

Environmental Justice: Proposed Action Plan

for improving the CRCOG Transportation Planning Program

1. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD

- Establish a special advisory board to review CRCOG's program and products
 - Review & update EJ mailing list
 - Review annual TIP update
 - Review of annual transportation planning work program
 - Review of Regional Transportation Plan updates.
 - Advise & assist CRCOG in special outreach efforts

2. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- Appoint an Environmental Justice Advisory Board member to the Transportation Committee

3. SPECIAL OUTREACH EFFORTS

- Continue & improve special outreach efforts used for special studies (examples below)
 - *Local Advisory Committees.* Local advisory committees formed for special studies should include neighborhood representation.
 - *Neighborhood Groups.* Work with established neighborhoods groups in areas affected by particular studies or plans.
 - *Go to Community Meetings.* Make presentations at regularly scheduled meetings of community groups, church groups, etc.
 - *Small Group Meetings.* Do not limit outreach to large formal meetings. Make use of small, informal meetings or focus groups – especially early in a study.
- Improve outreach efforts for more standard CRCOG tasks such as update of the TIP and the Regional Transportation Plan.
 - Maintain special EJ mailing list for standard mailings - TIP, Transportation Plan, etc.
 - Use other outreach efforts as appropriate (examples below)
 - *Newspapers.* appropriate community newspapers for posting of public notices.
 - *Spanish Language.* Provide notices in Spanish language format.
 - *Community Access TV.* Make more use of community access TV

4. TIP (TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)

- Conduct an assessment of transportation burdens & benefits for the annual update of the TIP.
- The TIP & assessment of burdens & benefits will be reviewed by the EJ Advisory Board.
- Provide notification of the TIP update process to the full EJ mailing list.
- Schedule the public meeting at an appropriate time and place

5. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- Conduct an assessment of transportation burdens & benefits for each update of the TIP.
- The Plan & assessment of burdens & benefits will be reviewed by the EJ Advisory Board.
- Provide notification of the Plan update process to the full EJ mailing list.
- Conduct a special outreach effort to involve members of minority and low income groups.
- In the next update of the Plan, include a discussion of the substantive transportation issues raised in the last EJ Workshop.

6. STP-URBAN PROGRAM

- Continue to use environmental justice as a criteria in the selection of STP-Urban projects.

7. TRANSIT USERS ADVISORY GROUP

- Form a transit users advisory group or forum to provide more opportunity for transit users to comment on the bus service.