

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

What is environmental justice (EJ)?

- The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to environmental laws, regulations, and policies.
- Intended to achieve an equitable distribution of benefits and burdens

What standards are used?

- FHWA Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (FHWA Order 6640.23A, 2012)
- Department of Transportation Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (US DOT Order 5610.2(a), 2012)

How has DAP engaged the community in a meaningful way?

- All public outreach conducted in English and Spanish
- Seeking input that reflects diversity of the community
- Six-week campaign to seek feedback on proposed street closures
 - Included physical closure of eight streets for three weeks
- EJ survey mailed to 9,000 residents and 800 businesses
 - Included knocking on 1,300+ doors of residents closest to U.S. 95 to learn how they travel, use the freeway through downtown, and places visited frequently
- Community conversations with 150 residents and businesses to understand how a reconstructed freeway can be a better neighbor to the surrounding community
- Opened project office at East Las Vegas Community Center to increase accessibility
- Visit <https://ndotdap.com/community-engagement> for more examples.

How would DAP impact the community?

- Displacement of residents, unhoused people, businesses, and community facilities
- Temporary impacts during construction
- Improved access / amenities in an area that has historically been underserved

How would DAP mitigate impacts to the community?

- NDOT will propose mitigations to reduce the impact of people having to move, help retain the community's character, and enhance the community overall. Mitigation specific to EJ will be identified in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (tentatively scheduled for May 2024).