



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

1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

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In Reply Refer To: HCR-20
DOT# 2021-0199

(b) (6)

Subject: Transfer of Complaint DOT# 2021-0199

Dear (b) (6) :

This letter is in reference to your complaint of discrimination, dated June 14, 2021, which was filed with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Civil Rights. In the complaint, you allege discrimination based on sex.

After a thorough review of your complaint, the FHWA has determined that it does not have jurisdiction. The issues you raised regarding the Regional Transportation Authority's decision-making process on selecting their Next Citizens Advisory Committee members may be within the jurisdiction of the Federal Transit Authority within the U.S. Department of Transportation. Therefore, we have forwarded your complaint to them for appropriate action.

Please be advised that the FHWA's Office of Civil Rights has a responsibility to investigate individual complaints of discrimination involving violations, under its jurisdiction, of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and FHWA's regulations prohibiting sex discrimination. Title VI prohibits discrimination based on race, color, and national origin under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

If this office can be of assistance to you in any matter within the FHWA's enforcement responsibility, please contact us at (202) 366-0693, or at the address noted above.

Sincerely,

Nichole McWhorter

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