



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

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

In Reply Refer To: HCR-40
DOT #2011-0274

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

This is in reference to your complaint of discrimination, dated July 5, 2011, against the Town of Trenton (Town) and the Town Board (Board) of Trenton, North Carolina. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Civil Rights received your complaint on July 19, 2011.

In your complaint, you allege violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) based on race, African American. Specifically, you allege that the Town does not have sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and storm drainages. You also allege that the Town will not annex various African American communities. You further allege that the Board does not have any African American members.

Our records show that you filed two similar complaints with the FHWA in 1995 and 2000 (DOT #1995-0651 and DOT #2000-0044) regarding the issue of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and storm drainages in the Town. The complaints were investigated and decisions were issued indicating there was no finding of a violation. Since these issues have already been investigated, the FHWA will not accept these allegations for further investigation.

Regarding your allegation that the Town will not annex various African American communities, this is not within the FHWA's jurisdiction. We recommend you continue working with the North Carolina General Assembly to address your concerns.

Furthermore, your allegation regarding the lack of African American members on the Board is also not within the FHWA's jurisdiction. We recommend you continue working with the Board to address your concerns.

This concludes processing of this matter and no further action will be taken by the FHWA.

Sincerely yours,

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