

Environmental Justice

The Environmental Affairs Division has formed a workgroup to develop a statewide approach to EJ analysis for both toll and non-toll projects. The following information should serve as interim guidance for project level environmental justice (EJ) analysis, as set forth April 24, 2007, in a memorandum from the director of the Environmental Affairs Division, Dianna F. Noble, P.E.:

- "[Guidebook for Identifying, Measuring and Mitigating Environmental Justice Impacts of Toll Roads](#)";
- "[Interim Environmental Guidance for Toll Roads](#)" that ENV distributed in March 2006, now provided as interim guidance;
- [Federal Highway Administration Western Resource Center interim guidance for EJ](#);
- EJ checklist to Quality Assure/Quality Control environmental documents before submitting to ENV.

In addition, here are some basics to consider in conducting and documenting EJ analysis:

- Census data must be at the lowest scale available, preferably block, or block group;
- The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) publication titled "[Community Impact Assessment, A Quick Reference for Transportation](#)" FHWA Publication Number FHWA-PD-96-036 should be used during the Community Assessment phase of the analysis.
- The Environmental Protection Administration's "Disproportionate effects Test" should not be used as it was not designed for linear analysis;
- Include a system-level analysis that, at a minimum, is based on the following:
 - If a planned/proposed toll project will be part of a network of both existing and proposed toll roads, then user impacts for the road network available to the EJ community must be analyzed;
 - The road network to analyze should include both existing and proposed toll and non-toll roads;
 - The analysis must also compare non-toll Expressway lane miles to toll Expressway lane miles. Lane-miles are calculated by multiplying the centerline roadway length by the number of through lanes;
 - Include/reference the system-level analysis in the cumulative and indirect analysis;
 - The [CTR Guidebook](#), pages 23-24, has a list of questions that will assist in the analysis.