## READING METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Reading Area Transportation Study (RATS), the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation planning in Berks County, in accordance with federal nondiscrimination statutes, to ensure that "no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, income, gender, gender identity, age, religious preference, creed, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity" for which the MPO receives Federal financial assistance. Furthermore, it shall be the policy of the MPO to ensure that as a recipient of Federal-aid funding, it will ensure nondiscrimination in all its programs and activities whether Federally funded or not. The MPO is steadfast in its commitment to ensure the uniform adoption of this policy.

Overall responsibility for this policy is assigned to:

TITLE VI / ADA COORDINATOR READING AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY C/O BERKS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION 633 COURT STREET 14<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR READING PA 19601 PHONE: 610-478-6300 EMAIL: <u>planning@countyofberks.com</u>

Any person who believes they or any specific class of persons have been subjected to discrimination or retaliation prohibited by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, (including Disadvantage Business Enterprise and Equal Employment Opportunity components), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, or other related laws and statutes that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, disability, sex, sexual preference, age, low income, nationality or Limited English Proficiency, may, by yourself or through a representative, file a written complaint using the procedures provided in our complaint process document or by contacting the individual listed above.