Equity in the Long Range Transportation Plan

PAC Meeting

Presented April 9, 2019
Appended April 12, 2019
LRTP & Equity

LRTP will address the following:
• Identify the communities most in need of Equity
• Examine the impact of planned investments on those communities and their access to opportunity

LRTP will not address the following:
• Reevaluate investment commitments based on Equity Platform
• Equity definition
Equity Platform Context

Four pillars of the Equity Platform

• I. Define and Measure
• II. Listen and Learn
• III. Focus and Deliver
• IV. Train and Grow
Key Questions

1. Who are our Equity Focus Communities (EFCs) and where are they located?
2. What are the specific needs of EFCs in different areas?
3. What tools can Metro or partners use to address gaps in opportunities?
How do we define equity in the LRTP?

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*Risk factors likely to be included in LRTP to identify countywide EFCs.
LA County Demographics

- Non-white: 73%
- Low Income: 32%
- Over 64 Yrs: 12%
- Households with Disabilities: 22%
- Single Parent: 6%
- Zero Car: 9%
- Rental: 54%
- Limited English: 14%

*Low income: Annual household income <$35K
Concentration of Zero Car Households

Legend
Concentration of Zero-Car Households
- < 5%
- 5% - 10%
- 10% - 20%
- 20% - 35%
- > 35%

Highways
Fixed guideway transit
Defining Equity Focus Communities

• Guiding principles in developing the EFC scenario:
  1. Capture a larger % of low income, non-white, and zero car households than the county average
  2. Set thresholds for low income, non-white, and zero car households
  3. Logic: must meet low-income and EITHER non-white OR zero-car thresholds.
Initial Scenario: 45% Low Income Concentration Threshold

- Thresholds are based on:
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  2) Low Income AND Zero Car

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Proposed Scenario: 40% Low Income Concentration Threshold

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How did we get here?

• PAC working group meetings (June – Nov, 2018)
  – Identified risk factors and opportunities (outcomes)
  – Explored correlations between risk factors and outcomes

• Subject matter experts workshop (Dec 2018)
  – Discussed risk factors and potential concentration thresholds
    • LA County Department of Public Health
    • LA County Department of Parks and Recreation
    • USC PERE
Next Steps

• PAC:
  – Submit comments or questions to: LorD@metro.net
  – Provide comments by April 24th

• Metro:
  – Present Draft EFCs and Draft Performance Measures to Metro Board in June 2019
Appendix

EFC Maps with Subregional Overlay
Subregion – Initial Scenario: 45% Low Income Concentration Threshold

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