




# Resilience & Environment

## Environmental Justice

 <b>Objective:</b>	Use transportation improvements to provide equitable benefits across the region.
 <b>Strategy:</b>	Develop projects that benefit Environmental Justice areas
 <b>Performance Measure:</b>	Number of projects positively impacting Environmental Justice areas

Environmental Justice must be a consideration in all of GRPC's activities. 23 CFR 450 specifically mandates that MPOs must "seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems. The goal of the Order is to ensure that MPO programs, policies, services and activities do not have a disproportionately high or adverse effect on minority or low-income populations.

Environmental Justice requires the MPO to:

- ^ Examine the allocation of benefits and burdens, currently and in projects planned in the future.
- ^ Ensure that minority and low-income communities are treated equitably in the provision of transportation services and projects
- ^ Provide ample opportunity for minority and low-income communities to advise the MPO during its planning and decision-making process.

**MPO funded pathway projects in Environmental Justice areas**

