

Race and Equity Pocket Questions

Title and purpose of this initiative: Update on Transportation Projects. The purpose of this item is to provide the Town Council with a status report on a number of local transportation projects that are underway.

Department: Planning

What are the racial and equity impacts?

There are no impacts associated with providing the Town Council with an update report like this one other than those associated with access to agendas and meetings. This report is also posted on the Town's website at <https://www.carrboronc.gov/719/Transportation> and the individual project/program updates are incorporated into the Town's Projects Report GIS story map. Pocket questions are prepared for individual projects or programs described in the report when they are brought before the Town Council for authorization at the beginning and at key intervals. Processes associated with transportation planning, prioritization, and the programming of projects utilize a variety of tools and analyses related to environmental justice and racial and equity impacts (e.g. Environmental Justice Report for the Durham Chapel Hill Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization, <https://www.dchcmpo.org/work-with-us/environmental-justice-ej>).

Who is or will experience community burden?

Members of the community who may be interested in the topic and/or particular projects but are unaware of the agenda item or unable to attend the meeting in person and/watch the meeting online.

Who is or will experience community benefit?

Residents and transportation advocates who are interested in local and regional transportation projects and programs may benefit from receiving the update and learning where information on transportation projects/programs may be found on the Town website.

What are the root causes of inequity?

Working individuals and families may find it difficult to attend public meetings, may be reticent to speak in a public setting and may have an overall distrust in government, and by association transportation projects.

What might be the unintended consequences of this action or strategy?

There are no decisions related to this item; it is being provided to the Town Council for information only.



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How is your department planning to mitigate any burdens, inequities, and unintended consequences?

The department will continue to review and modify the ways in which reports are prepared and shared and work with Communication and Engagement and other departments so that there are not disparities in access on the basis of race and seek opportunities to better disseminate information about Town Council agendas, Town projects and initiatives. The department will continue to evaluate the environmental justice and equity tools used in transportation processes for selecting and proceeding with projects and programs in relation to the racial equity lens.