

You alleged that the Respondent committed numerous violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 when planning and programming its projects and activities. FHWA has received a separate Title VI complaint making similar allegations against MoDOT. In order to appropriately address the broad scope of potential issues raised by these complaints, case DOT#2017-0159, will be closed and a compliance review will be conducted, in accord with U.S. Department of Justice Title VI complaint investigation procedures.

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) 366-2925 or by email at erich.hines@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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