

Appendix D

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Environmental Justice is an approach that is meant to avoid decisions that can have disproportionately greater negative human health and environmental effects on low-income or minority communities than on the population as a whole. In 1994, President Clinton issued Executive Order 12898, requiring federal agencies to incorporate environmental justice principles into planning activities. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires that “no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” Executive Order 12898 is a renewed focus on Title VI with respect to minority populations, and adds emphasis on low-income populations.

For Environmental Justice work done as part of Transportation 2040, refer to:

Transportation 2040 DEIS and FEIS:
<http://www.psrc.org/transportation/t2040>

Transportation 2040 Appendix G Environmental Justice Analysis:
<http://www.psrc.org/transportation/t2040>

Transportation 2040 Phase 1 and Phase 2 Environmental Justice Outreach Summary Reports:
Available through the PSRC Information Center <http://www.psrc.org/about/infocenter>