Question #1: Please provide additional details regarding engagement conducted with one or more of the population groups identified in question 1 of the Equity Criterion. Please elaborate on how the project supports the feedback received.

Answer #1:
There has been no project-specific outreach to the disabled, elderly, or youth populations nearby as the project is very early in development, however Pierce County is committed to ensuring that Canyon Road East benefits all underserved groups. The project is included in the overall community plan and comprehensive plan which extended significant outreach to all population groups. Beginning in 2022 the County is conducting an Equity Analysis and Economic Analysis for Canyon Road East projects in the area. The study is principally concerned with the two adjacent projects to the north (Projects 2 and 3 on Attachment A2), but it will assess the entire new corridor’s impact on vulnerable demographics and seek ways to understand and implement those communities’ priorities. This project will be responsive to the results of that study throughout the design phase.

Question #2: The application notes that intersections in the project area will be reduced. How will this impact safety for pedestrian crossings?

Answer #2:
The project itself will not reduce intersections. The application references intersection reductions when talking about the series of 3 projects which will together fill the non-motorized gap between the Canyon Rd. E. Corridor, SR-167, and the Puyallup River. See Attachment A2 for an illustration: the subject of our grant is labeled “1. Hill Climb,” it connects the southern portions of Canyon Rd. E. to project “2. Railroad Crossing” and “3. River Crossing.” Projects 2 and 3 are the ones that contain the intersection reductions, a railroad grade separation, and a pedestrian bridge over the Puyallup River. Project 1 (the subject of this grant) links those new improvements to the completed sidewalk network along Canyon Rd. E. to the south.

These 3 projects replace an existing route between Canyon Rd. E. and Fife which lacks non-motorized facilities and will thus greatly improve pedestrian safety and non-motorized interconnectivity along the corridor.
**Question #3:** What is the distance between the planned intersections and existing pedestrian bridge in the vicinity of the project?

**Answer #3:**
See Attachment A2 again: The new grade separated crossing (project 2) is approximately 0.4 miles north of the limits of this grant request (project 1). The new pedestrian bridge over the Puyallup River (project 3) is approximately 1.3 miles northeast. Active transportation users anywhere south and west of the Puyallup River including users of this project’s improvements will all filter to the pedestrian bridge which provides the only key, critical link crossing of the river in the general vicinity.

**Question #4:** Please provide the process and timeline for securing the reasonably expected local funds necessary to fully fund the phase requested.

**Answer #4:**
Pierce County has identified local Traffic Impact Fees (TIF) as the matching source for this grant. $648,000 is unfunded in our current TIP (see the red text on Attachment C1 page 1). If this grant is awarded Pierce County Planning and Public Works will propose to allocate TIF to this project in next year's TIP update and the Pierce County Council will approve the new TIP in December of 2022. We fully expect the match to be approved because the Council was informed of the grant details and match requirements prior to submitting our application, and the request was approved by the Council in their March 29, 2022 meeting (see attached affidavit).
I, Patricia L. Face, Council Associate Clerk, do hereby certify that the following grant application was approved by the Pierce County Council at its March 29, 2022, Council meeting:

Puget Sound Regional Council – Federal Surface Transportation Program & Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality – Canyon Road East (72nd St E to Pioneer Way)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of Pierce County, Washington, this 29th day of March 2022.