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:

In 2015, a list of local and regional projects that are within the Triangle Project area was compiled by WSDOT and considerations and coordination were given to see how each project would influence the Triangle Project design, schedule, and performance. WSDOT coordinated with the City of Federal Way and provided presentations to the city Council. WSDOT reached out and invited all the residents living near the Triangle project and others potentially impacted by it to attend a public open house. These coordination efforts helped WSDOT understand the local needs, solicit input and listen to the concerns from the local public. WSDOT integrated the comments and feedback into the planning and preliminary design of the Triangle Project in conjunction with other relevant project schedules. In April of 2016, as a result of the comments and feedback from the City and local public, an Interchange Justification Report (IJR) Amendment was completed, amending the original IJR completed in July 2008. This amendment discusses each project that the Triangle Project is likely to impact or could be impacted by.

In 2018, WSDOT participated in a City of Federal Way Open House, providing information on Stage 2 of the Triangle Project to the public. A project information folio was available for the public providing project details and contact information for the project. The 2018 open house provided attendees with an opportunity to ask questions, provide comment and deliver feedback on the Stage 2 preliminary design.

Stage 2, for which grant funding for construction is being sought, will start design in June 2022 and use the Design-Build (DB) delivery method. The final project design will be developed by the DB contractor. The DB contract requires the contractor to conduct public outreach to all population groups, to gain comments, ideas and feedback that may be used to complete the design decisions used in the DB contractor’s final design. Informational flyers will be created in the languages of the identified population groups providing information on the project, ways to provide comment and feedback, and invitations to public open houses. The open houses will have interpreters available to help field questions and collect feedback. The project team will actively listen to the comments and feedback, and to the greatest extent feasible, incorporate those ideas
into the project design. If the members of the public identify themselves, the team will personally respond to them.

Question #2: Can you provide a map showing the relationship between the project and regional centers?

Answer #2:

See attachment titled: Triangle Project-MIC RGC Map.pdf