

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE POLICY REVIEW

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FRAMEWORK

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act (1964)
- Executive Order 12898 (1994)
- Department of Transportation Order 5610.2 (1997)

MPO REQUIREMENTS

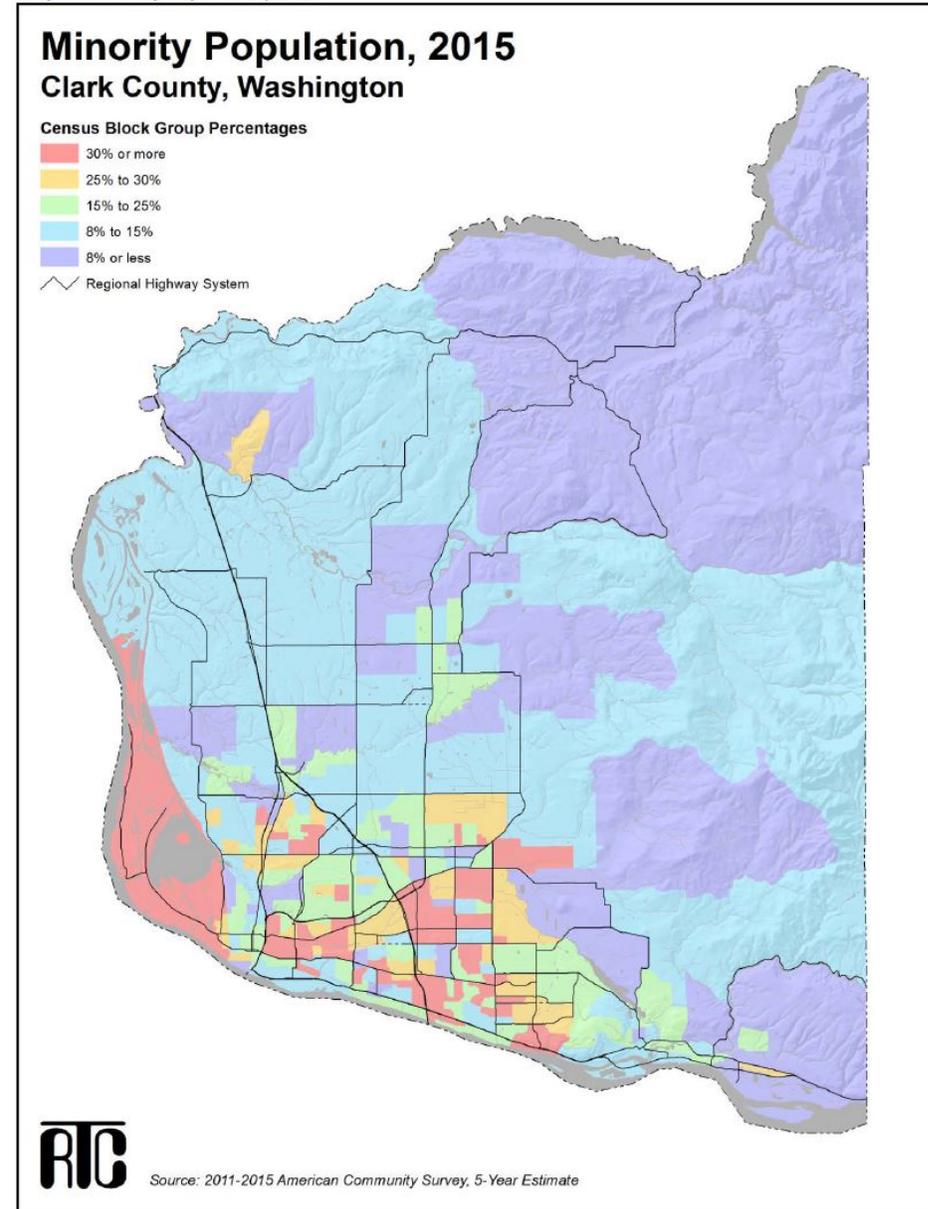
Enhance their analytical capabilities to ensure that the long-range transportation plan and the transportation improvement program (TIP) comply with Title VI.

Identify residential, employment, and transportation patterns of low-income and minority populations so that their needs can be identified and addressed, and the benefits and burdens of transportation investments can be fairly distributed.

Evaluate and - where necessary - improve their public involvement processes to eliminate participation barriers and engage minority and low-income populations in transportation decision-making

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Map 1: Minority Population, 2015



STATE OF PRACTICE

- Quantitative Methods
 - Trip time models
 - Mapping based on demographic data
- Qualitative Methods
 - Enhanced community outreach
 - Advisory boards
 - Task forces

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

Stakeholders Interviewed

Bill Bauman and Colleen Kuhn
Human Services Council

Dolly England
Clark College Office of Diversity and Equity

Bridget Fahnbulleh
Vancouver NAACP

Andy Silver
Council for the Homeless

Barbe West
Free Clinic of SW Washington

RECOMMENDATIONS

1

Create sustained
dialogue with
environmental
justice communities

2

Maximize
accessibility of RTC
processes and
materials

3

Enhance
environmental
justice mapping
and data

CONCLUSION

RTC has demonstrated a commitment to environmental justice both through past efforts and the creation of this review. By implementing the recommendations of this report, RTC can strengthen this commitment and ensure that needs are identified and addressed in an equitable manner.