

# Addressing Transportation Equity in the System Preservation Goal Area

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#### **Outline**

- Proposed system preservation and modernization criteria to evaluate for impacts on equity populations
- Summary of feedback and key MPO decision points



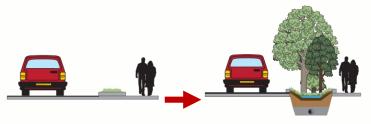
### **Proposed Equity Evaluation Framework**

Goal: Evaluate project's impacts on equity populations

**Evaluate Equity Criteria** 

System Preservation Criteria

Evaluate equity criteria in each goal area



Improves ability to respond to extreme conditions

**Base Score** 

**Identify Equity Populations in Project Area** 



Determine the share of the equity population and compare to the regional average



**Equity Multiplier** 

= Final Score

## Proposed Criteria HOSPITAL ENTRANCE

- Improves transit asset(s)
- Improves ability to respond to extreme conditions
- Improves emergency response
- Improves substandard sidewalk(s)
- Demonstrates regional coordination
- Improves substandard pavement

 Improves substandard roadway bridge(s)

Improves substandard traffic signal equipment

Maintaining the existing transit system...is critical to economic development, social justice, and climate resiliency.





### **Summary of Input**

- Different populations benefit differently from various types of transportation improvements
  - What does the intersection of demographic indicators tell us about transportation needs and vulnerability?

 Transportation investments have disproportionately affected some residents more than others, in particular people of color and people with low-incomes



### Populations with Multiple Indicators of Potential Transportation Disadvantage

Income Status	Total Population	Minority Population	Nonminority Population
Low-income	682,162	53%	47%
Non-low-income	2,449,429	25%	75%
Poverty Status Not Determined	118,878	36%	64%

### Populations with Multiple Indicators of Potential Transportation Disadvantage

Access to Personal Vehicle	Total Population	Minority Population	Nonminority Population
Zero Vehicles	351,338	52%	48%
One or More Vehicles	2,769,623	29%	71%
N/A (Residents in Group Quarters)	129,507	36%	64%

### Populations with Multiple Indicators of Potential Transportation Disadvantage

Access to Personal Vehicle	Total Population	Low- income	Non-low- income	Poverty Status Not Determined
Zero Vehicles	351,338	58%	42%	0%
One or More Vehicles	2,769,623	17%	83%	0%
N/A (Residents in Group Quarters)	129,507	10%	1%	89%

### **Key MPO Decision Points**

- How should equity populations be weighed relative to each other?
  - Set using the equity index
- How should the equity goal area be weighed relative to the other goal areas?
  - Set using the equity multiplier

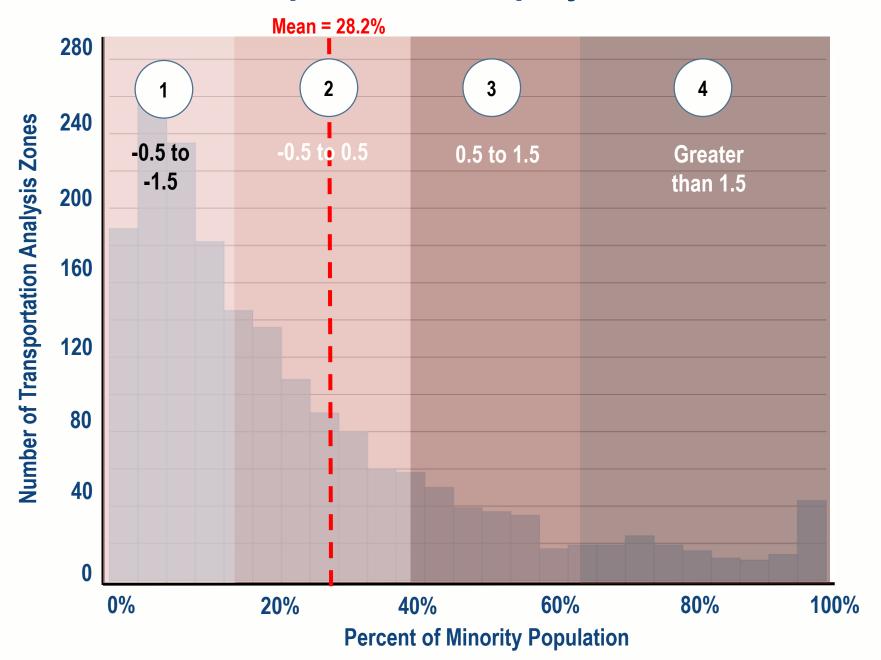


### **Questions?**

Feedback?



#### **Step 1: Create Equity Index**



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Demographic Group	Base Index Points	Population Weight	Maximum Index Points
Minority population		x2	8
Low-income population	1 through 4	x1	4
People with limited English proficiency		x1	4
People with disabilities		x0.5	2
Elderly population		x0.5	2
Youth population		x0.5	2
HIGHEST POSSIBLE INDEX			22



# Step 2: Score Project Identify Project's Equity Multiplier

Project's Equity Index	Project's Equity Multiplier
1 to 5	1.25
6 to 10	1.50
11 to 15	1.75
16 or greater	2.00

