

# CapMetro Title VI Program Update 2024

June 2024



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Triennial Title VI Program Update	Board Approval
Language Assistance Plan	Update Only
Service Monitoring Updates	Board Approval
Title VI Policy Updates	Board Approval



## Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

"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."

- Title VI applies to CapMetro because CapMetro receives Federal funding.
- If an agency is found in violation of Title VI, that agency may lose its Federal funding unless the violation is resolved.
- An agency must submit an updated Title VI Program every three years.
- CapMetro's Title VI Program is due June 1, 2024.







# **Title VI Program**

- ➤ Title VI Notice to the Public
- Title VI Complaint Procedures
- Title VI Investigations, Lawsuits, and Complaints
- Inclusive Public Participation Plan
- Demographics of Board-appointed Committees
- Language Assistance Plan (Briefing Only)
- Subrecipient Monitoring Procedures
- Determination of Site/Location of Facilities

Triennial Title VI Program Update **(Board Approval Required)** 

- System-wide Service Standards and Policies
- Demographic Data, Maps, Charts, and Ridership Analysis
- Revised Title VI Policies and Summary of Equity Analyses (Board Approval Required)
- Service Monitoring Results (Board Approval Required)



# Language Assistance Plan (LAP) Update



# Language Assistance Plan (LAP)

The FTA requires a LAP to guide how CapMetro reaches out to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) communities

Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

LEP Individuals are those that respond with "less than very well," "not well," or "not at all." on US census language fluency questions.

Safe Harbor Provision states: If any language group constitutes 5% or 1,000 persons, whichever is less, of the total population of persons eligible to be served or likely to be affected or encountered, then translation of vital documents may be required

LAP Update

It is updated on a 3-year cycle The LAP update targeted outreach to *non-English speaking* communities





### Four Factor Analysis





The number and proportion of LEP persons to be served or likely to encounter a program, activity or service of CapMetro

The **frequency** with which LEP individuals come into contact with CapMetro programs or services



The nature and importance of the program, activity, or service provided by CapMetro to people's lives; and



The **resources available** to CapMetro for LEP outreach and costs for translation services

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Required per Federal Register Volume 70, Number 239

# Language Assistance Plan (LAP) Update

- Using the Four Factor Analysis, the plan was formulated based on outreach, analysis of data, and demographics.
- The Four Factor Analysis Included:
  - Surveys conducted with Community Based Organizations (CBO) & Frontline Staff (i.e., Contracted Service Providers, CapMetro Customer Service, & Other CapMetro Staff that encountered customers regularly).
  - Analysis of CapMetro practices to address changes to population in the service area
  - Research of peer agencies
  - U.S. Census (Travis & Williamson County),
  - CapMetro's Origins & Destination Data
- Safe Harbor Languages (17 Translations)
  - Current translations are in English & Spanish
  - Translations available upon request for: Vietnamese, Chinese (Mandarin), Korean, Arabic, Telugu, Punjabi, Myanmar(Burmese), French, & Pashto (Afghani).
  - New Languages Included: Russian, German, Hebrew, Italian, Hindi, Urdu, & Gujarati





- Added Safe Harbor languages to Google Translate.
- Updated the website to ensure access to LEP populations.
- Notice to beneficiaries of Title VI protections translated into Safe Harbor languages
- Translated Title VI complaint forms into Safe Harbor languages.
- In progress: Providing notice of Free Language Assistance in Safe Harbor languages on the website.





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### • Website and Mobile App

- Information on CapMetro's website is translated into Safe Harbor Languages
- Information on CapMetro's app is only available in English and Spanish, but in the next iteration of the app we'll explore adding other languages
- Considering simultaneous translation equipment to offer greater flexibility for language translation.

### Infrastructure and Stop/Station

- Provide translations at TVMs, Fareboxes, Bus Stops, and Onboard Equipment into Spanish and use pictographs where possible
- Use pictographs as much as practicable for Safety and Security Information
- Translate audible announcements into other languages (English & Spanish)

### Community Engagement

 Enhance relationships with Community Based Organizations to improve communication methods and engagement with customers through advisory committees



# **Service Monitoring**





### High Capacity

- Rapid
- Rail

### Frequent

• Routes with 15minute service.

### Local

- Routes with 30minute service.

### Limited

ExpressFlyerRail Connectors

### Community

 Community Shuttles

University Routes



### **Service Monitoring**







populations?



Standard	Vehicle Load	Vehicle Frequency	On-Time Performance	Service Availability	Transit Amenities Policy	Vehicle Assignment Policy
What We Measure	What is the ratio of passengers to total seated capacity?	How often does a bus pass by a bus stop during an hour?	Are buses departing from timepoints on time?	How much of the transit- supportive service area has bus stops within walking distance?	How are bus stop and station amenities distributed?	How are vehicles assigned to routes?
Indications of Adverse Impacts	Are buses on minority routes more crowded than on non- minority routes?	Are buses on minority routes coming less frequently than on non- minority routes?	Are buses on minority routes arriving late more often than on non- minority routes?	Within the transit- supportive service area, is service provided equally to areas of minority and non-minority	Are stops in minority census tracts receiving fewer amenities?	Do minority routes receive incorrect vehicle assignments more often than non- minority routes?



Routes total

51.39%

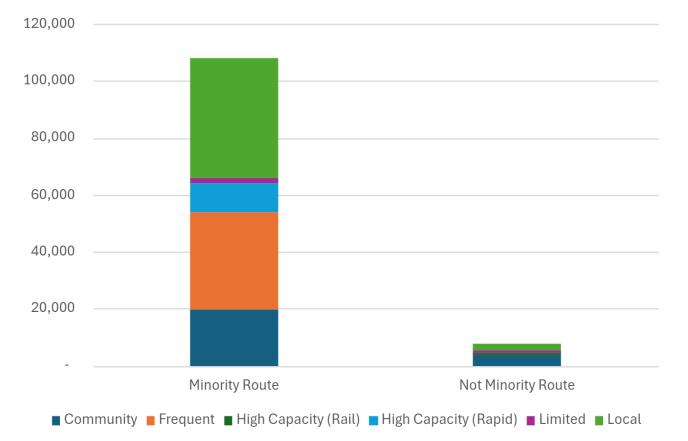
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Minority population in the CapMetro service area



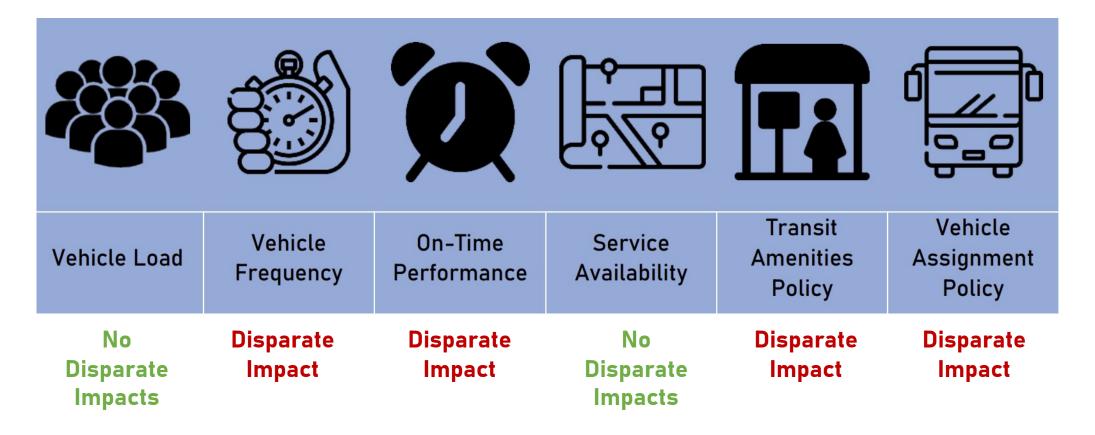
## Minority Trips vs Non-Minority Trips

Number of Trips Operated in Each Service Type in Sept. 2023, Minority and Non-Minority





### Service Monitoring Summary



A **disparate impact** occurs when minority populations are disproportionately impacted. Per CapMetro policy, the disparate impact threshold is **2 percent**.



### **On Time Performance Standards and Summary**

	Disparate Impact
High Capacity (Rail)	No Disparate Impact
High Capacity (Rapid)	No Disparate Impact
Frequent	No Disparate Impact
Local	Disparate Impact
Limited	No Disparate Impact
Community	Disparate Impact
Systemwide	Disparate Impact



### **On Time Performance Results**

	Row Labels	Percent On Time	Differences	Disparate Impact
	Minority Route	78.0%	10.00/	
Local	Not Minority Route 95.8%		17.8%	Disparate Impact

ority Routes
310-Parker/Wickersham
315-Ben White
318-Westgate/Slaughter
322-Chicon/Cherrywood
323-Anderson
324-Georgian/Ohlen
335-35th/38th
339-Tuscany
345-45th
350-Airport Blvd
383-Research
392-Braker

#### Non – Minority Community Routes

217 – Montopolis Feeder



### **On Time Performance Results**

	Row Labels	Percent On Time	Differences	Disparate Impact	
0	Minority Route	73.8%	0.019/	Disparate Impact	
Community	Non-Minority Route	75.8%	2.01%		

\*Routes 490, 491, 492, and 493 (Senior Shuttles) had insufficient OTP data.

Non – Minority Community Routes
641-East Campus
484-Night Owl South Lamar
481-Night Owl North Lamar



### **On Time Performance Results**

		Row Labels		Percent On Time		Differences Dispa		rate Impact	
		Minority Route		78.7%	•	<b>D</b> / 0/			
Systemw	Ide	Non-Minority Rou	ıte	81.9%	3.24%		Disparate Impact		
		Ν	Mino	rity Routes, Systemwic	de				
1-North Lamar/South Congress	171-0ak	Hill Flyer	<mark>323-</mark> /	Anderson	485-Ni	ght Owl Can	neron	672-Lakeshore	
2-Rosewood/Cesar Chavez	201-Sou	Ithpark Meadows	324-0	Georgian/Ohlen	486-Ni	ght Owl Sou	th Congress	801-N Lamar S Congre	
3-Burnet/Manchaca	228-VA	Clinic	325-I	Metric/Rundberg	490-HE	B Shuttle*		803-Burnet/S Lamar	
4-7th Street	233-De	cker/Daffan Ln	<mark>333-</mark> \	William Cannon	491-All	andale*		935-Tech Ridge Expres	
5-Woodrow/East 12th	237-No	rtheast Feeder	335-3	35th/38th	492-De	elwood*		980-North Mopac Expr	
7-Duval/Dove Springs	243-We	lls Branch	337-ł	Koenig/Colony Park	493-Ea	stview*		982-Pavilion Express	
10-South 1st/Red River	271-Del			Tuscany	640-Fo	orty Acres			
18-Martin Luther King	300-Sp	ringdale/Oltorf	345-4	45th	642-W	est Campus	/UT		
20-Manor Rd/Riverside	310-Par	ker/Wickersham	350-/	Airport Blvd	656-Int	ramural Fie	lds/UT		
30-Barton Creek/Bull Creek	311-Stas	ssnev	383-I	Research	661-Fai	r West/UT			
105-South 5th Flyer	315-Ber	•	392-E	Braker		ke Austin/U	Т		
111-South Mopac Flyer	318-We	stgate/Slaughter	465-1	MLK/University of Texas		ossing Plac			
135-Dell Limited				Night Owl Riverside		rth Riversid			

#### Non-Minority Routes, Systemwide

217-Montopolis Feeder	103-Manchaca Flyer	985-Leander/Lakeline Direct
550-Metro Rail Red Line	466-Kramer/Domain	484-Night Owl South Lamar
641-East Campus	142-Metric Flyer	481-Night Owl North Lamar



# Vehicle Frequency Standards and Methodology

#### **Community Routes**

University	Snon	tes)				
Shuttles	Span	Early AM	AM Peak	Midday	PM Peak	Night
Weekday	7:00 AM to 11:30 PM	-	15	15	15	15
Sunday	3:00 PM to 10:00 PM	-	-	-	60	60

Example – Route A

Actual Frequency: 16.2 minutes

**Standard Frequency: 15 minutes** 

= 108% of the standard frequency



## Vehicle Frequency Results Summary

Route Type	Results
Rapid	No Disparate Impacts (All Minority Routes)
Commuter Rail	No Disparate Impacts (All Non-Minority Routes)
Frequent	No Disparate Impacts (All Minority Routes)
Night Owls	Disparate Impact
UT Shuttles	Disparate Impact
Limited Routes	Disparate Impact
Local Routes	Disparate Impact
Senior Routes	No Disparate Impacts (All Minority Routes)





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ARD	Night Owl	Span	Early AM	AM Peak	Midday	PM Peak	Night
STANDARDS	Weekday	12:00 AM to 3:30 AM	-	-	-	-	30
S	Saturday	12:00 AM to 3:30 AM	-	-	-	-	30

Minority Community Routes 483-Night Owl Riverside 485-Night Owl Cameron 486-Night Owl South Congress Non – Minority Community Routes 484-Night Owl South Lamar 481-Night Owl North Lamar



RESULTS

	NIGHT	Difference		
WEEKDAYS	Average Minutes Between Buses	Expressed as Percentage Points		
Minority Routes	33.6	18%		
Non-Minority Routes	28.3	10 /0		

	NIGHT	Difference	
SATURDAYS	Average Minutes Between Buses	Expressed as Percentage Points	
Minority Routes	35.3	27%	
Non-Minority Routes	27.2	<b>∠ / /o</b>	





University			Frequency (minutes)			
Shuttles	Span	Early AM	AM Peak	Midday	PM Peak	Night
Weekday	7:00 AM to 11:30 PM	-	15	15	15	15
Sunday	3:00 PM to 10:00 PM	-	-	-	60	60

Minority Community Routes	Non – Minority Community Routes
640-Forty Acres	641-East Campus
642-West Campus/UT	
656-Intramural Fields/UT	
661-Far West/UT	
663-Lake Austin/UT	
670-Crossing Place	
671-North Riverside	
672-Lakeshore	



**STANDARDS** 



	Average Minutes Between Buses					
WEEKDAYS	ΑΜ ΡΕΑΚ	MIDDAY	PM PEAK	NIGHT		
Minority Route	12.0	13.2	16.7	26.3		
Non-Minority Route	14.1	12.3	14.9	30.6		
<b>Difference</b> Expressed as Percentage Points	-13.72%	6.07%	12.14%	-28.27%		

	Average Minutes Between Buses			
SUNDAYS	PM PEAK	NIGHT		
Minority Route	42.1	42.0		
Non-Minority Route	25.0	24.9		
<b>Difference</b> Expressed as Percentage Points	28.48%	28.42%		



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## **Vehicle Frequency Analysis**

#### **Limited Routes**

982-Pavilion Express

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Limited	Span*	Early AM	AM Peak	Midday	PM Peak	Night
Weekday	6:00 AM to 9:00 AM 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM	-	20	-	20	-

\*Minimum span – Some Limited routes operate throughout the day

Non – Minority Community Routes				
103-Manchaca Flyer				
466-Kramer/Domain 142-Metric Flyer 985-Leander/Lakeline Direct				
				/03-Leander/Laketine Direct



### LIMITED

### Vehicle Frequency Analysis

	Average Minutes Between Buses		
WEEKDAYS	AM PEAK	PM PEAK	
Minority Route	234.8	257.8	
Non-Minority Route	60.4	49.2	
<b>Difference</b> Expressed as Percentage Points	872%	1043%	

RESULTS



**Local Routes** 

Local	Snon		Freq	uency* (minu	tes)	
Local	Span	Early AM	AM Peak	Midday	PM Peak	Night 30 30
Weekday	5:00 AM to 11:00 AM	30	30	30	30	30
Saturday	6:00 AM to 11:00 AM	30	30	30	30	30
Sunday	6:00 AM to 11:00 PM	30	30	30	30	30

\*Typical frequencies – some Local routes run at lower frequencies at different times of day based on demand

**STANDARDS** 

As a reminder, CapMetro operates 23 routes classified as minority local routes and only **one non-minority local route**.



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### Vehicle Frequency Analysis

RESULTS

WEEKDAY	Early AM	AM Peak	Midday	PM Peak	Night
Minority	31	35.2	35.5	36.2	35.9
Non-Minority	30	30	30.5	33.3	34

SATURDAY	Early AM	AM Peak	Midday	PM Peak	Night
Minority	36.4	35.8	35.5	36	34.7
Non-Minority		30	30.2	30	31.2

SUNDAY	Early AM	AM Peak	Midday	PM Peak	Night
Minority		35.6	36	35.6	34
Non-Minority		30.5	29.8	30	30



### LOCALS

### Vehicle Frequency Analysis

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	Early AM	AM Peak	Midday	PM Peak	Night
Weekday	3%	18%	17%	10%	6%
Saturday		19%	18%	20%	12%
Sunday		17%	21%	19%	13%
	Disparate Impact	Disparate Impact	Disparate Impact	Disparate Impact	Disparate Impact

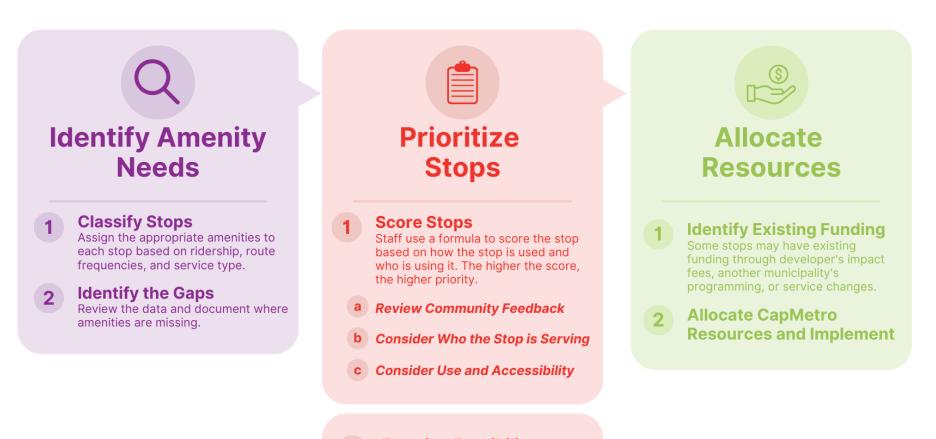


### Vehicle Assignments Analysis

		Incorrect Assignment Percentage	Difference	Disparate Impact	
	Minority	36.2%	27.29/	Disparate	
Community	Non-Minority	0.0%	36.2%	Impact	
Eromont	Minority	3.7%	Not Applicable	No Disparate Impact	
Frequent	Non-Minority	Not Applicable	Not Applicable		
	Minority	71.7%	Not Applicable	No Disparate Impact	
High Capacity	Non-Minority	Not Applicable	Not Applicable		
I included	Minority	22.5%	-8.9%	No Disparate	
Limited	Non-Minority	24.7%	-0.7/0	Impact	
Local	Minority	4.9%	4.9%	Disparate	
	Non-Minority	0%		Impact	
Systemwide	Minority	18.5%	-43.3%	No Disparate	
	Non-Minority	61.7%	-43.370	Impact	

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### **Amenity Enhancement Process**



**Examine Feasibility** Some stops may have ROW constraints that prevent particular improvements.

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### **Transit Amenities Standards**







Level 1 Transit Stop

**MODERATE** 

**RIDERSHIP** 

Level 2 Transit Stop



Level 3 Transit Station



### **Transit Amenities Standards**

Amenity		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
		Transit Stop	Transit Stop	Transit Station	
	Landing Pad/Platform	Required	Required	Required	
Access	Shared Mobility	Optional	Optional	Vital	
Acc	Bike Racks	Optional	Vital	Vital	
	Wheelchair Charging	Optional	Optional	Vital	
	Seating	Vital	Required	Required	
ity	Shelter	Vital	Vital	Required	
Comfort & Safety	Lighting	Vital	Vital	Required	
	Waste Receptacles	Vital	Required	Required	
	Landscaping	Optional	Optional	Vital	
	Security Camera	Optional	Optional	Required	
	Security Booth/Attendant	N/A	N/A	Optional	
Information	Sign and Pole	Required	Required	Required	
	Real Time Info	Optional	Optional	Required	
	Wayfinding	Optional	Optional	Vital	
	Personal Charging	Optional	Optional	Vital	
	Public Wifi	Optional	Optional	Vital	
	Fare Machine	Optional	Optional	Vital	



### **Transit Amenities Results**

Amenity Level	Amenities Required in Guidelines	Minority Stops Adhering to Guidelines	Non Minority Stops Adhering to Guidelines	Difference	Disparate Impact
Level 1	Landing Pad/Platform, Sign and Pole	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	No Disparate Impact
Level 2	Landing Pad/Platform, Sign and Pole, Seating, Waste Receptacles	64.30%	57.90%	-6.40%	No Disparate Impact
Level 3	Landing Pad/Platform, Sign and Pole, Seating, Waste Receptacles, Shelter, Lighting, Real Time Info, Security Camera*	15.50%	31.50%	<b>16.00%</b>	Disparate Impact



## Service Monitoring Next Steps

- Operations & Planning staff meet weekly to monitor route performance.
- Bus Stop Program is being implemented.
- Actively working to evaluate and improve service through the 2035 Transit Service Plan.





## Revised Title VI Policies



## Summary of Updates to the Title VI Policy



Use data from our on-board survey, conducted every 5 years



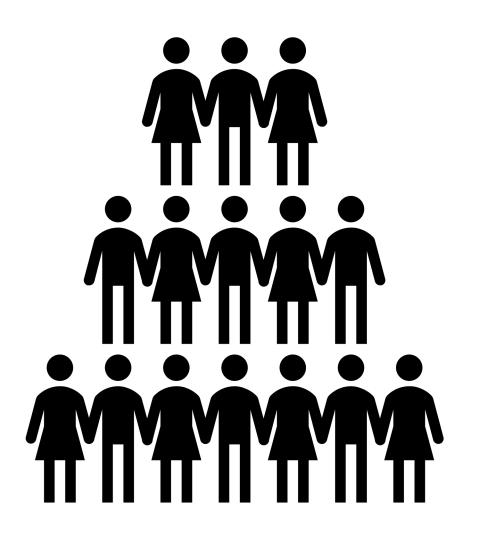
Update the analysis to include the service area average as the baseline for determining potential adverse impacts



## Updates to the Title VI Policy

# Use data from our on-board survey, conducted every 5 years

- Utilizing the recent on-board survey data
- Statistically significant demographic info
- Most accurate picture of our riders
- Can vary from Census data





## Using Census and On Board Data

#### Census Data

- Data gathered within proximity to future route alignment of potential users in the area
- Changes are typically geographic in nature
- Changes primarily affects potential riders or those who currently lack access to transit

#### **On Board Data**

- Data collected at the route level and of current users
- Changes are typically nongeographic in nature
- Changes primarily affects **current riders** of an existing transit route



#### Updates to the Policy - Example 1

# Update the analysis to include the service area average as the baseline for determining potential adverse impacts

Hypothetical Example:		Example:				
		Minority Riders on Route (On Board Survey)	5 Minority Riders in the Service Area (On Board Survey)	Disparate Impact Threshold	Difference	DI?
	Route A	72%	69%	2%	3%	YES

72% - 69% = 3%



#### **Updates to the Policy – Example 2**

Update the analysis to include the service area average as the baseline for determining potential adverse impacts

Hypothetical Ex	xample:				
	Low-Income Riders on Ro (On Board Survey)	Low-Income Riders in the Service Area (On Board Survey)	Disproportionate Burden Threshold	Difference	DB?
Route B	80%	49%	2%	31%	YES

80% - 49% = 31%



#### Updates to the Policy – Example 3

# Update the analysis to include the service area average as the baseline for determining potential adverse impacts

Hypothetical Example:		Minority			
	Minority Riders on Route (On- Board Survey)	Riders in Service Area	Disparate Impact Threshold	Difference	DI?
Route C	30%	69%	2%	-39%	NO



#### What happens when there is a finding?



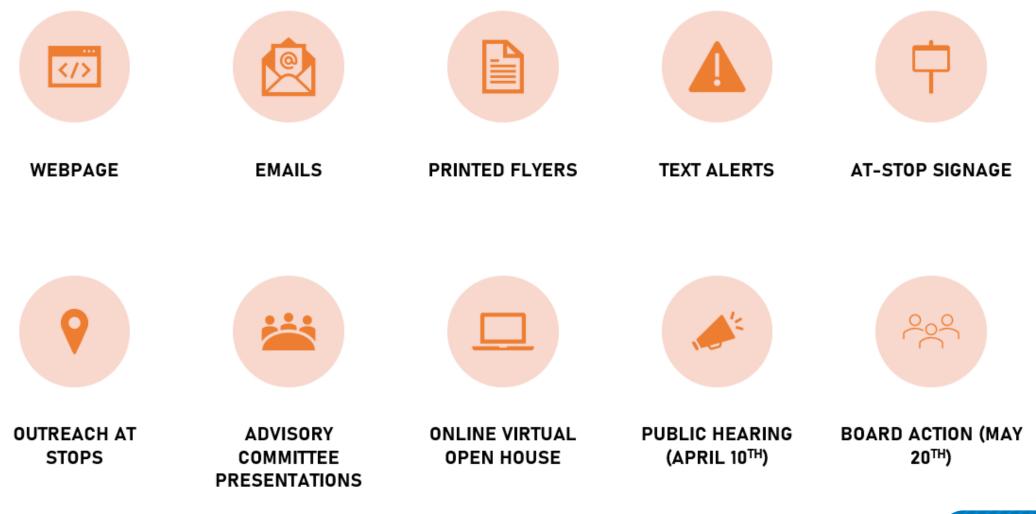
#### REVISIT

#### MITIGATE

#### IMPLEMENT



#### **Public Engagement Efforts**





## Action Items Summary





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# Thank you!