# **EXHIBIT 1**





# Transportation Planning Equity Assessment

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## Title VI/EJ: What We Know

 Any agency that receives federal funds must adhere to Title VI requirements and other federal non-discrimination authorities



 Equity Assessment has always been used in various forms in plans and programs of Broward MPO

How can we do more?

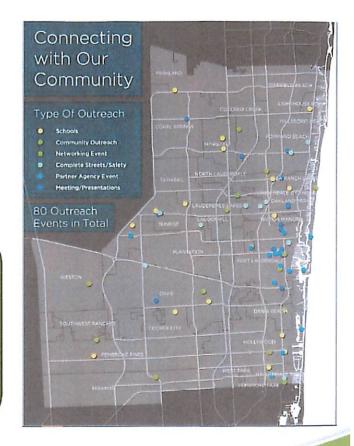


# **Equity- Current Assessment**

Outreach map

How do we evaluate outreach?

How can we quantify this?





# Equity Assessment- How Can We Do More?

## **Created a Working Group**

### Goals:

- a) Develop a standardized process that can be used across plans and programs
- b) Build an assessment that can be a resource in the evaluation process



# **Equity Assessment - Objectives**

- Consistently evaluates
- Improves efficiency
- More effectively satisfies
- Produces meaningful outcomes
- Identifies adverse impacts early
- Advances equity





# **Equity Assessment - Objectives**



Use available and accessible data



Be flexible for MPO/local plans and programs



Be simple to use



Be objective



Be open-sourced



# **Equity Assessment - Components**



Calculates composite "equity" score



Flexible geography

County, city, region, subarea

- Excel-based
- Census/American Community Survey (ACS) data
- Set of demographic indicators that can be "turned on/off"
- Block group or census tract level
- 5 step calculation process
- Statistically-drive calculations (no userassigned scoring)



Equity Assessment – Demographic Indicators

**Core Indicators** 

FHWA Title VI Program Coverage

#### Race and Minority

Racial Minority

#### Low Income

 Population below Poverty

#### Disability

 Population with a Disability

#### Minority and National Origin

- Ethnic Minority
- LEP Population

#### Age

- Youth (10-17 years)
- · Older Adults (65+ years)

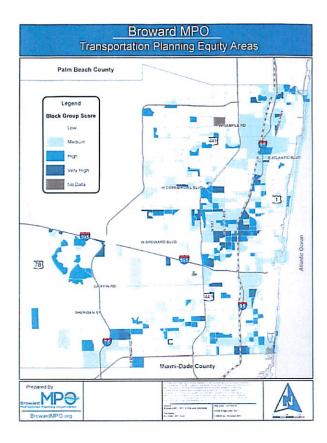


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# Equity Assessment - Outputs

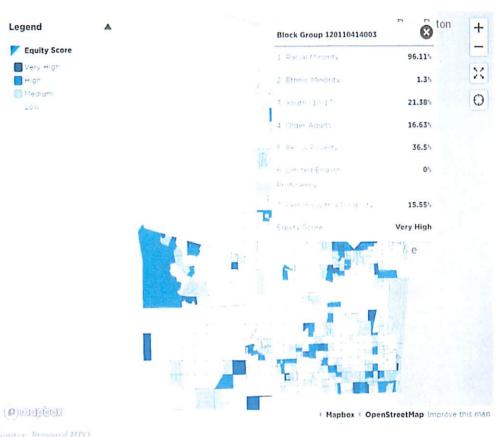
- Output is map of equity score block group
- <u>Is not</u> intended to be a definitive identifier of EJ/Title VI populations
- Is intended to be used as a guide





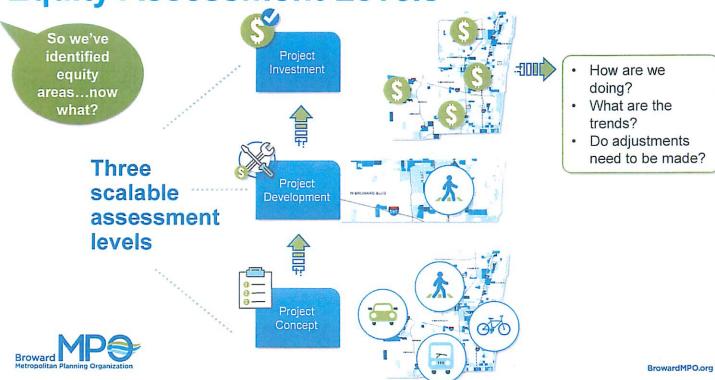
# **Equity Assessment - Resources**

- Broward MPO Webpage
  - "Resources" tab
  - Interactive map illustrating equity scores and data by block group





**Equity Assessment Levels** 



### 1. Project concept level

- Applies to MTP or other large-scale plans
- Evaluates general benefits to equity areas
- Primarily driven by quantitative review/data
- Standardized for subsequent updates
- Equity prominent in project evaluation process



#### 2045 MTP Prioritization Factors

Mobility

Accessibility Safety

### Equity

Environmental Stewardship Economic Vitality



## 2. Project development level

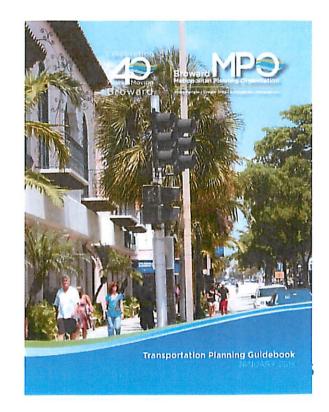
- Applies to subarea/corridor studies
- Integrates more localized public input
- Identifies potential adverse impacts
- Provide equity assessment guidelines to reflect different types of plans





- Project development outcomes
  - Set of guidelines for MPO, consultants, others to follow during corridor/subarea study
  - MPO's Transportation Planning Guidebook
    - Available on Broward MPO's website under "Resources" tab
    - · Create "shovel ready projects"







### 3. Project investment level

- Applies to Complete Streets & Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP) & Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Assumes that prior equity assessments were completed
- Examines timing and location of investments
- · Looks at investment trends over time







## **Thank You!**

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