

Introduction to SCAG's Upcoming Environmental Justice Analysis for the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS)

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Background on Environmental Justice



Fundamental Principles

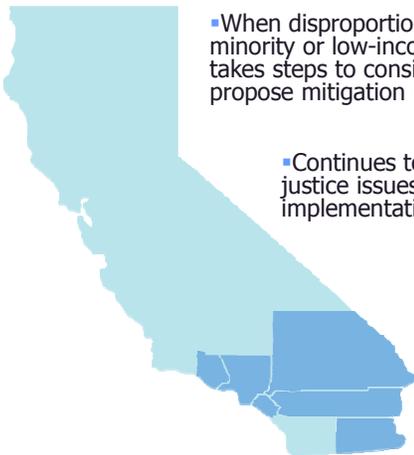
- To **ensure the full and fair participation** by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process
- To **avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations**
- To **prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits** by minority and low-income populations

- U.S. Department of Transportation, An Overview of Transportation and Environmental Justice



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Background on Environmental Justice



SCAG's Environmental Justice Policy

- When disproportionately high and adverse impacts on minority or low-income populations are identified, SCAG takes steps to consider alternative approaches or propose mitigation measures for the SCAG region
- Continues to evaluate and respond to environmental justice issues that arise during and after the implementation of SCAG's regional plans
- If disproportionate impacts are found, SCAG will analyze the impacts and identify potential solutions to incorporate into the long-range transportation plan.



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SCAG 2016-2040 RTP/SCS Timeline

- Spring 2015: 2016 RTP/SCS workshop series
- Fall 2015: Selection of preferred scenario
- October 2015: Release of Draft 2016 RTP/SCS for public review
- Winter 2015-2016: Address public comments
- April 2016: Adopt 2016 RTP/SCS

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Technical Analysis Introduction

Identifying EJ Population Groups

Minority

- *A person who is African American, Hispanic or Latino, Asian American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander*

Low-Income

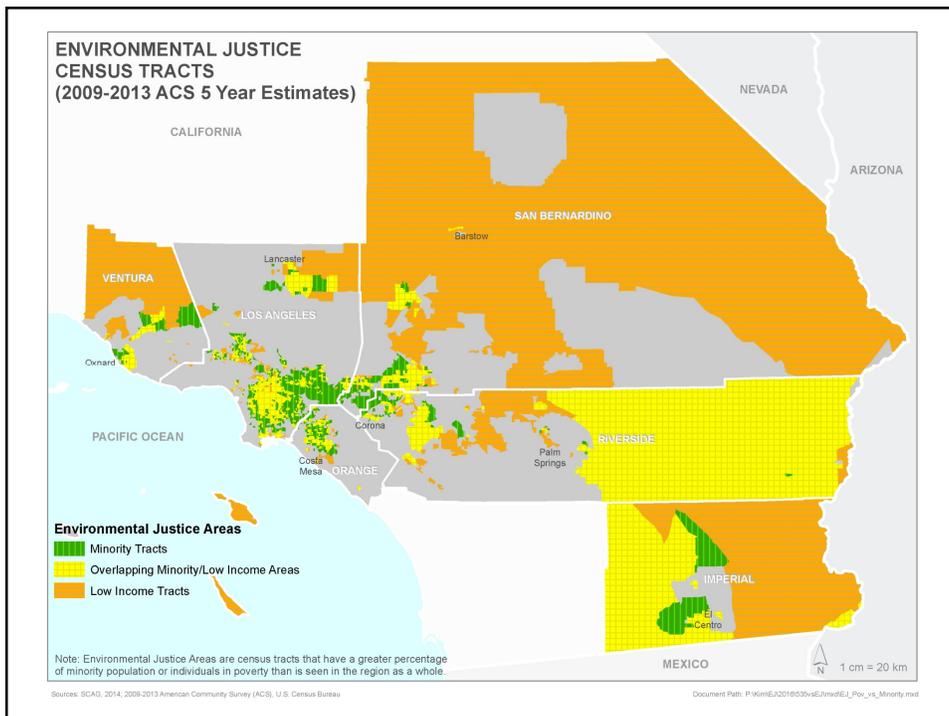
- *A person whose median income is at or below the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines*

Technical Analysis Introduction

Identifying Other Population Groups

Other Groups

- SB 535 Disadvantaged Areas
- Non-English Speakers
- Households without Vehicles
- Disabled/Mobility Limited Population
- Households Lacking Basic Housing Infrastructure (e.g. lacking kitchens or telephone)
- Individuals Without a High School Diploma
- Foreign Born Population
- Young Children Ages 5 and Under
- Population Ages 65 and Above



Technical Analysis Introduction

■ Performance Indicators

1. RTP Revenue Sources/Tax Burdens
2. Share of Transportation System Usage
3. RTP Project Investment Share by Income and Ethnicity
4. Distribution of Travel Time Savings and Travel Distance Savings
5. Accessibility to Work/Shopping Opportunities
6. Aviation Noise Impact Analysis (2001 RTP)
7. Environmental Impact Analysis (Air, Health, Noise, 2004 RTP)
8. Accessibility to Parks (NEW in 2008)
9. Impacts from Funding Through VMT Fees (NEW in 2012)
10. Jobs-Housing Imbalance or Jobs-Housing Mismatch (NEW in 2012)
11. Gentrification and Displacement (NEW in 2012)
12. Rail-Related Impacts (NEW in 2012)



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Next Steps

- For the upcoming Plan, staff anticipate conducting more detailed analysis on a number of topics:
 - Active transportation safety
 - Access to San Gabriel National Monument
 - Public Health
 - Continued and further investigation of gentrification and affordable housing
 - **Consideration of additional areas and topics is ongoing**



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Next Steps

- SCAG will continue to seek participation in this process from a number of stakeholder groups:
 - Social justice advocacy groups
 - Active transportation advocates
 - Public health groups
 - Environmental organizations
 - Partner Agencies (Local Jurisdictions, Subregional Organizations, CTCs, ARB, SCAQMD, HCD, etc.)
- Next workshop
 - April 23, Thursday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 - SCAG Los Angeles office
 - Videoconferencing available



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Workshop Input

1. Parks and Open Space
 - How can we improve access to parks and open space for low-income and minority groups?
2. Air Quality
 - How can we minimize the effects of air pollution on communities that live close to freeways and railways?
3. Transit and Access
 - How can we improve access to transit and access to jobs, schools, shopping, and other amenities?
4. Gentrification
 - What are your major concerns about the effects of gentrification on low-income and minority communities?

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Questions?

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