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# **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS**

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The following items will be included in the Final 2021 FTIP Technical Appendix (Volume II):

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## Environmental Justice

The Final 2020 RTP/SCS (Connect SoCal), approved by the SCAG Regional Council on May 7, 2020 (and certified by FHWA/FTA with regard to transportation conformity on June 5, 2020), included a comprehensive environmental justice analysis. On September 3, 2020, Connect SoCal - 2020 RTP/SCS was approved in its entirety and for all other purposes. The 2021 FTIP is consistent with the policies, programs and projects included in Connect SoCal – 2020 RTP/SCS, and as such the environmental justice analysis included as part of Connect SoCal - appropriately serves as the analysis for the transportation investments in the 2021 FTIP.

A key component of Connect SoCal -development process was to further implement SCAG's Public Participation Plan (PPP), which involved outreach to achieve meaningful public engagement with minority and low-income populations, and included the solicitation of input from our regional environmental justice stakeholders through the Environmental Justice Working Group which started in May 2018. As part of the environmental justice analysis for Connect SoCal, SCAG identified multiple performance measures to analyze existing social and environmental equity in the region and to assess the impacts of Connect SoCal on various environmental justice population groups. These performance measures included impacts related to relative tax burden, share of transportation system usage, jobs–housing imbalance, neighborhood change and displacement, access to essential services like jobs, shopping and parks and open space, air quality, public health, noise, and rail related impacts. For additional information regarding these and other environmental justice performance measures and the detailed environmental justice analysis, please see:

[https://www.connectsocial.org/Documents/Adopted/fConnectSoCal\\_Environmental-Justice.pdf](https://www.connectsocial.org/Documents/Adopted/fConnectSoCal_Environmental-Justice.pdf).

On Sept. 6, 2018, SCAG's Regional Council adopted an updated **Public Participation Plan** designed to be accessible to a general audience and adaptable in anticipation of evolving technologies and practices. The updated plan addresses Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients (FTA Circular 4702.1B; Effective October 1, 2012), including enhanced strategies for engaging minority and limited English proficient populations in SCAG's transportation planning and programming processes, as well as Environmental Justice Policy Guidance for Federal Transit Administration Recipients (FTA Circular 4703.1; Effective August 15, 2012)..