

CITIZEN INGENUITY AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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Community and Social Impact Assessment

- May be conducted outside of NEPA
- Often incorporates EJ Review
- Impact Assessment Areas
 - ▣ Social Impacts
 - ▣ Economic Impacts
 - ▣ Land Use and Growth
 - ▣ Public Service Impacts/Access
 - ▣ Health Effects
 - ▣ Environmental Effects

EJ and Projects/Policies

The fundamental principles of environmental justice in the context of infrastructure projects are defined as:

- Avoiding, minimizing, or mitigating disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, ***including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations;***
- ***Ensuring full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the decision-making process;*** and
- Preventing the denial of, reduction in or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.

The Ties that Bind:

Public Outreach and Engagement

- Learn about community concerns and needs;
- Identify the project location and other concerns;
- Identify advocates and resources;
- Build coalitions with communities and groups;
- Capture diverse opinions and views; and
- Illustrate deep commitment transparency.

Citizen Engagement and Awareness



- Informs project decision making
- Improves understanding
- Develops long-term partnering
- Encourages thoughtful conversation

Guidance Documents

- FHWA Community Impact Assessment: A quick Reference for Transportation 1996
- CEQ Guidance for Environmental Justice May 1996
- USDOT Updated Environmental Justice Order 5610.2(a) May 2012 *“Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations”*
- FTA Title VI Circular 4702.1B and EJ Circular 4703.1
- EPA’s *Plan EJ 2014* and its supplement *Advancing Environmental Justice Through Title VI of the Civil Rights Act*