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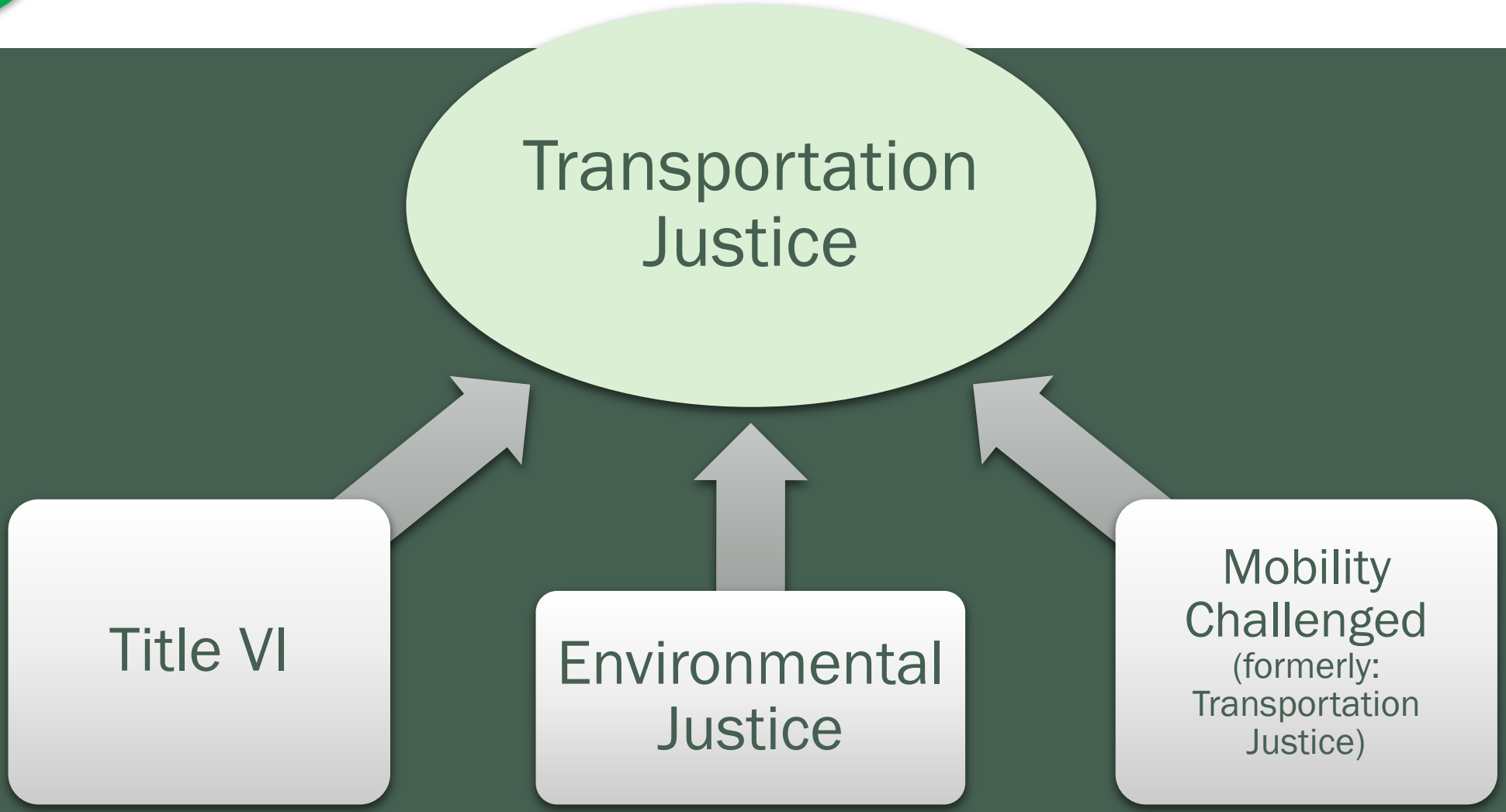
2019 Transportation Justice & Title VI Report

Public Advisory Committee
October 2018

Title VI, EJ, and TJ . . . “Oh my!”

Putting it all together



Transportation Justice & Title VI Report

- Update to 2013 EJ/Title VI Report and 2015 TJ Report
- **Satisfy all requirements** (and hopefully requests, too!)
- **New analyses** -- particularly around multimodal connectivity
- **More streamlined**
  - Less project justification
  - Fewer background statistics
- **Guided by working group**

Transportation Justice & Title VI Report

- Executive Summary
- Background
- **Part 1: Environmental Justice**
  - Introduction, spatial analysis, public participation
  - Title VI Plan Summary – full plan in Appendix
- **Part 2: Mobility Challenged**
  - Introduction, spatial analysis, public participation
- Summary of Recommendations

Public Opinion Survey

Public Opinion Survey

- Telephone survey sample of 600 residents
  - Reflective of population
  - Stronger demographic quotas now in place
- Opinions of transportation system and policy
- Revamped in 2017 for the *2050 Regional Transportation Plan*

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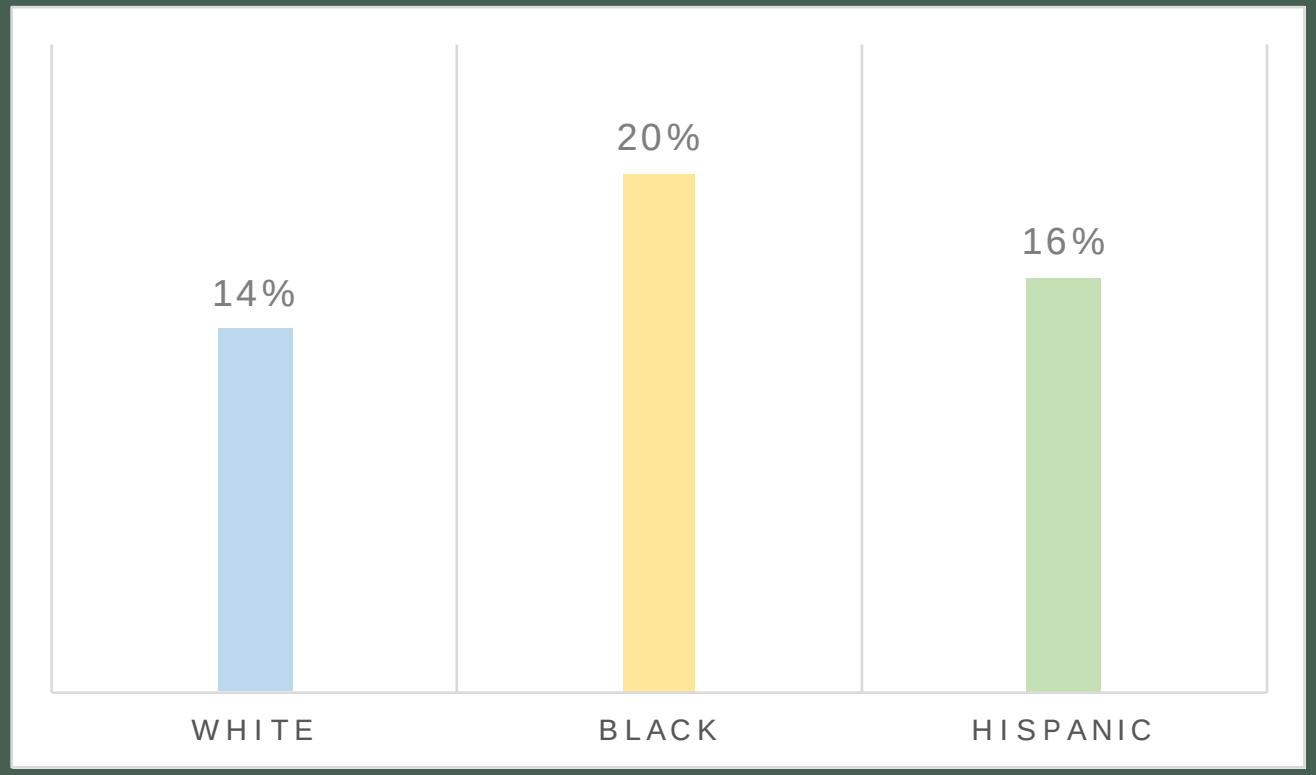

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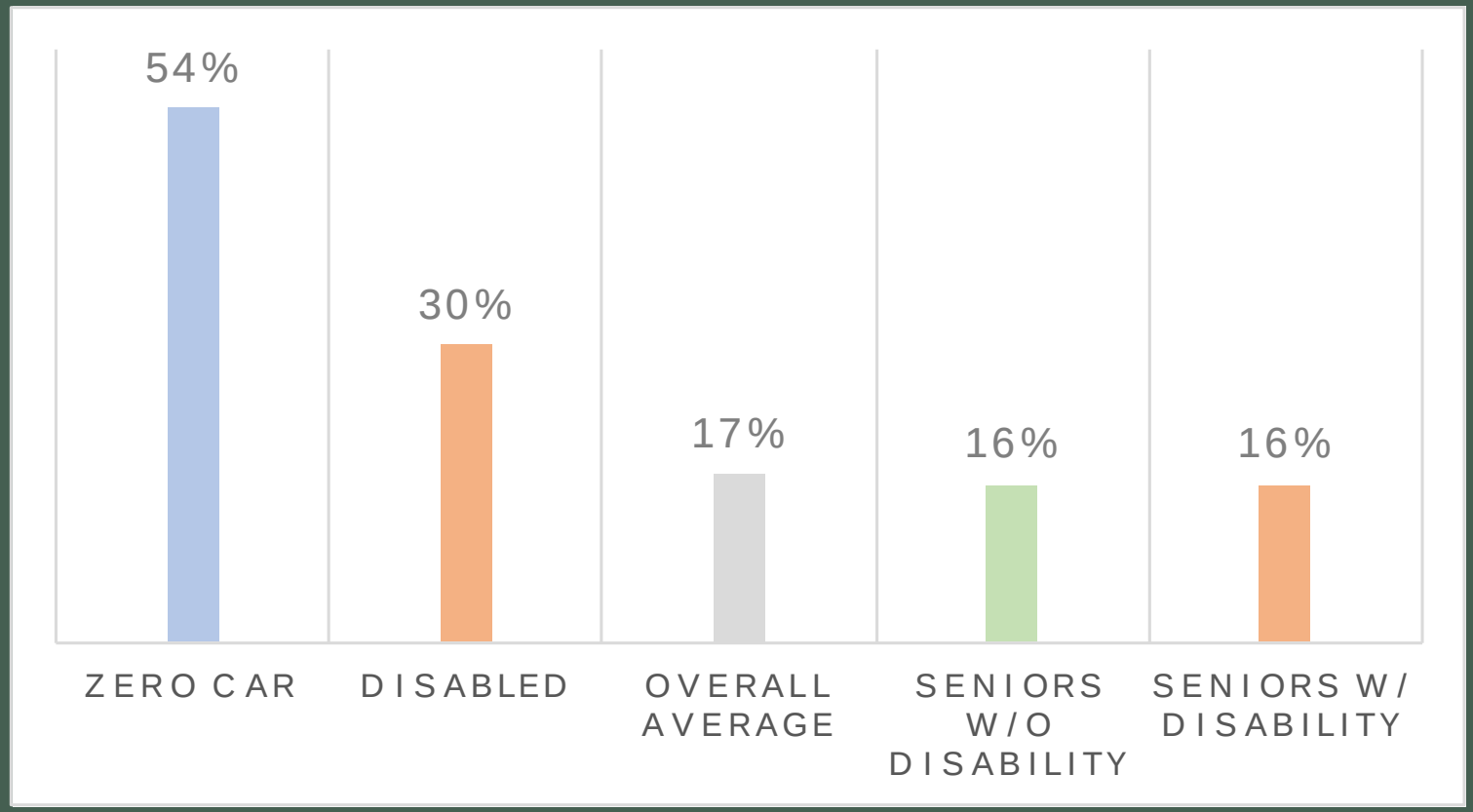

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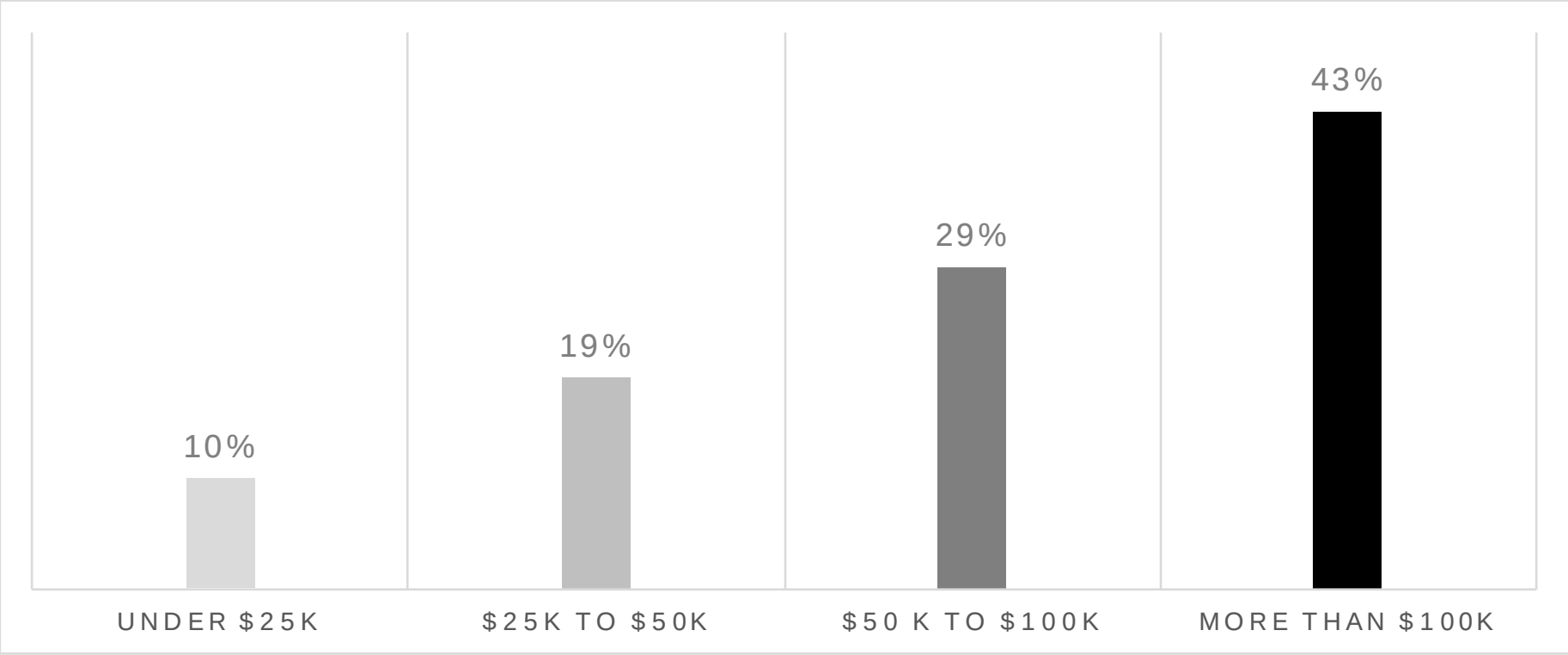

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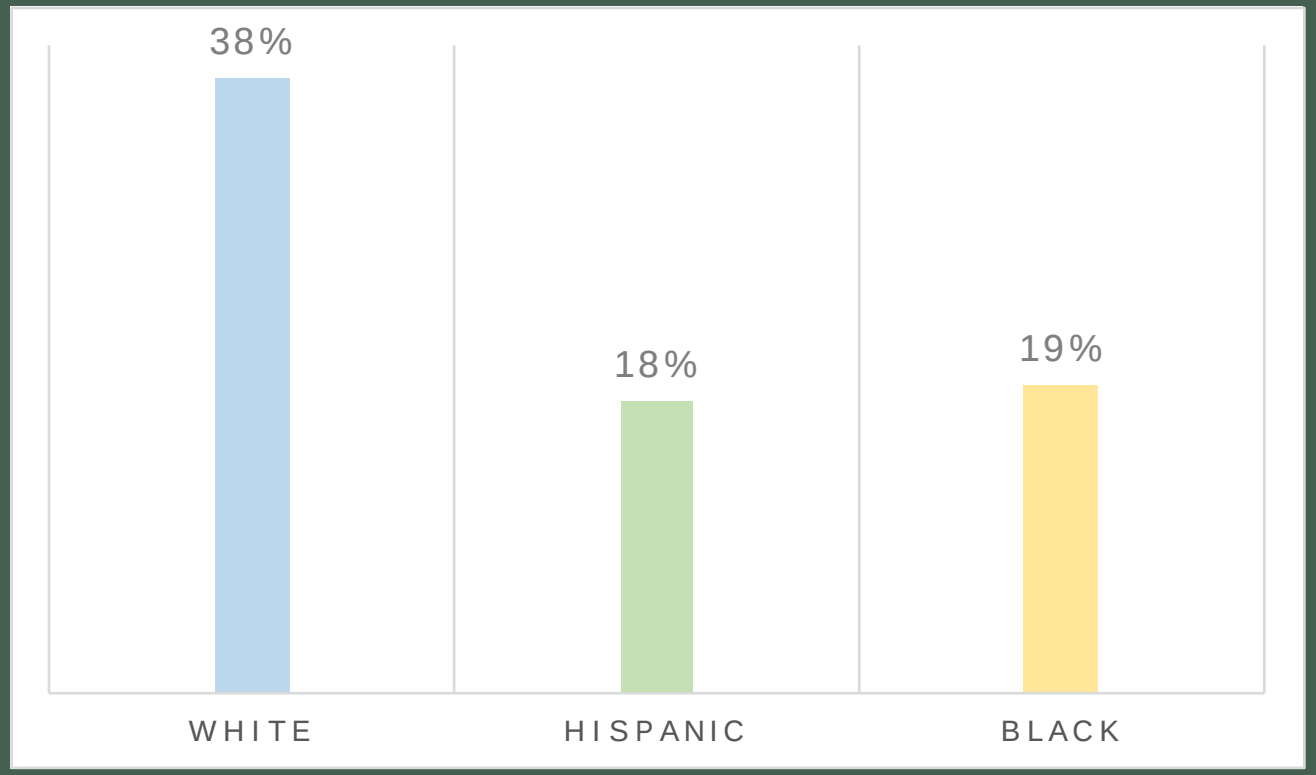

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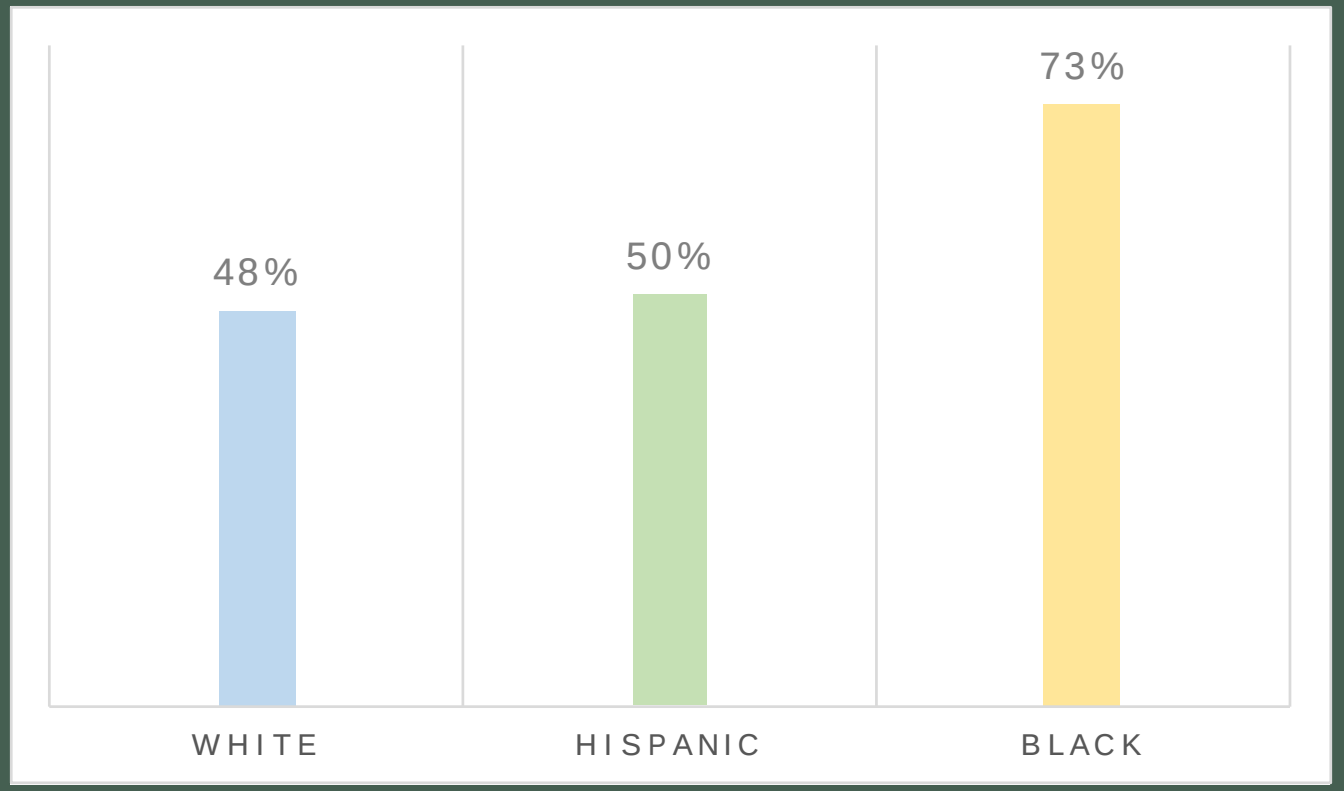
Improving bus service “very important”



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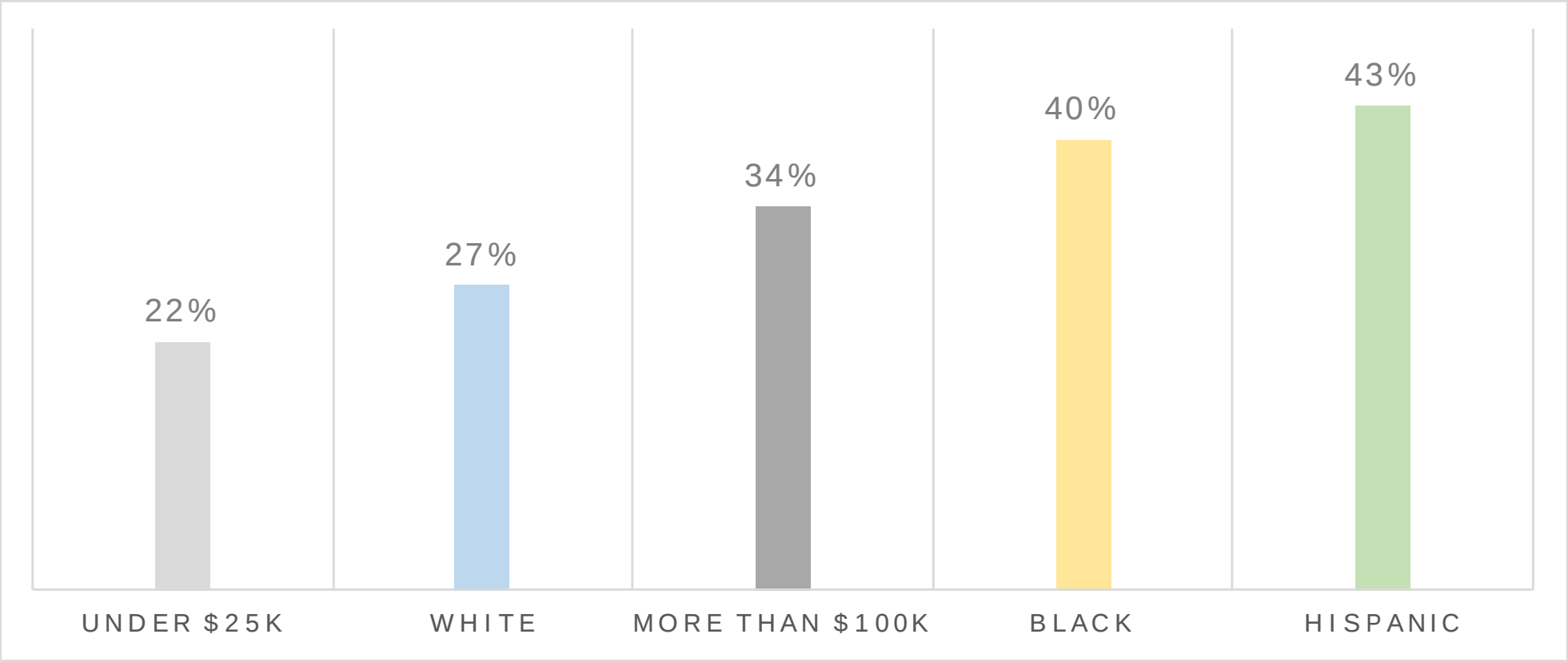
Needs of bicyclists “not at all” meet



Spatial Analysis

New EJ Area Definitions

- Use latest available data: 2012-2016 American Community Survey (ACS)

- Census block group level analysis. Locate **heaviest concentrations** of EJ groups. Work to ID other areas not captured by ACS.

- Tweak methodology
  - More inclusive for places home to high percentages of low income or minority groups only (not in combination)

EJ NEIGHBORHOODS*

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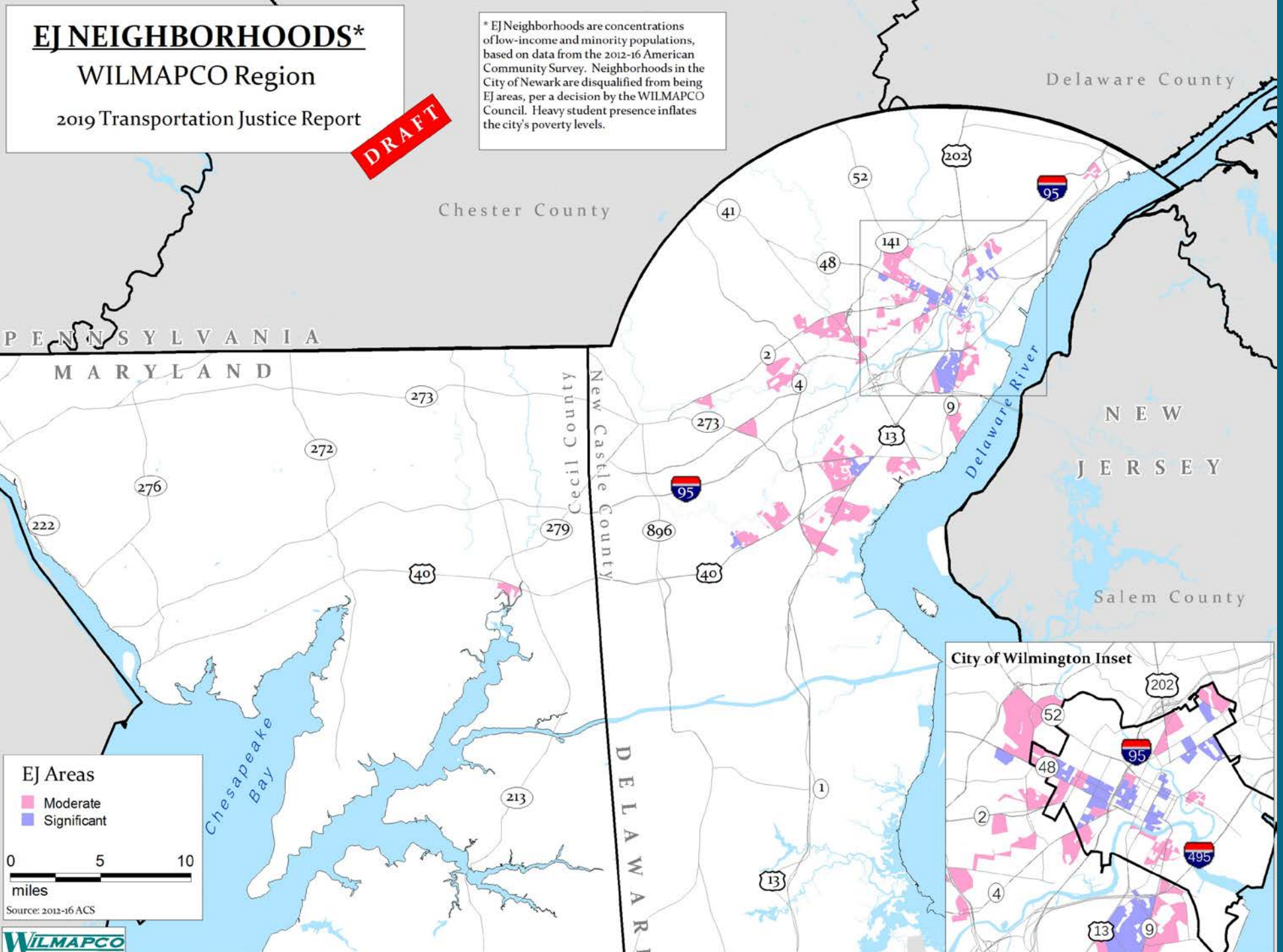

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EJ Areas
- Moderate
- Significant

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miles

Source: 2012-16 ACS

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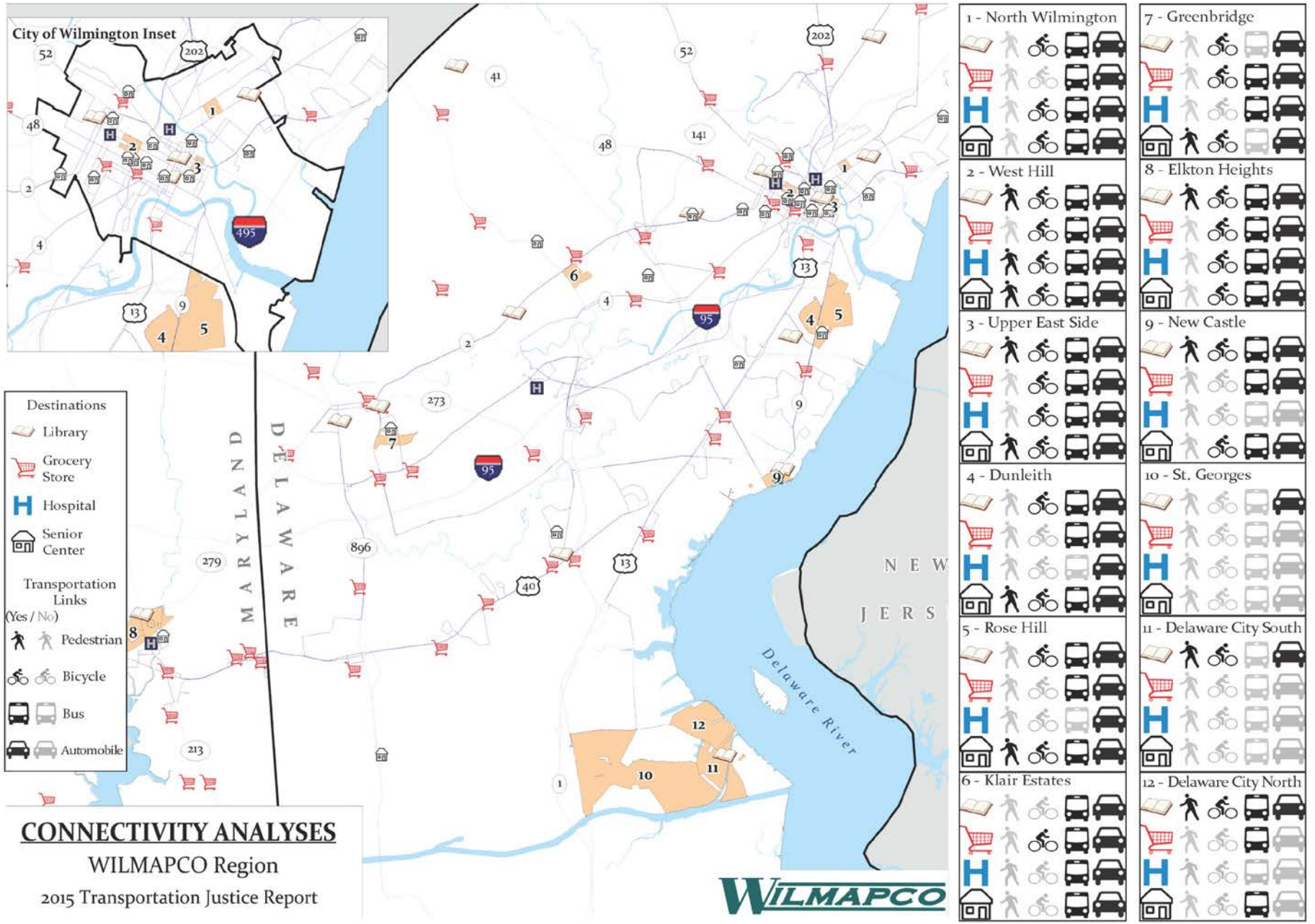
Planned EJ Analysis

- Multi-modal connectivity analysis – low-wage employment, grocery stores, libraries, hospitals, senior centers vs. EJ areas (UD analysis)
- Food desert bus connectivity to supermarkets
- Location efficiency (CNT); travel time
- Health impacts (via Policy Map and SDOH)
- TIP project equity
- Public bus affordability
- Crash rates
- SLR exposure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Destinations
Library
Grocery Store
Hospital
Senior Center
Transportation Links
(Yes / No)
Pedestrian
Bicycle
Bus
Automobile
MARYLAND
DELAWARE
NEW JERSEY
Delaware River
1 - North Wilmington
2 - West Hill
3 - Upper East Side
4 - Dunleith
5 - Rose Hill
6 - Klair Estates
7 - Greenbridge
8 - Elkton Heights
9 - New Castle
10 - St. Georges
11 - Delaware City South
12 - Delaware City North
CONNECTIVITY ANALYSES
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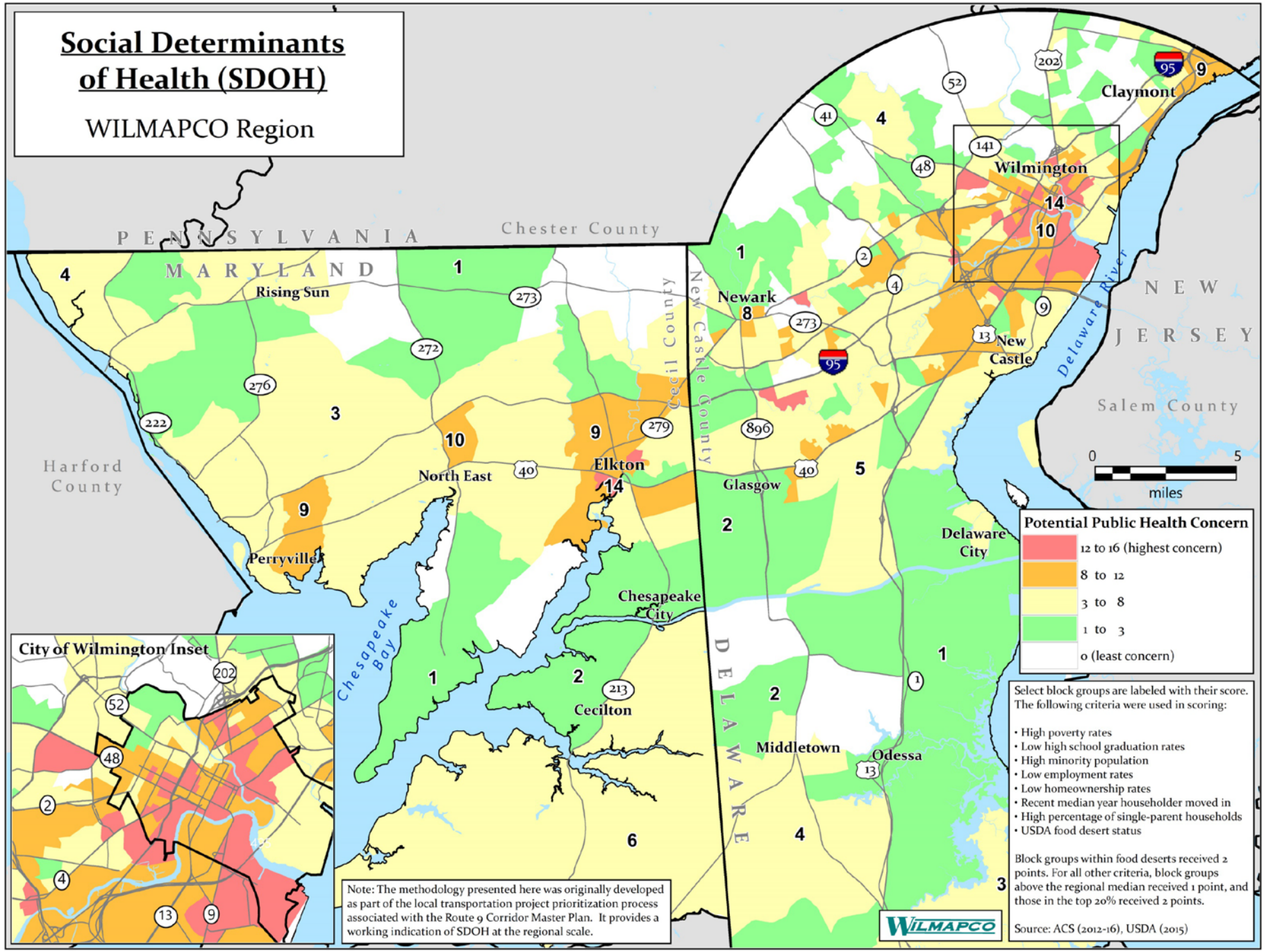

Poverty
Education
Minority
Employment
Home ownership
Length of residence
Single parent HH
Food deserts

New MC Area Definitions

- Use latest available data: 2012-2016 American Community Survey (ACS)

- Census block group level analysis. Work to ID other areas not captured by ACS.

- Tweak methodology
  - High percentages of groups only (not in combination) become at least a moderate area
  - Very high percentage of households without vehicles needed to become significant area

MC Neighborhoods*

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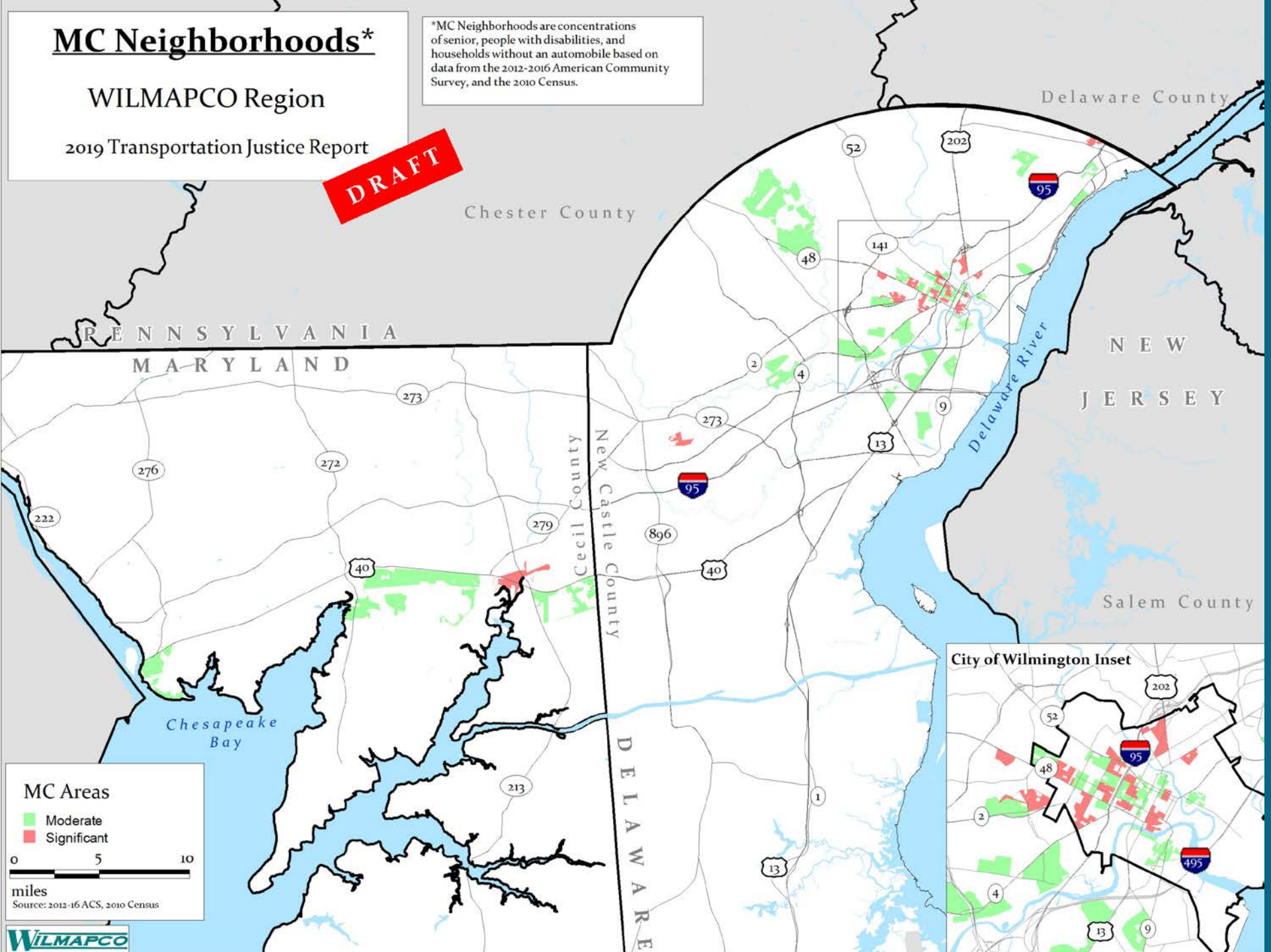

Planned MC Analysis

- Multi-modal connectivity analysis – low-wage employment, grocery stores, libraries, hospitals, senior centers vs. MC areas (UD analysis)
- Location efficiency (CNT)
- Health impacts (via Policy Map and SDOH)
- Crash rates
- ARCCA public transit analysis
- ARCCA pedestrian analysis

Public Participation

LEP Clusters Definitions

- Use latest available data: 2012-2016 American Community Survey
- Census block group level analysis
- Tweak methodology
  - More stringent
  - Screen for dominant non-English language

LEP Clusters*

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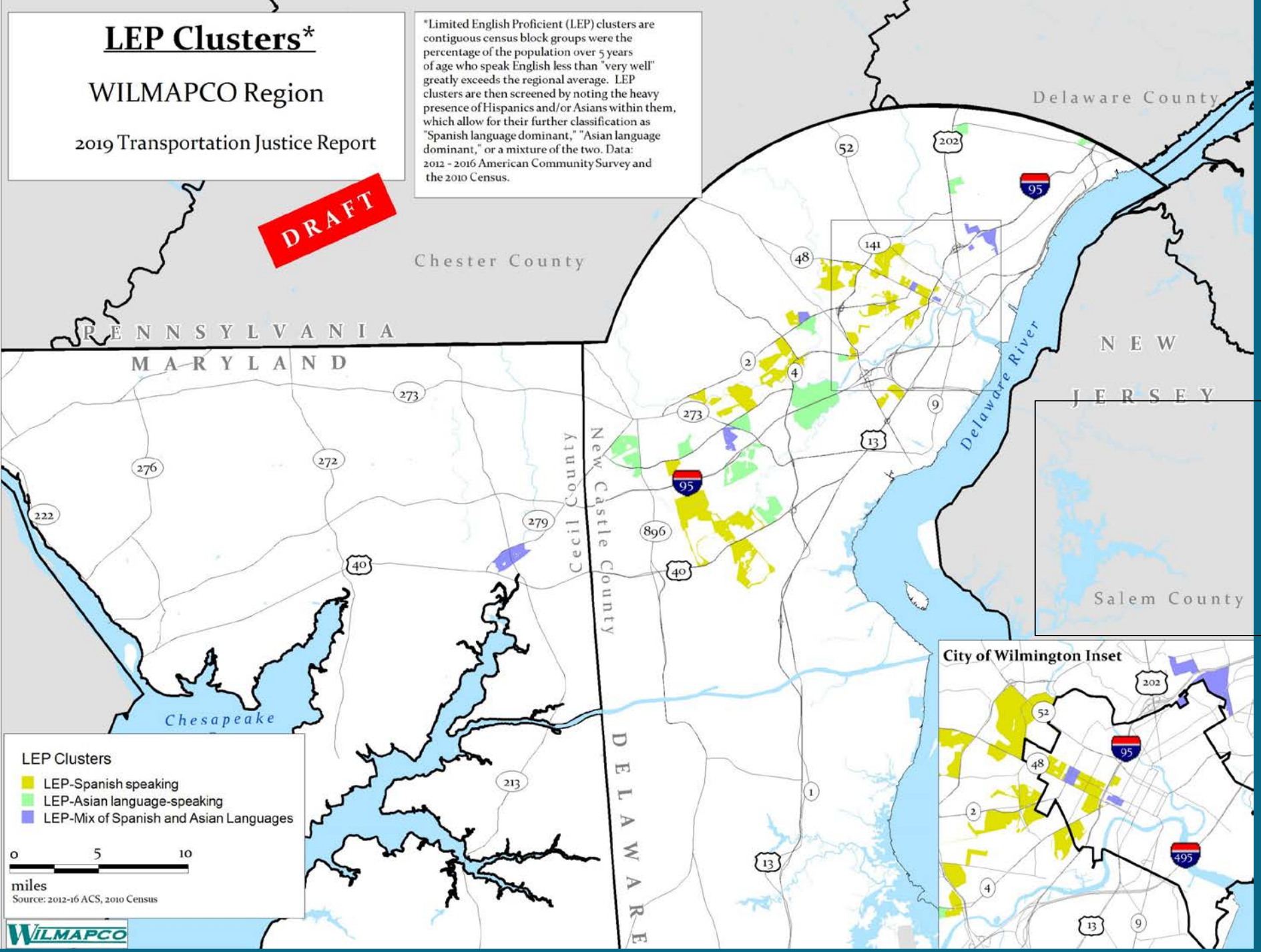

LEP Clusters
- LEP-Spanish speaking
- LEP-Asian language-speaking
- LEP-Mix of Spanish and Asian Languages

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Source: 2012-16 ACS, 2010 Census

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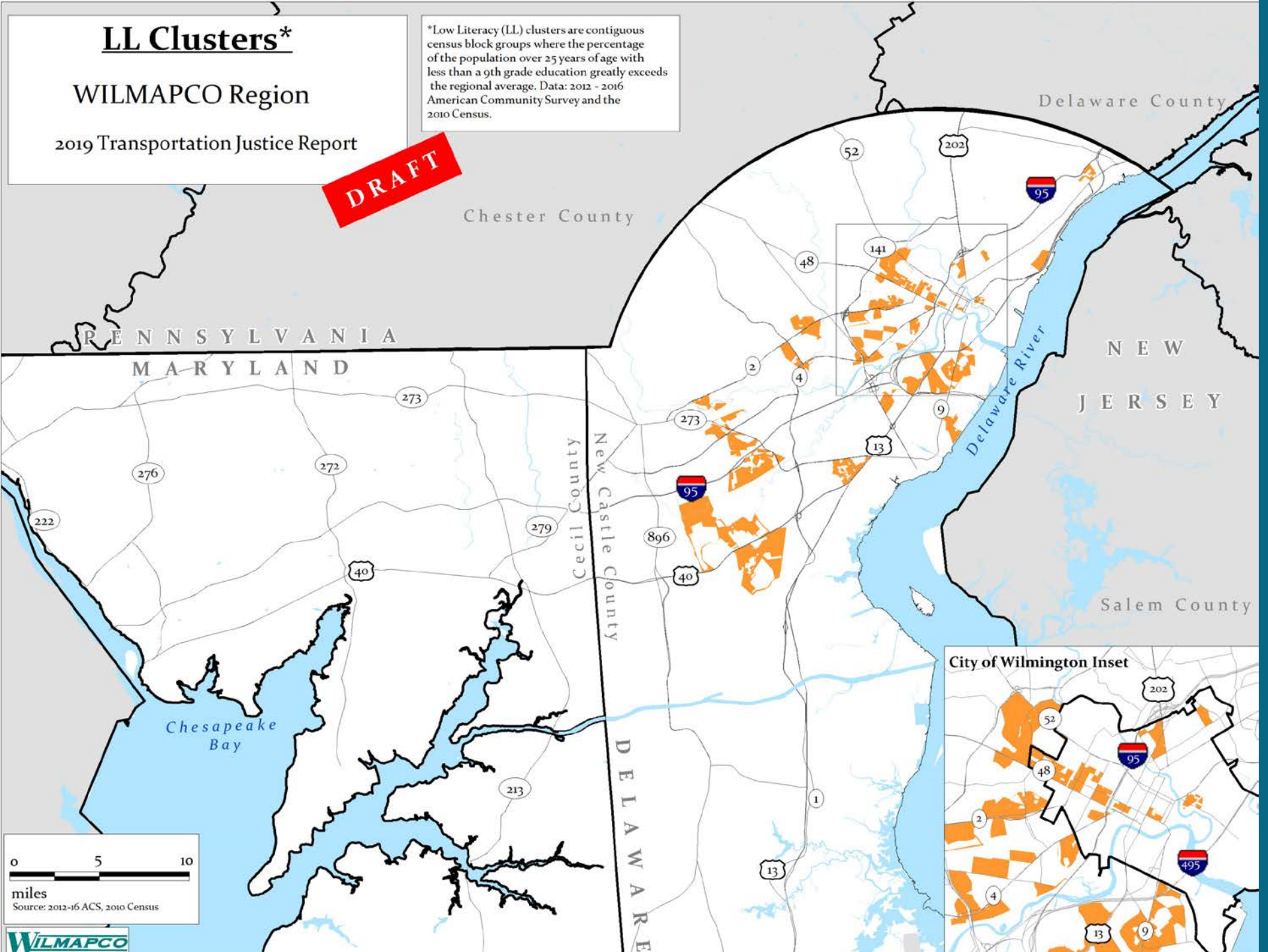
LL Clusters*
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*Low Literacy (LL) clusters are contiguous census block groups where the percentage of the population over 25 years of age with less than a 9th grade education greatly exceeds the regional average. Data: 2012 - 2016 American Community Survey and the 2010 Census.
Delaware County
Chester County
PENNSYLVANIA
MARYLAND
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DELAWARE
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Timeline

- Analysis to proceed through Spring 2019 with draft by Summer 2019
- Will follow on the heels of the 2050 RTP
- Projected Council endorsement in November 2019

EXTRA SLIDES

What is Title VI?

- **Civil Rights Act**
  - Discriminatory Statute (race, color, national origin)
  - Regulatory requirements
  - Enforceable in court
- **Differing FTA/FHWA Interpretations**
  - *Race, color, national origin*, sex, age, disability, low-income, and limited English proficiency
- **General MPO Requirements**
  - Title VI Policies/Program
  - Demographic and mobility analyses

What is Environmental Justice?

- **Executive and DOT Orders**
  - Disparate impacts to low income and minority persons
  - Not enforceable in court
- **Requirement 1: Fair Treatment**
  - No group should bear a disproportionate share of transportation's **benefits** or **burdens**
- **Requirement 2: Meaningful Involvement**
  - Facilitate involvement of those affected by proposed actions/polices

What is Transportation Justice?

- **WILMAPCO–extension of EJ**
  - Mobility needs of **seniors, people with disabilities** and **households without vehicles**
- **Our analysis:** connectivity and accessibility analyses; public engagement needs
- **Re-classify as "Mobility Challenged"**

New EJ Area Definitions

MODERATE – 3 paths

1. Poverty greater than the regional average, and
   - NH Blacks 3x the regional average, or
   - Hispanics 3x the regional average, or
   - NH Asians 3x the regional average
2. Racial/ethnic minorities 2x the regional average
3. Poverty 2x the regional average

SIGNIFICANT - 3 paths

1. Poverty 2x greater than the regional average, and
   - NH Blacks 3x the regional average, or
   - Hispanics 3x the regional average, or
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2. Racial/ethnic minorities 90% or more the block group's population
3. Poverty 3x the regional average

LL Area Definitions

LL CLUSTER

1. Percentage of the population over 25 with less than a 9th grade education exceeds 3x the regional average

   - PLUS - adjoining block groups with a percentage of the population over 25 with less than a 9th grade education exceeding 2x the regional average

New LEP Area Definitions

LEP CLUSTER

1. Percentage of the population over 5 who speak English less than “Very Well” exceeds 3x the regional average

    - PLUS - adjoining block groups with a percentage of the population over 5 who speak English less than “Very Well” exceeding 2x the regional average

LANGUAGE SCREEN

- Spanish (high % of Hispanics)
- Asian (high % of Asian)
- Spanish/Asian mixture (high % of both Hispanic and Asian)

New MC Area Definitions

MODERATE – 4 paths

1. Households without vehicles greater than 2x the regional average, and
   - Disabled greater than the regional average, or
   - Seniors greater the regional average, or

2. Households without vehicles greater than 3x the regional average
3. Disabled greater than 3x the regional average
4. Seniors greater than 3x the regional average

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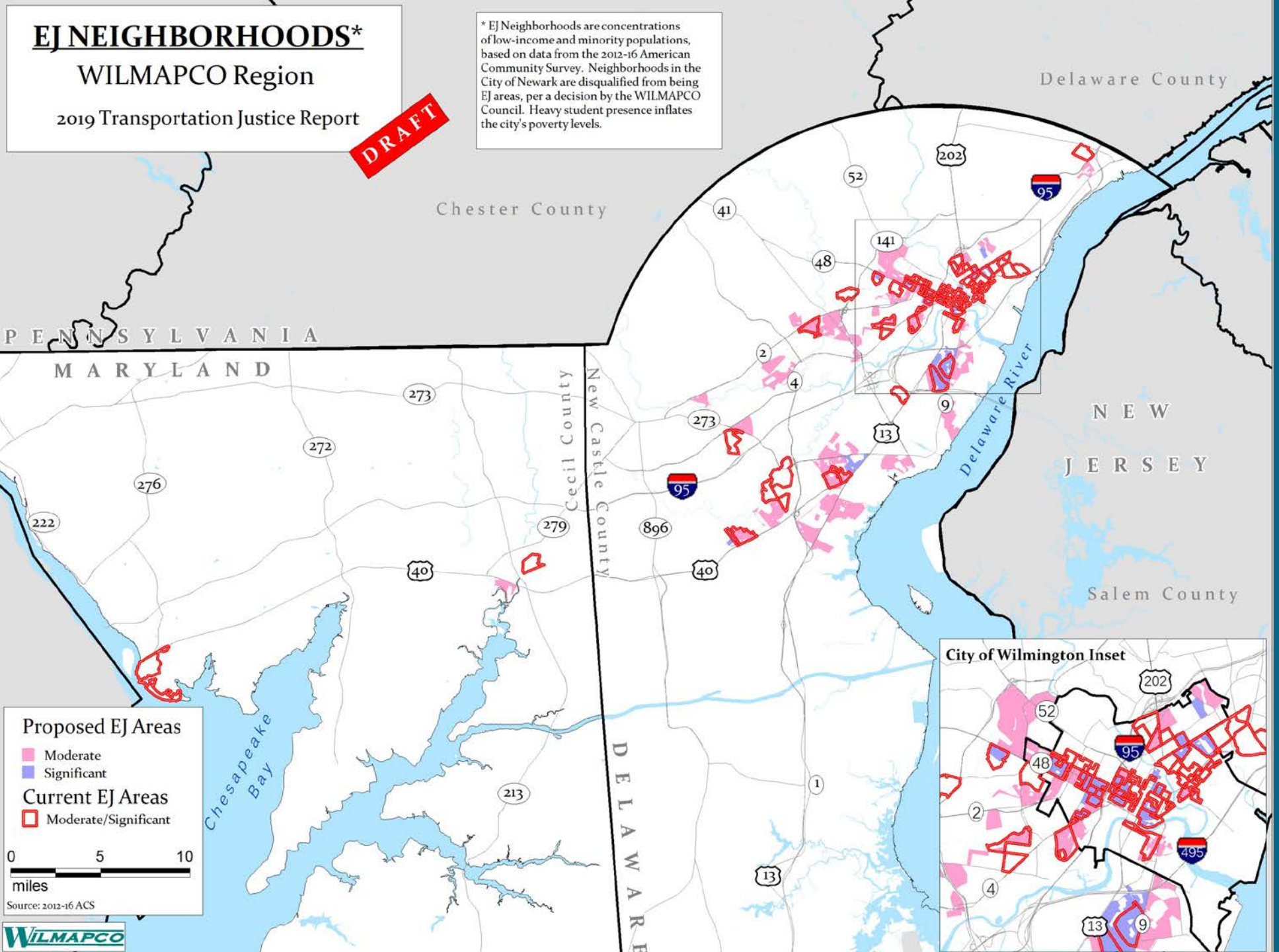

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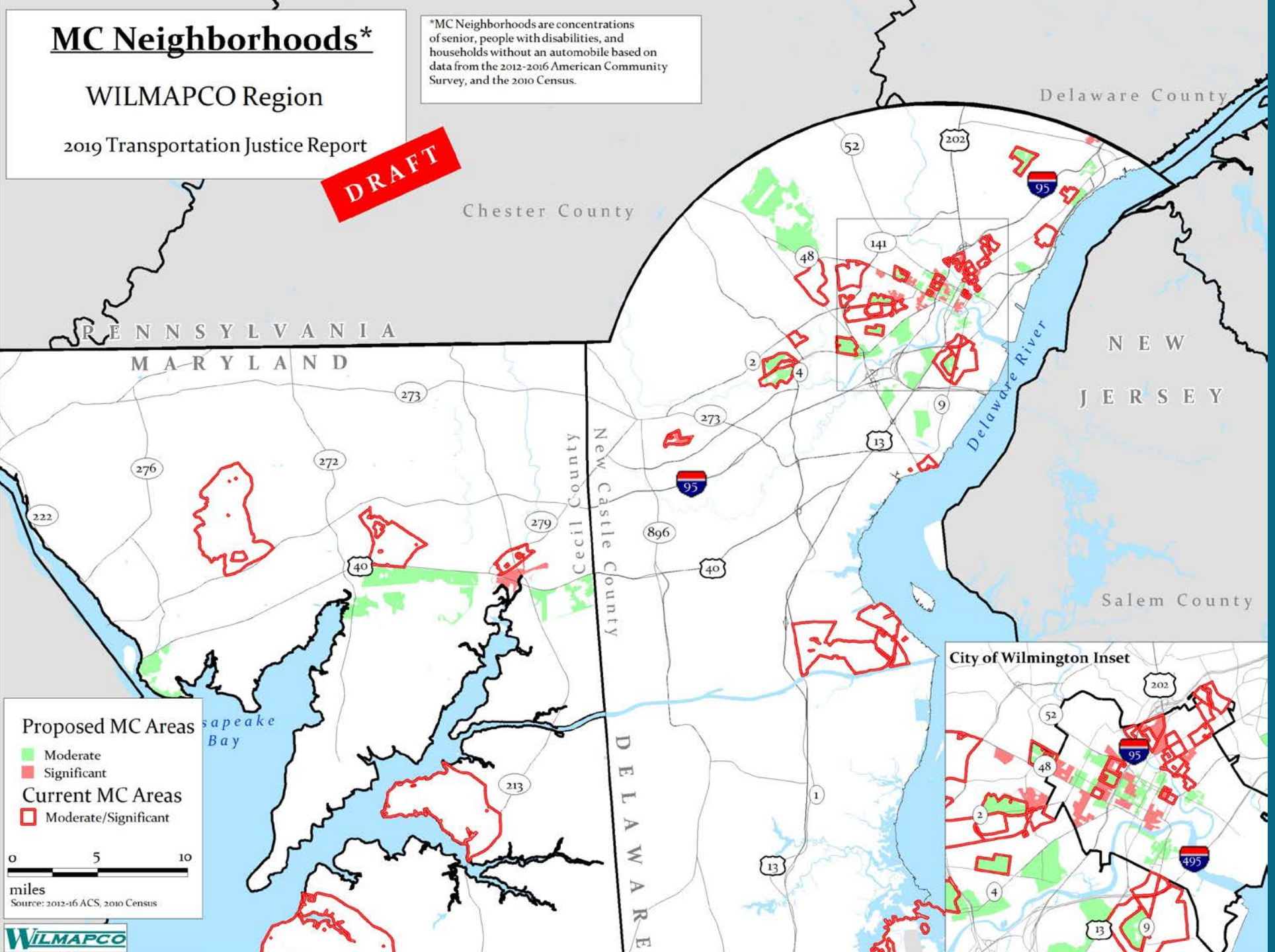

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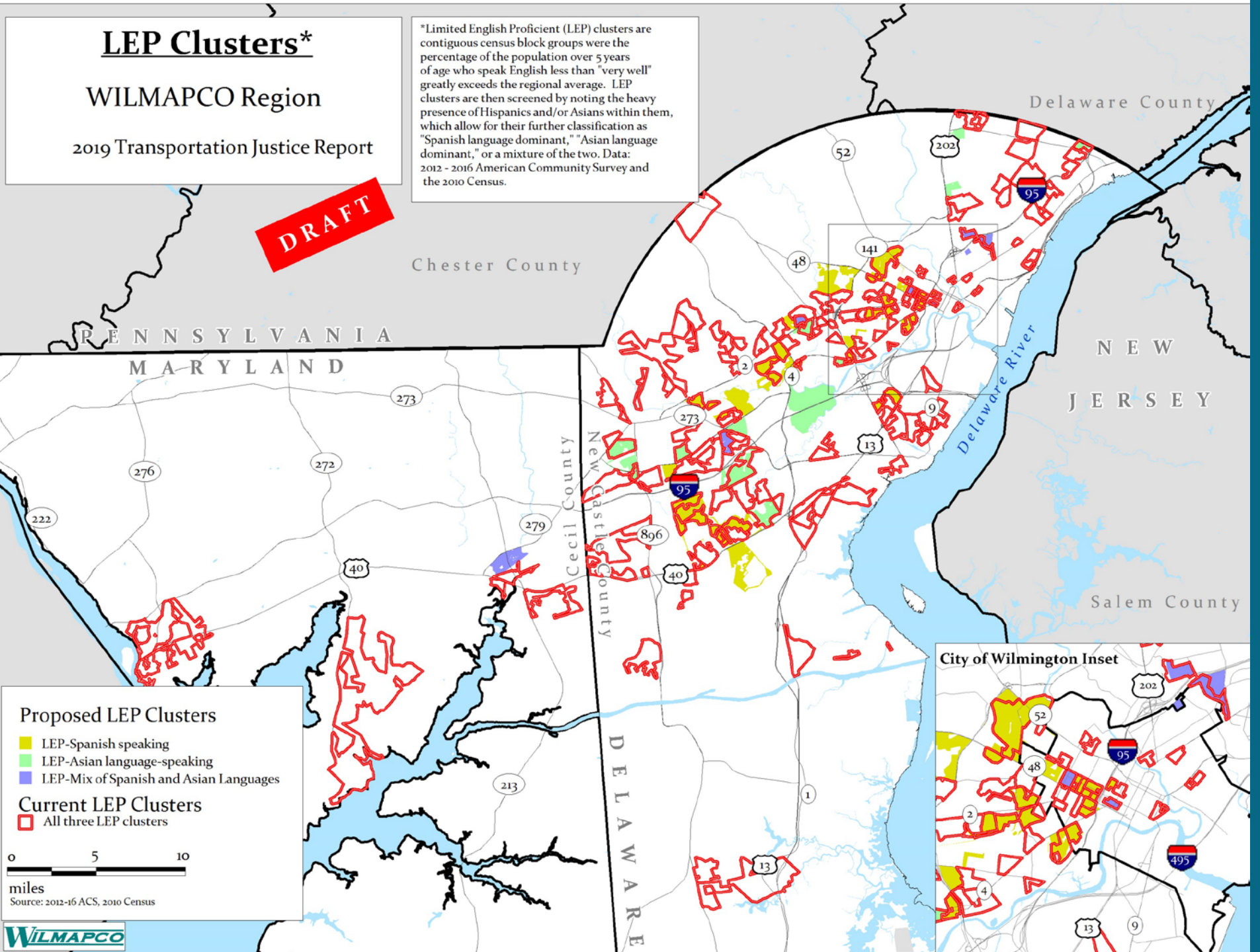

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Current LEP Clusters
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