

VILMAPCO

2019 Transportation Justice Plan

Analysis Update





Putting it all together

Transportation Justice

Title VI/EJ

Language Assistance ADA/Mobility Challenged





Title VI and Environmental Justice Analysis

Low-income and racial/ethnic minorities

- Introduction
- Basic reporting requirements
- o Demographic profile
- Public opinion survey
- o Spatial analysis
- o Public outreach
- Key recommendations







Mobility Challenged Analysis

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Language Assistance Plan

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Title VI/EJ: Spatial Analysis





- Concentrations of low-income and minority populations
- Used in WILMAPCO project prioritization processes
 - Points for projects given, or taken
- Historically, other spatial analyses



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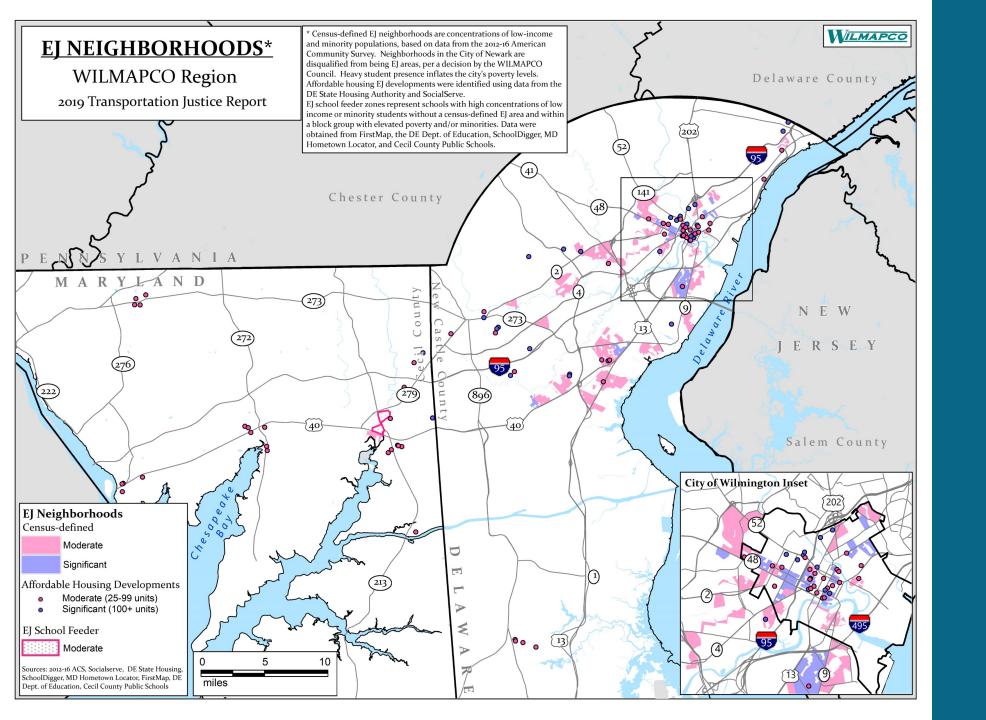


2012-2016 American Community Survey

- Census block group level analysis
- ID heaviest concentrations of EJ groups

Affordable housing data and elementary school demographic data to ID other areas



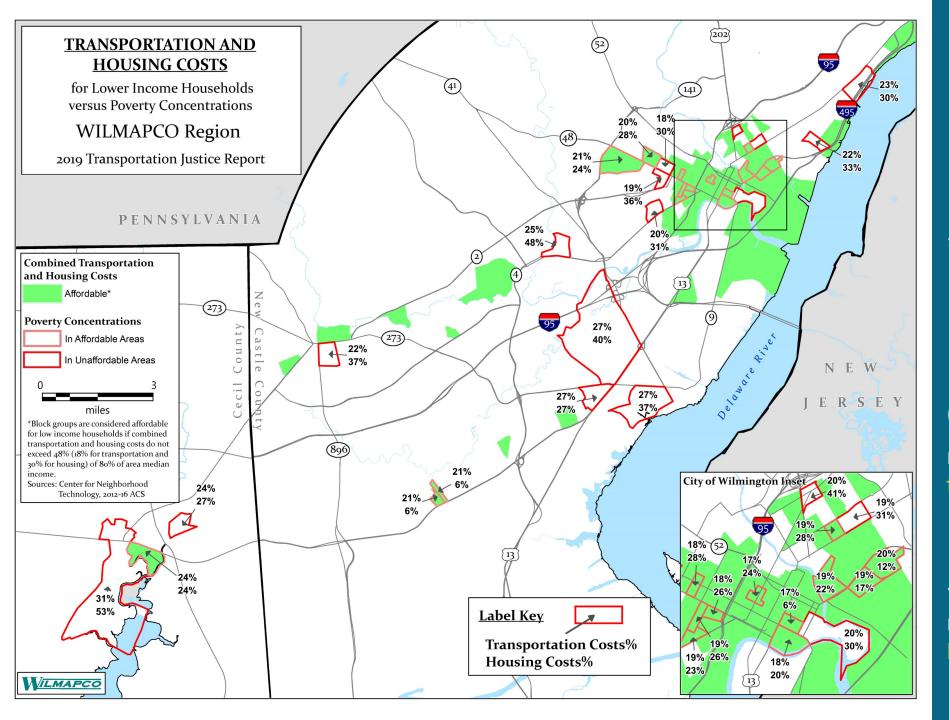


Transportation Equity Concerns

	Poverty/low-income	Blacks	Hispanics
Transportation Access (in General)	yes	yes	
Neighborhood Transportation/Housing Costs	no, but of other concern		
Neighborhood Connectivity			
Travel Time from Neighborhoods			
Travel Time on Public Transit (in general)		yes	
Traffic Volumes	yes	yes	yes

Transportation Equity Concerns, cont.

		Poverty/low-income	Blacks	Hispanics
•	All Vehicle Crashes			
	Pedestrian and Bike Crashes		yes	
50	Bike Level of Traffic Stress			
	Public Electric Vehicle Stations	yes	yes	yes
	Community Transportation Project Funding		yes	
-	WILMAPCO Community Planning			
	Knowledge of WILMAPCO	yes	yes	yes



T+H COST AFFORDABILITY FOR LOWER INCOME HH WITHIN POVERTY CONCENTRATIONS

55% of high poverty neighborhoods are unaffordable

6% of high poverty neighborhoods have affordable transportation costs

58% of high poverty neighborhoods have affordable housing costs





Transportation Impact Story

[I may be able to] pay for my child's medicine this month, but I also need car insurance, gas, and rent all in the same week. And it doesn't add up.

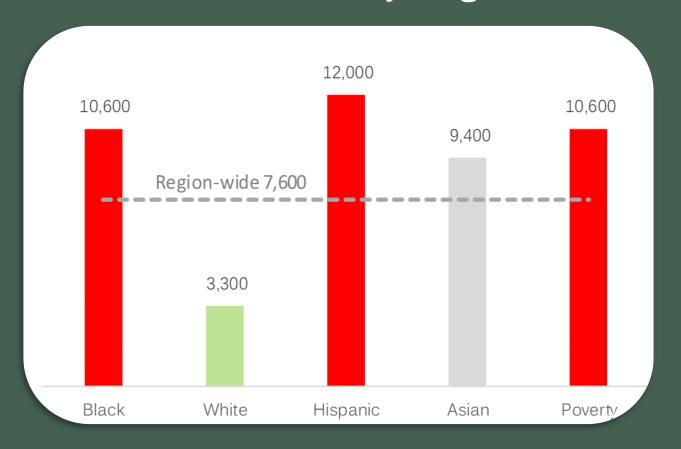






TJ Analysis: Traffic Levels

Median Traffic Levels by neighborhood



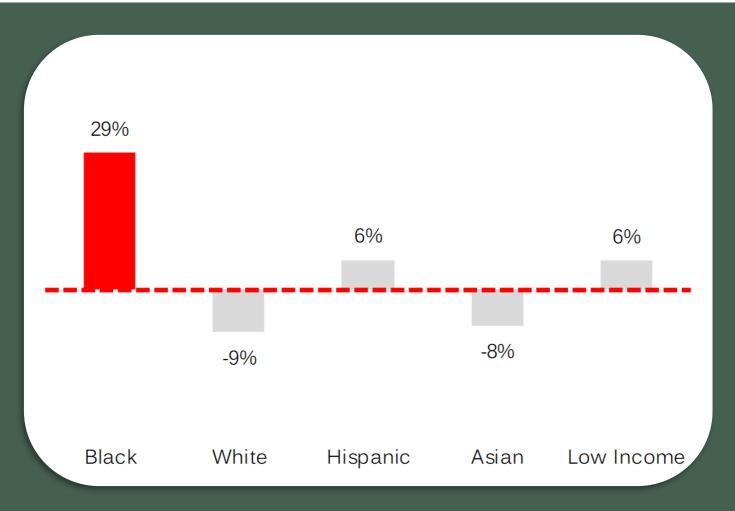
Traffic Level Equity WILMAPCO Region

- Median AADT of roadway segments within group concentrations vs. regional median
- Figures rounded to hundreds
- 2012 2016 ACS; DelDOT; MDOT





TJ Analysis: Pedestrian Crash Equity



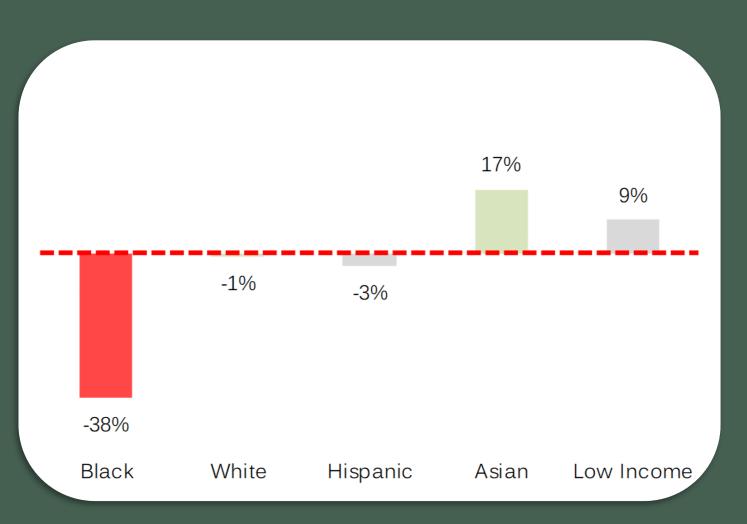
Pedestrian Crash Equity within Areas of Concentration in 2016

- Deviation from "expected" crash levels. Total crashes compared to the total population within the concentrations.
- Expressway crashes excluded
- Considered racial and ethnic and low income concentrations to be block groups with double or more the regional average for that population, or >90% for whites
- 2016 data from DelDOT and MDOT; 2012 2016 ACS





TJ Analysis: TIP Project Equity



TIP Project Funding Equity within Areas of Concentration 2002 - 2018

- Deviation from "expected" funding levels. Project funding received compared to the total population with the concentrations.
- Summed TIP Spending on "community projects" from years 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2018. Compared to total mappable TIP spend.
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- Census data: 2000 Census, 2006 2010 ACS, 2012 - 2016 ACS





TJ Analysis: Connectivity



Libraries



Community centers



Urgent care



Low-wage job centers



Senior centers



Medical centers



Grocery stores



State Service Centers



Pharmacies

















TJ Analysis: Connectivity



10 minute accessible walking trip



10 minute accessible biking trip



15 minute accessible car trip



30 minute accessible, one-way bus trip (including no more than 10 mins walking, total)



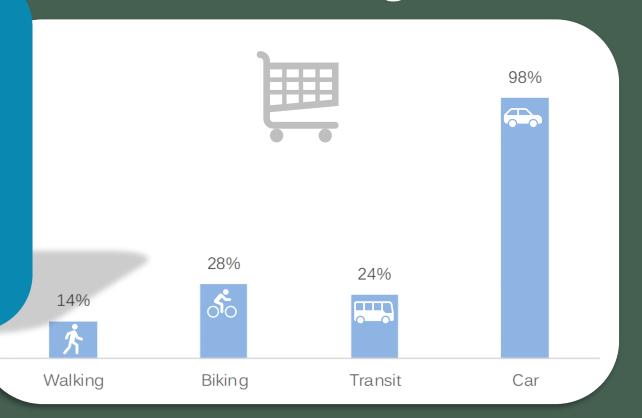


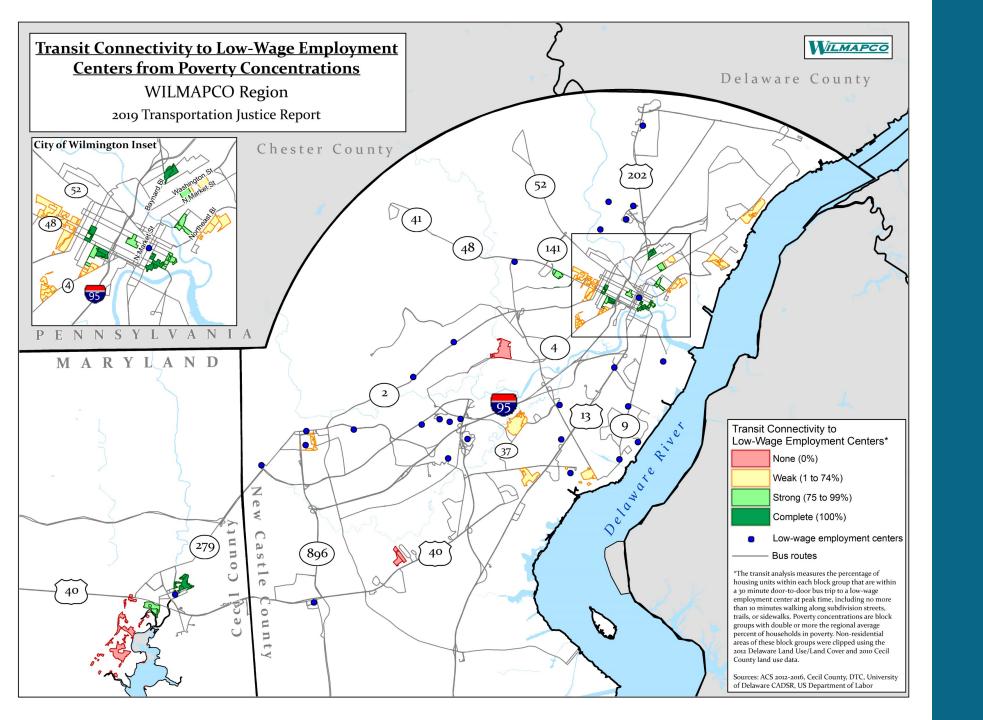
TJ Analysis: Connectivity

Homes with Connections to Supermarkets WILMAPCO Region

Equity Analysis

Low-income and minority neighborhoods are generally better connected on every mode to every destination than average







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Middletown

Wilmington

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Edgewood

Oxford

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number or share of residents is more than 1 mile (urban) or 10 miles (rural) from the nearest

Low Income (2)

Bridgeton

supermarket.

Pennsville

Salem

cess Layers 2015 (2)

LI and LA at 1 and 20 miles @ LI and LA using vehicle access (2) → Component Layers 2015

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Low Access at 1 and 10 miles (2)

Low Access at 1/2 and 10 miles (2) Low Access at 1 and 20 miles (2)

Low vehicle access (2)

High group quarters (2)

State Park

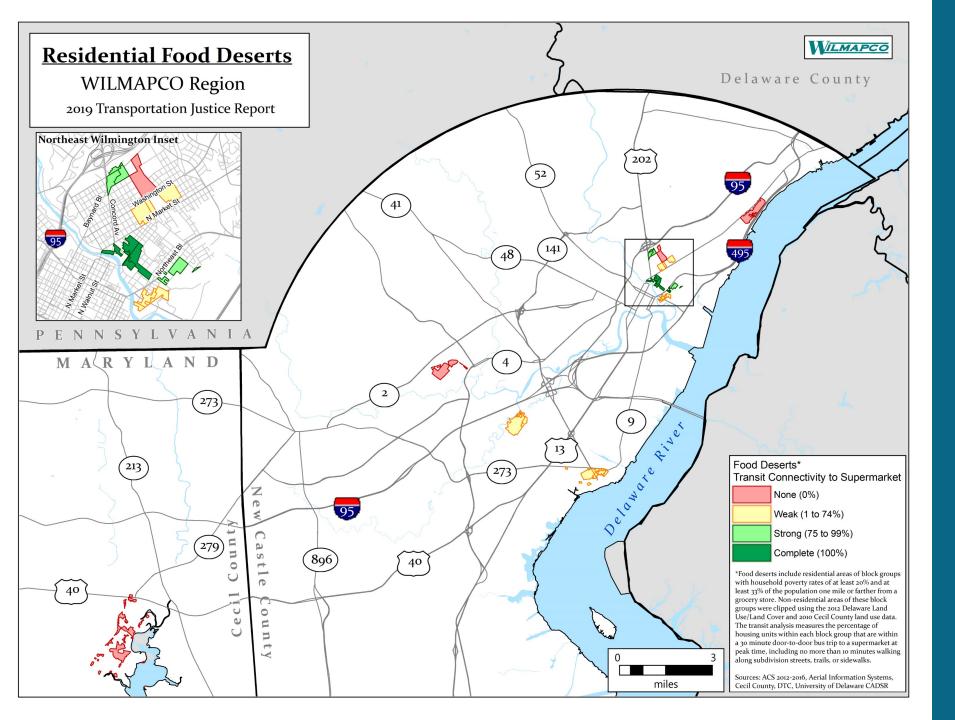
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USDA Food Deserts

Method flaws

- Uses census tracts
- Includes nonresidential
- No bus access considered



WILMAPCO Food Deserts

Method

Block groups with >20% poverty where >=33% of the population are >=1 mile from a supermarket

Only residential areas shown

Classed by housing unit transit connectivity to supermarket





TJ Analysis: Some Key Recommendations

- Drive more capital investment into black neighborhoods
- Study and address walking and bicycling safety in black neighborhoods
- Improve transit links to employment centers from black and impoverished neighborhoods
- Increase transportation affordability of impoverished neighborhoods
- Better walking, biking, and bus links from food deserts to supermarkets





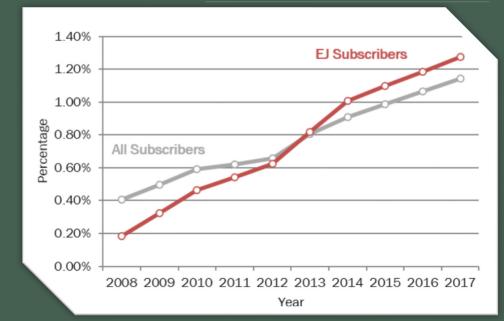
Title VI/EJ: Engagement





- WILMAPCO has a strong outreach program
- Specific outreach to low-income/minorities since 2008
- Some success in implementation...
 But not enough to end disparities
- Revamp recommendations for 2019

Newsletter Subscribers







TJ Analysis: Public Opinion Survey

Public Opinion Survey

Low-income and black residents

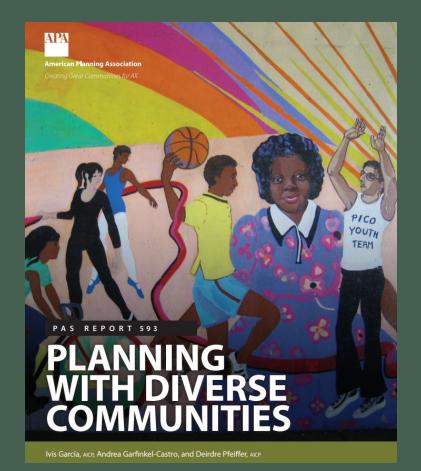
- * more transportation difficulties
- * less familiarity with WILMAPCO







LITERATURE REVIEW





OUR EXPERIENCES





2019

American Planning Association,

Spectrum of Public Participation

Increasing Level of Public Impact

Public Participation Goal

Inform



Communicate the issues you plan to address

Consult



Obtain feedback on alternatives to make an informed decision

Involve



Ensure that public wants are understood and taken info consideration

Collaborate



Partner with the public in each aspect of planning

Empower



Support the aspirations of the public and contribute to the implementation of their plans

Example Techniques

- Newsletters
- · Flyers
- Websites
- Open Houses
- Public meetings

- Public comments
- Public hearings
- Focus groups
- Surveys

- Open space meetings
- Workshops
- Polling

- Charrettes
- Resident advisory committees
- Consensus building
- Participatory

- Action teams
- Delegated responsibility
- Creation of non-profits
- Leadership development



American Planning Association, 2019

Spectrum of Public Participation

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5 Lessons Learned - Route 9 Master Plan Monitoring Committee

- 1. Invite civic leaders to all meetings
- 2. Support comprehension of plan
- 3. Define roles of committee members
- 4. Ensure accountability
- 5. Invest in trust building







Selected Agency Level Recommendations

- Develop practices that integrate cultural groups of all ages
- Participate in Title VI and EJ training and cultural competency training
- Advocate with, and on behalf of, people of color







Selected Regional Level Recommendations

- Continue to diversify outreach methods
- Have equitable representation of minorities on the PAC
- Pursue equitable public feedback in studies, by race and class







Selected Local Level Recommendations

- Invest in relationship building
- Encourage residents to participate in decision making on committees
 - Representative cross-section
 - Clear mission
 - Accountability
- Empower residents to conduct surveys, facilitate meetings and provide explanation





Language Assistance Plan

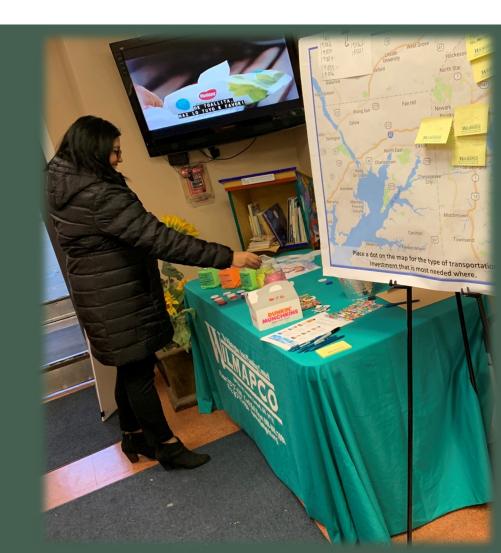




Safe Harbor Provision

Provide reasonable interpretation, translation, and outreach to Limited English Proficient (LEP) communities that

- \blacksquare Exceed 5% of region's population, or
- >1,000 people







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Speak English "Less Than Very Well"

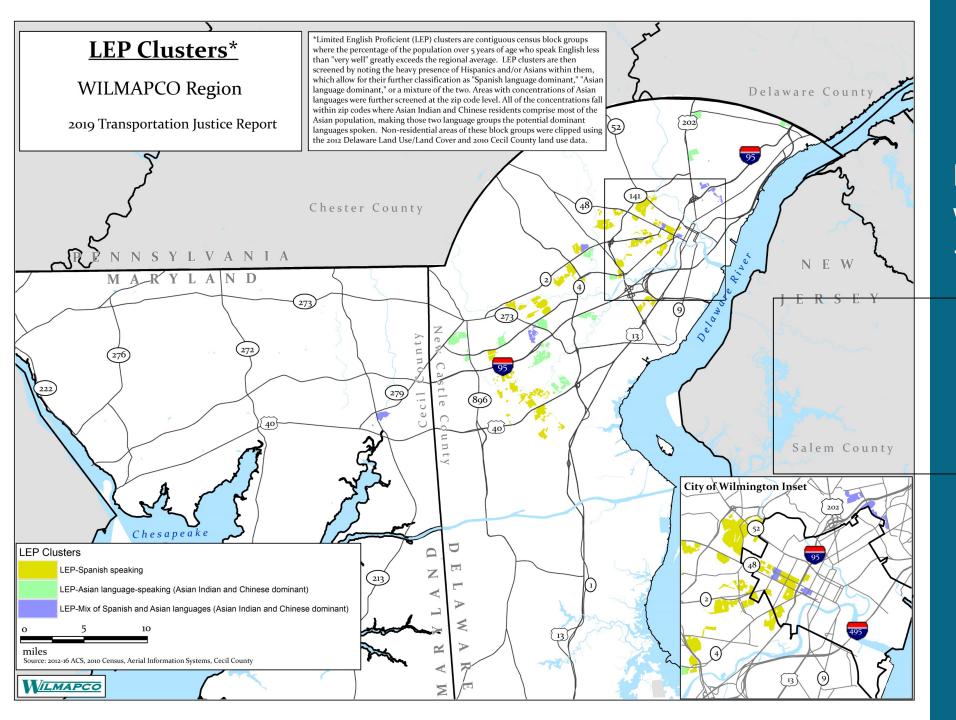
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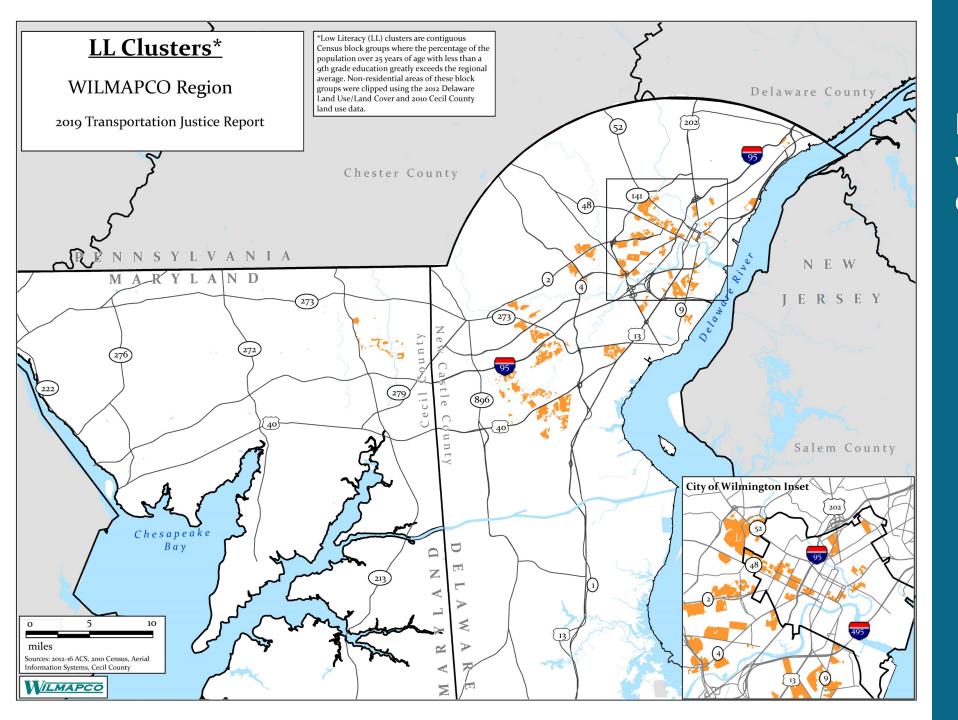
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Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

Population >5 years who speak English <"very well"



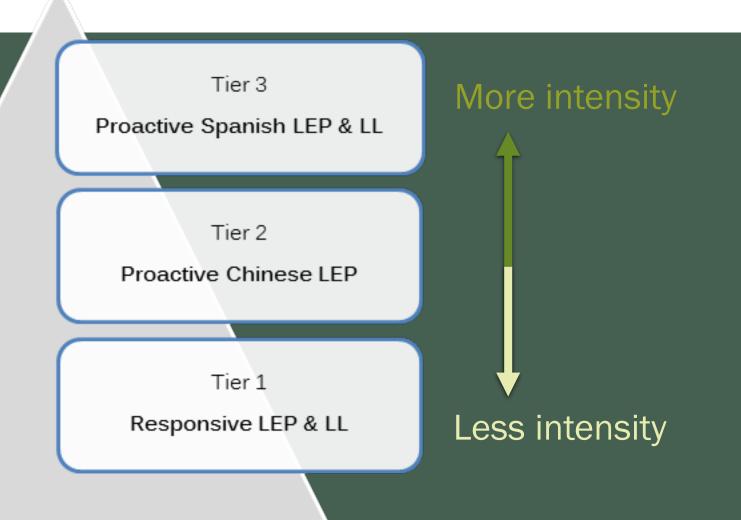
Low-literacy (LL)

Population >25 years w/< 9th grade education





Language Assistance Plan







Tier 3 - Proactive Service

In Spanish

- Non-discrimination assurances and complaint form/procedures
- "About WILMAPCO" webpage
- Plans translated, upon request

Build partnerships with Latin American Community Center, the Delaware Hispanic Commission, and Spanish media





Tier 3 - Proactive Service (continued)

- Continue to provide notices to Spanish media
- Consider Hispanic outreach consultant







Tier 3 - Proactive Service (continued)

Studies within an LEP Spanish cluster, or regional studies

- Translate top-level study materials
- Partner with local institutions for Spanish LEP participation
- Spanish interpreter (preferably community member) at workshops





Tier 3 - Proactive Service (continued)

Studies within an LL cluster, or regional studies

Must have visual and/or oral -based outreach and feedback

Studies without an LL cluster

■ Should have visual and/or oral –based outreach and feedback



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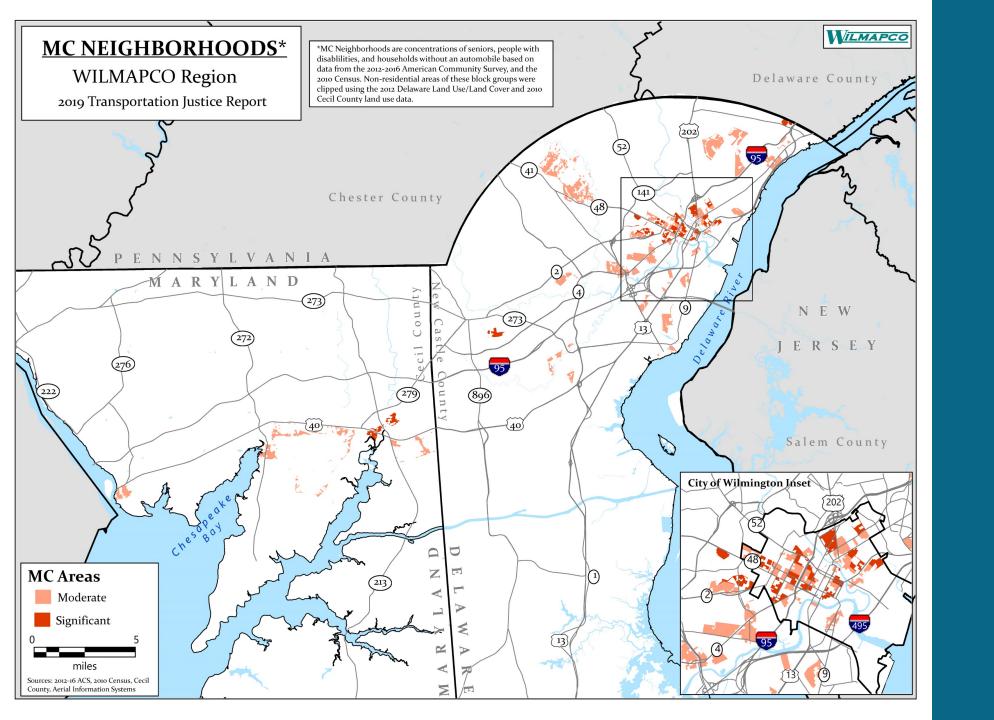




ADA Self Evaluation - findings

- Physical access barriers are limited
- Agency policies generally meet ADA guidelines
- Communication of policies needs improvement
- Front line communications should consider needs of people with disabilities









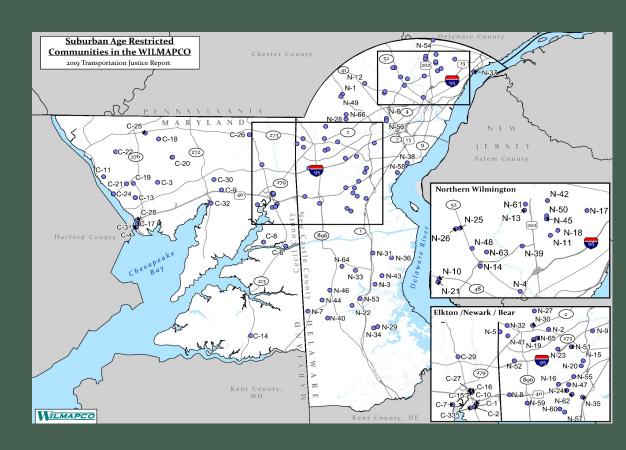
TJ Analysis: MC Neighborhood Connectivity Concerns

	Supermarket	Pharmacy	Hospital	Library	Low-Wage Emp. Center	Medical Center	Community Center	Senior Center	State Service Center
Seniors	∱		_	~	†	∱ ₩	∱ € ₩	_	* %
Disabled	∱ 6 ■		*	_	序 6	_	_	_	_
Zero-car Households	_	_	_	-	_	_	-	-	_





- Age-restricted Community Connectivity Analysis (ARCCA)
- Developed in 2011 and further refined by WILMAPCO/Bucknell Univ.
- How connected (or not) are suburban age-restricted communities to the fixed route bus system and pedestrian system?



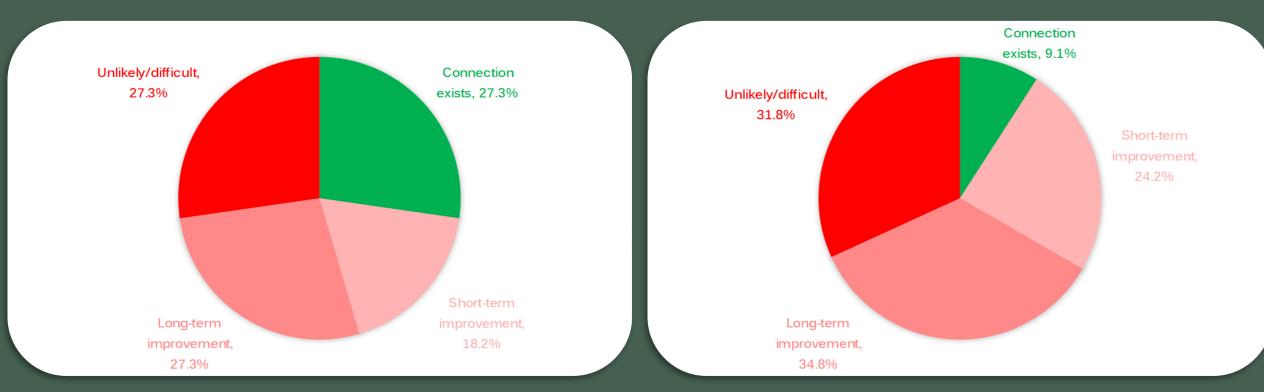






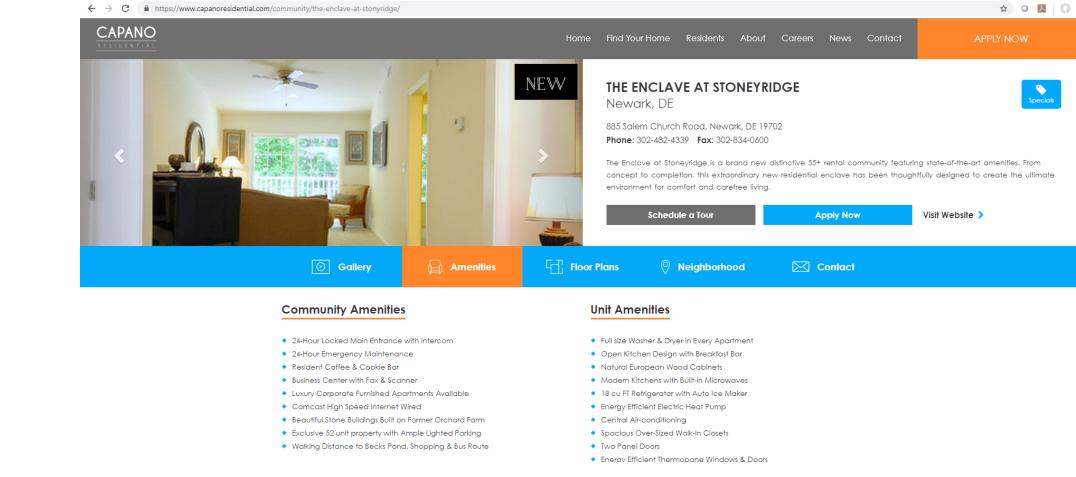
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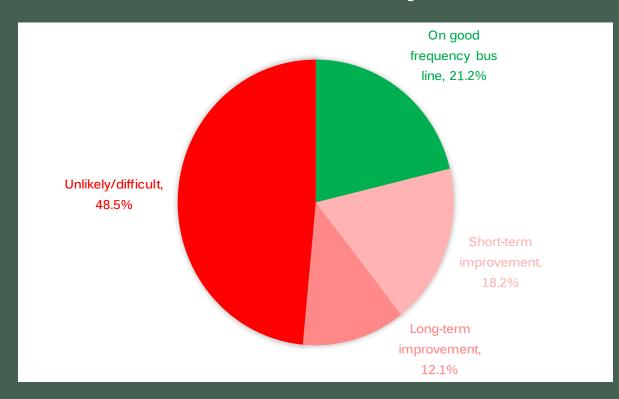




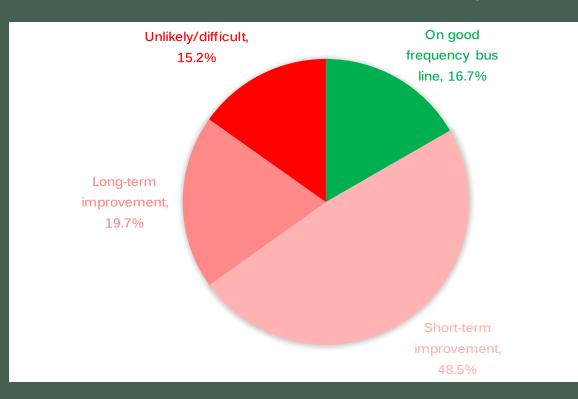


ARCCA Analysis – Public Transit

Cecil County



New Castle County







Next Steps/Timeline

- Wrap up connectivity analysis
- Finalize recommendations
- MC personal story
- Executive summary and front matter
- Projected Council endorsement in Nov. 2019



