Justice40
Department of Transportation

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Department of Transportation Justice40 Video
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Background on Justice40

**WHAT is Justice40?**

President Biden’s Jan 2021 EO14008: Tackling Climate Change at Home and Abroad created the Justice40 Initiative, establishing the goal that at least 40% of the benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities.

**WHY Justice40?**

Justice40 aims to address decades of systemic inequitable historical policies and underinvestment in disadvantaged communities. The initiative aims to bring resources to communities most impacted by climate change, pollution, and environmental hazards.

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**What Justice40 means for the US Department of Transportation (DOT)**

At the cusp of a generational investment in infrastructure through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, the Justice40 initiative is an opportunity to address gaps in transportation infrastructure and public services to uplift communities.

- **Prioritize Investments**
- **Measure Impact and Improve Effectiveness**
- **Strengthen Communities**
DOT Justice40 Implementation Near-Term Roadmap

DOT is working in concert with the White House and other federal agencies to implement Justice40 across all Covered Programs, including those in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act.

1. Developed interim disadvantage index
2. Develop benefit baseline methodologies
3. Included Justice40 language in covered program NOFOs
4. Evaluate whether programs are meeting 40% using baseline methods
5. Apply Justice40 to formula funds
6. Develop burden metrics and apply to baseline methodology
7. Conduct program evaluation and improve program design

Baseline Estimate: This is an estimate of program impacts for a single year of grant awards using best available data and methodology. This estimate will be refined and improved using stakeholder input.
A disadvantaged community is a group of individuals living in geographic proximity to one another or sharing common conditions or group experiences (i.e., migrant workers, Native Americans) that experience cumulative burden across economic, social, and environmental factors.

DOT’s Interim Disadvantaged Community Definition

DOT’s Interim Disadvantage Index

- **Transportation**: communities that spend more, and take longer, to get where they need to go
- **Health**: communities with adverse health outcomes, disabilities, and low access to health care services
- **Environmental**: communities experiencing disproportionately high levels of pollutants & toxins
- **Economic**: communities with high levels of poverty, and low access to jobs and education
- **Resilience**: communities vulnerable to hazards caused by climate change
- **Equity**: communities with a shared history of discrimination or other forms of disadvantage
Justice40 Covered Programs Overview

The seven areas of Federal investment covered by the Justice40 Initiative are:

- Climate Change
- Clean energy and energy efficiency
- Clean Transit
- Affordable and sustainable housing
- Remediation and reduction of legacy pollution
- Clean water and wastewater infrastructure
- Training and workforce development

DOT Covered Programs: 39 Funding Programs, Across 5 Modes ~$204 Billion in BIL authorizations
How is DOT Implementing Justice40?

1. DOT is asking grant applicants to address the benefits and burdens of projects on disadvantaged communities.

2. DOT is prioritizing projects that promote meaningful public engagement throughout the project lifecycle and adhere to environmental justice requirements.

3. DOT is evaluating decisions and regulations with an equity lens and prioritizing resources to historically underserved communities.

4. DOT is providing additional technical assistance and support to disadvantaged communities.
How is DOT helping communities access resources?

- Providing webinars that walk potential applicants through the general requirements of funding opportunities and provide technical assistance on specific aspects of application requirements
- Consolidating Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) to simplify applying for funds
- Simplifying the language in NOFOs to make requirements easier to understand
- Developing tools like the Historically Disadvantaged Census Tract tool to assist applicants in developing their applications

Examples of DOT Technical Assistance Programs

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