

Draft Environmental Justice Policy

The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (District) is committed to ensuring equitable public transportation service and to provide full and fair participation by minority and low-income populations in transportation decision-making. It is the policy of the District that no segment of the population shall, because of socioeconomic characteristics, bear a disproportionate share of the risks and consequences, nor be denied equal access to environmental benefits, resulting from changes to services, capital programs, plans or policies.

U.S. DOT Environmental Justice Guiding Principles

- Avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations.
- Ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process.
- Prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.

In support of these guiding principles, the District will take reasonable steps to incorporate the following objectives into the public transportation decision-making process:

- Ensure that the level and quality of transportation service is provided without regard to race, color or national origin.
- Ensure that new investments and changes in transit facilities, and vehicle replacement deliver equitable levels of service and benefits to minority and low-income populations.
- Provide early, continuous, and meaningful public access to the decision-making processes for all interested parties, including minority and low-income populations;
- Seek out and consider the input of minority and low-income populations, in the transportation planning and decision-making process; and
- Propose mitigation measures or consider alternative approaches for public consideration when disproportionately high and adverse impacts on minority or low-income populations are identified.