

Lancaster County MPO

2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Analysis

Introduction

Environmental Justice (EJ) refers to the implementation of Executive Order (EO) 12898, *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations*, which directs procedures to be put in place to identify and address any disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income population groups. The fundamental principles of EJ can be defined as:

- To avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority and low-income populations.
- To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process.
- To prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin. More importantly for this analysis, Executive Order (EO) 12898 requires Federal agencies to achieve environmental justice by identifying and addressing disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects, including the interrelated social and economic effects of their programs, policies, and activities, on minority populations and low-income populations in the United States. This requirement applies to the Lancaster County MPO as a recipient of federal funding, and recognizes the importance given to addressing the needs of low-income and minority populations as outlined in the Metropolitan Transportation Planning regulations (23 CFR 450).

Based on the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Policy Directive 15, *Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity*, issued in 1997, five minimum categories were established to address data on race. They are:

Black -- a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic -- a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Asian -- a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent.

American Indian and Alaskan Native -- a person having origins in any of the original people of North America and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander -- a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

In addition, low-income persons are defined as follows:

Low-Income -- a person whose household income (or in the case of a community or group, whose median household income) is at or below the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines.

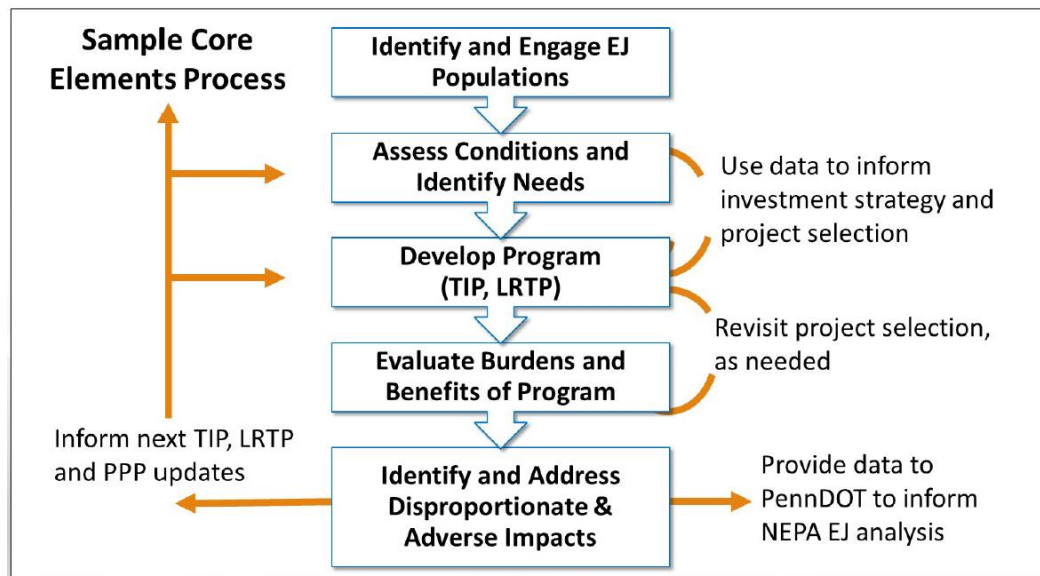
EO 12898, and the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Orders on Environmental Justice address persons belonging to any of these groups, and these groups as they apply to Lancaster County are the basis for this analysis.

Core Elements Process

In the development of 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program, the Lancaster County MPO conducted an Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens analysis using the Core Elements Methodology that has been recommended by FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA):

1. Identify environmental justice populations.
2. Assess conditions and identify needs.
3. Evaluate burdens and benefits.
4. Identify and address disproportionate and adverse impacts and inform future planning efforts.

Core Elements Process Steps



The identification of these populations is essential to establishing effective strategies for engaging them in the transportation planning process. When meaningful opportunities for interaction are established, the transportation planning process can effectively draw upon the perspectives of communities to identify existing transportation needs, localized deficiencies, and the demand for transportation services. Mapping of these

populations not only provides a baseline for assessing impacts of the transportation improvement program, but also aids in the development of an effective public involvement program.

Fundamentally, the principles of Environmental Justice are aimed at preventing the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations. The establishment of transportation funding as a performance measure is consistent with this principle by supporting the evaluation of funding priorities considered for *connects2040*, including the four-year TIP. Mapping and analyzing transportation funding can assist in making the prioritization process more open, transparent, and accountable to the public. In developing this funding performance measure, the core issue is whether the types of projects and the total project investment are equitably distributed throughout Lancaster County.

Identifying Minority and Low-Income Populations

A statistical analysis of Lancaster County was performed to determine population averages, minority population, and low-income population. If necessary, project alternatives will be developed to prevent disproportionately high or adverse effects on any identified minority or low-income populations.

Minority population is defined as any readily identifiable group of Black, Hispanic, Asian American, American Indian and Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander who live in geographic proximity and who would be similarly affected by any proposed FHWA program, policy, or activity. Based on 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) Data, the average minority population rate in Lancaster County is 18.02 percent as shown in **Table 1**.

The low-income population is defined as any readily identifiable group of persons at or below the Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines who live in a geographic proximity who would be similarly affected by a proposed FHWA program, policy, or activity. The average low-income rate based on the status of all ages in the 2019 ACS Data for Lancaster County is 10.15 percent as shown in **Table 2**.

Table 1: Profile of Minority Populations, 2019

Demographic Indicator	Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	
	County Population	County Percentage
Total	540,999	
White, Non-Hispanic	443,533	81.98%
Minority	97,466	18.02%
Black or African American, Non-Hispanic	18,900	3.50%
American Indian and Alaska Native, Non-Hispanic	476	0.10%
Asian alone, Non-Hispanic	11,796	2.20%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	89	0.00%
Some other race, Non-Hispanic	476	0.10%
Two or more races, Non-Hispanic	9,014	1.70%
Hispanic	56,715	10.50%

Source: 2015-2019 ACS

Table 2: Profile of Low-Income Populations, 2019

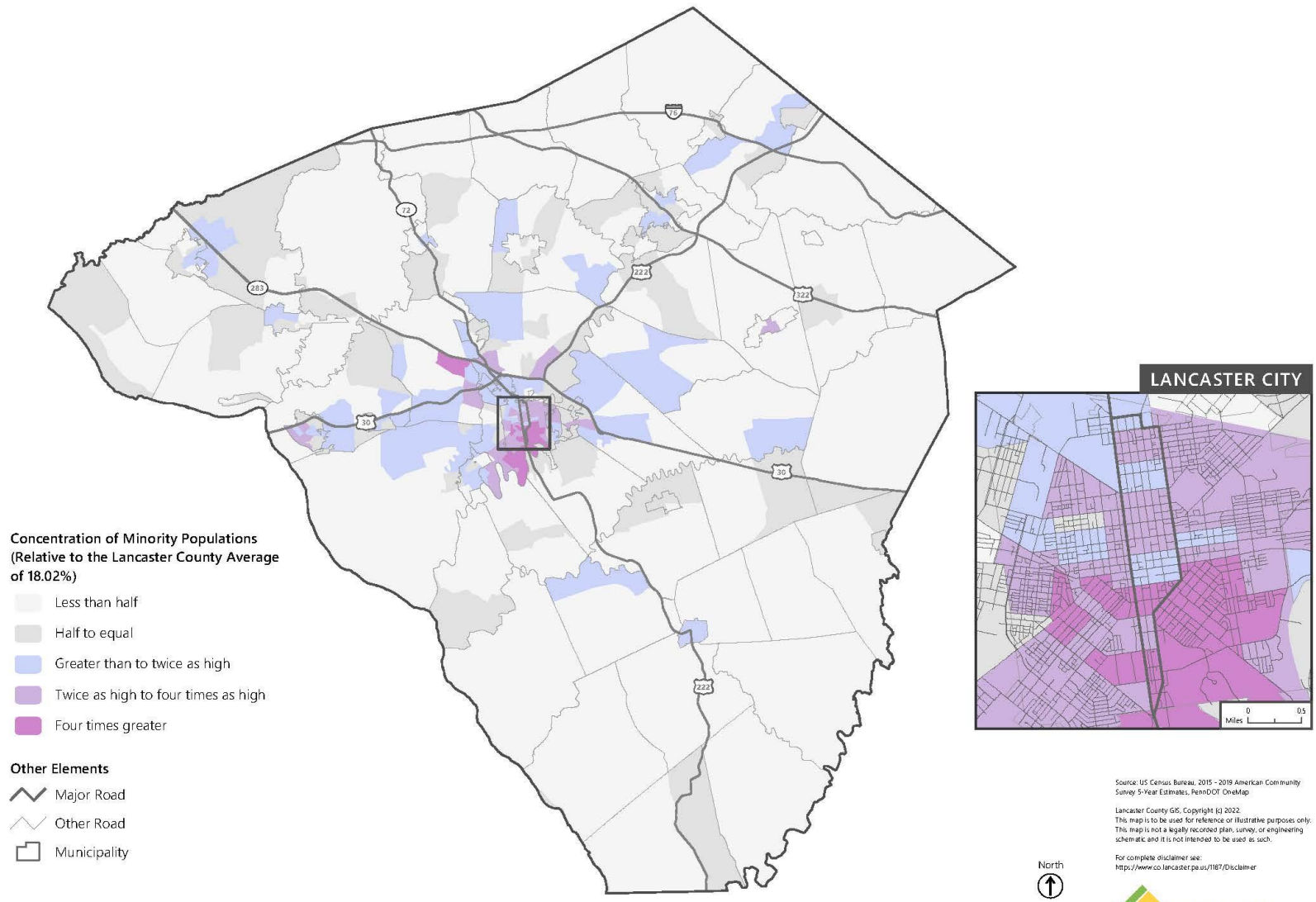
Demographic Indicator	Lancaster County, Pennsylvania	
	County Population	County Percentage
Total	528,680	
Low-Income Households	18,911	9.38%
Low-Income Population	53,659	10.15%

Source: 2015-2019 ACS

Please refer to **Appendix A** for an explanation of differences between total county population for minority and low-income populations.

The maps on the following pages depict the locations of environmental justice populations and households in Lancaster County. **Figure 1** shows the concentrations of minority populations by census block groups based on 2015-2019 ACS data. **Figure 2** shows the concentrations of households below the county average for low-income by census block groups, also based on 2015-2019 ACS data. **Figure 3** shows concentrations of minority populations by the density of those populations throughout the county. **Figure 4** shows concentrations of low-income populations by the density of those populations throughout the county.

Figure 1: Concentrations of Minority Populations by Census Block Groups



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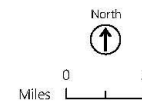
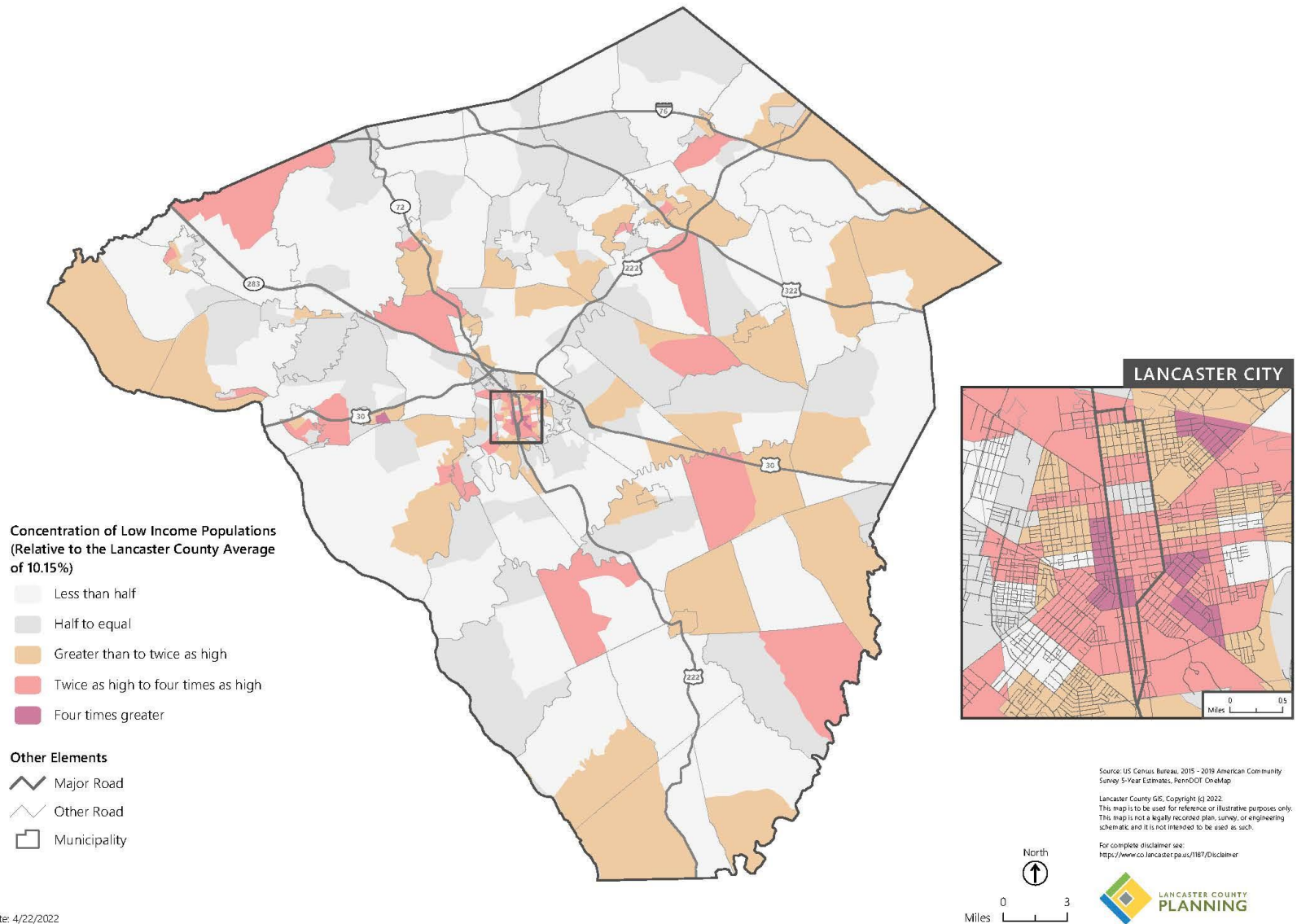
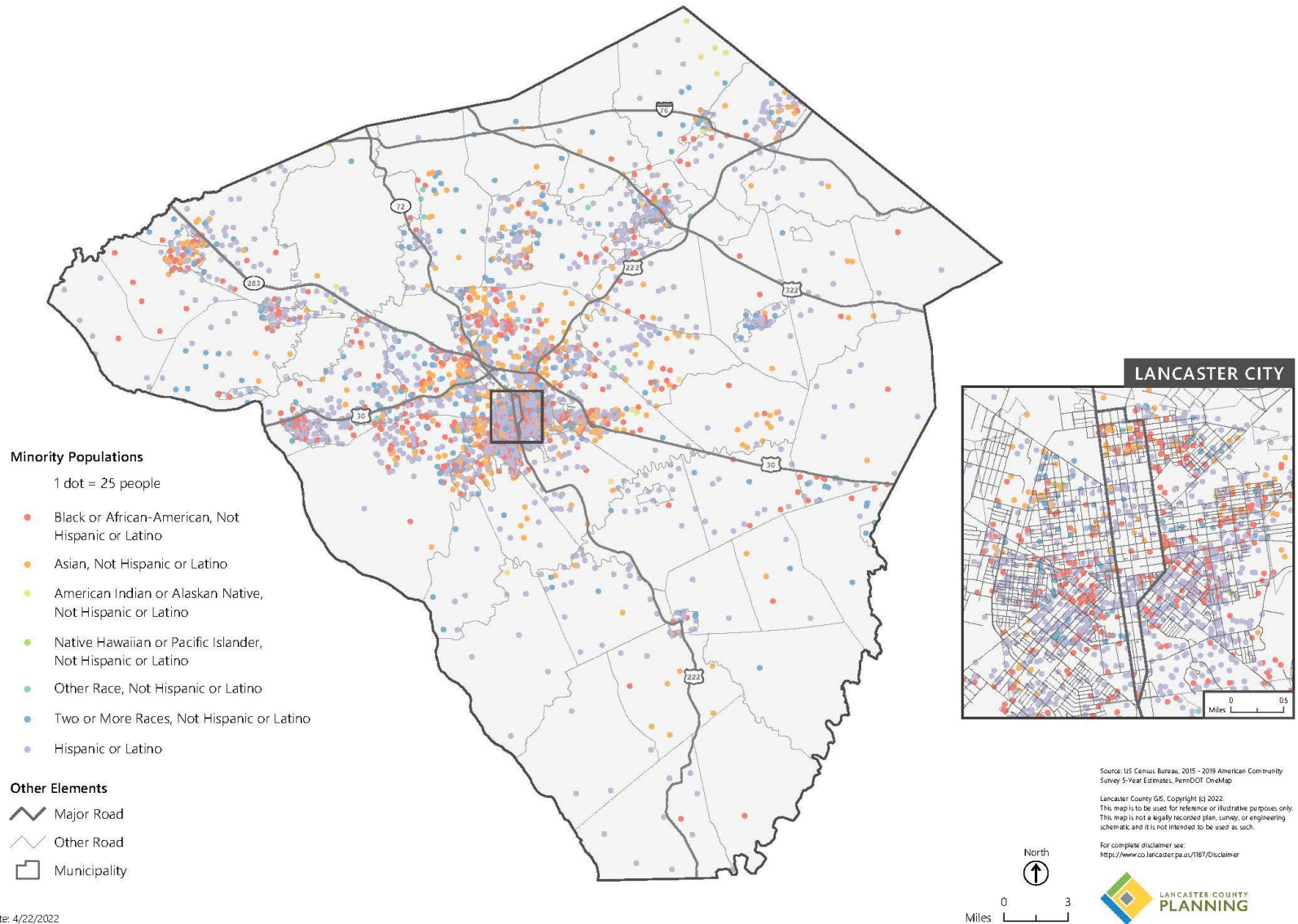


Figure 2: Concentrations of Low Income Populations by Census Block Groups



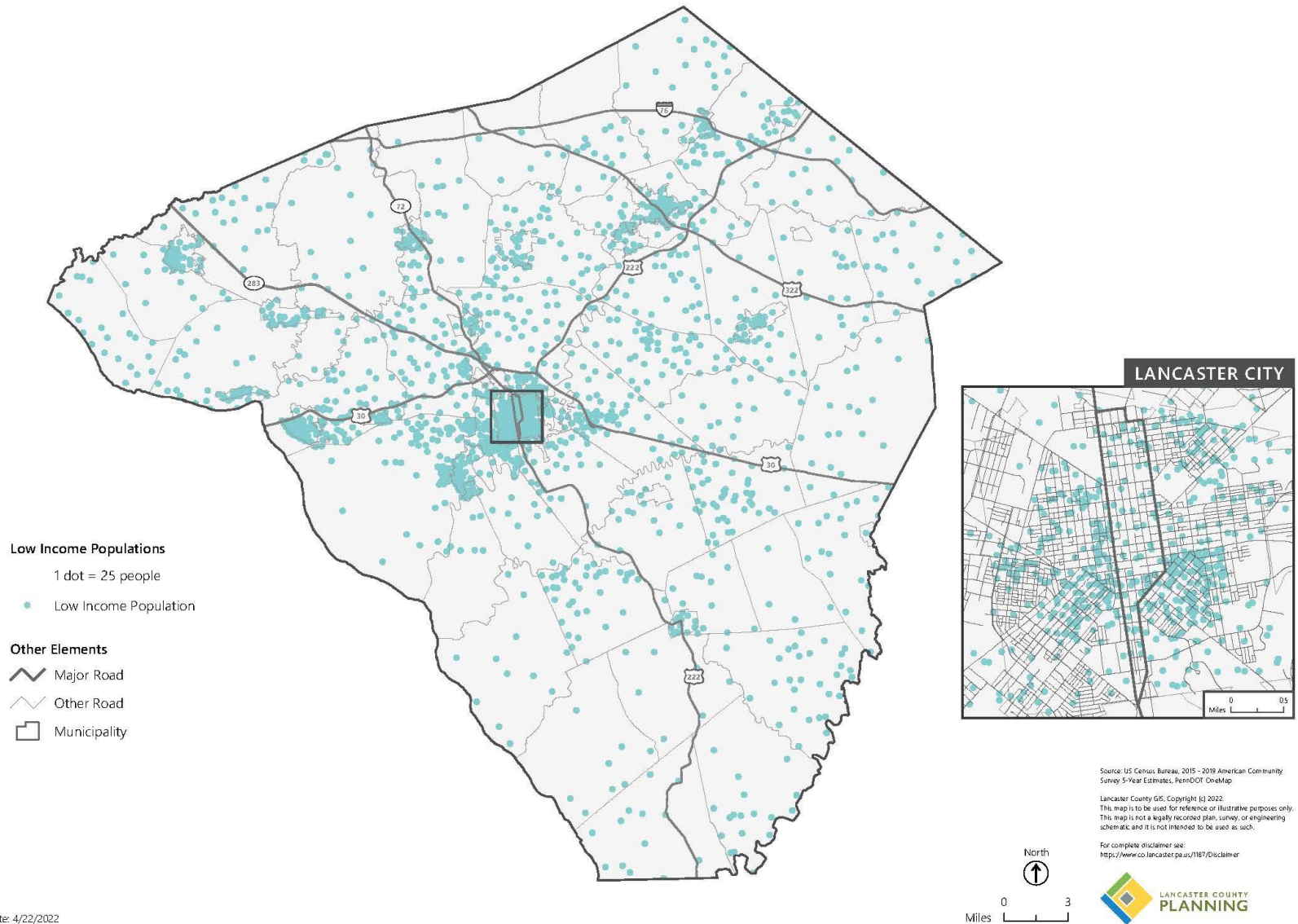
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Figure 3: Lancaster County Minority Populations



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Figure 4: Lancaster County Low Income Populations



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Existing Conditions Prior to 2023-2026 TIP

In order to analyze benefits and adverse effects of transportation system changes, the MPO examined existing conditions of transportation assets throughout the county and safety performance relative to the minority and low-income populations. The use of the tables below will allow the MPO to track performance relative to the number of poor condition bridges, mileage of poor condition pavement, and number of non-motorized crashes in the county, and identify performance disparities between minority and low-income populations and populations that are not minority or low-income.

Please refer to **Appendix A** for an explanation of differences between total poor condition bridge counts, poor pavement mileage, and bicyclist- and pedestrian-related crash counts for minority population intervals and low-income population intervals.

Table 3: Population Totals by Minority Population Intervals

POPULATION	Minority Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 18.02%)					<i>Total</i>
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Total Population	246,830	118,795	97,339	58,481	19,554	540,999
Total Population (in %)	46%	22%	18%	11%	4%	100%
Minority Population	9,464	15,910	24,439	31,402	16,251	97,466
Minority Population (in %)	10%	16%	25%	32%	17%	100%

Source: 2015-2019 ACS

Lancaster County currently has 22 bridges in poor condition located within high minority block groups, which consists of 13% of total bridges in poor condition across the county. These block groups are accounted for in the third, fourth, and fifth columns in the table below under the headings “Greater than to Twice as High,” “Twice as High to 4 Times as High,” and “4 Times Greater,” respectively. This demonstrates that there is not a disproportionate number of poor bridges in high minority block groups within the county.

Table 4: Distribution of Total Bridges and Poor Condition Bridges by Minority Population Intervals

BRIDGE	Minority Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 18.02%)					<i>Total</i>
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Total Bridge Count	1,200	490	393	92	25	2,200
Percentage	55%	22%	18%	4%	1%	100%
Poor Condition Bridge Count	107	46	19	2	1	175
Percentage	61%	26%	11%	1%	1%	100%
Total Bridge Deck Area (sq. ft.)	3,155,031.72	1,506,003.94	1,315,996.84	282,684.01	139,498.30	6,399,214.80
Percentage	49%	24%	21%	4%	2%	100%

Source: PennDOT

After the implementation of the 2023-2026 TIP program, Lancaster County will have 21 bridges in poor condition located within high minority block groups, which consists of 14% of total bridges in poor condition across the county. This demonstrates that there will not be a disproportionate number of poor bridges in high minority block groups in the county.

Table 5: Distribution of Poor Condition Bridges and Total Bridge Deck Area by Minority Population Intervals

BRIDGE	Minority Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 18.02%)					<i>Total</i>
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Poor Condition Bridge Count	89	39	18	2	1	149
Percentage	60%	26%	12%	1%	1%	100%
Total Bridge Deck Area (sq. ft.)	3,130,741.32	1,493,844.84	1,314,915.84	282,684.01	139,498.30	6,361,684.31
Percentage	49%	23%	21%	4%	2%	100%

Source: PennDOT

The pavement condition chart below indicates 65% of poor pavement mileage in Lancaster County occurs in high minority block groups. This demonstrates that a disproportionately high percentage of poor pavement mileage is present in block groups with higher concentrations of minority interval populations. This is particularly true in the interval where the minority population is greater than to twice as high as the average county minority population rate of 18.02%.

Table 6: Distribution of Total Pavement Mileage and Poor Pavement Mileage by Minority Population Intervals

PAVEMENT	Minority Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 18.02%)					Total
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Federal Aid Segment Mileage	284.34	160.72	127.1	42.5	9.81	624.46
Percentage	46%	26%	20%	7%	2%	100%
Poor Pavement Mileage	5.53	5.36	9.95	7.64	2.89	31.37
Percentage	18%	17%	32%	24%	9%	100%

Source: PennDOT

After the implementation of the 2023-2026 TIP program, 64% of poor pavement mileage in Lancaster County will be located in high minority block groups. This demonstrates that a disproportionately high percentage of poor pavement mileage will be present in block groups with higher concentrations of minority interval populations. This will be the case in particular in the interval where the minority population is greater than to twice as high as the average county minority population rate of 18.02%.

Table 7: Distribution of Total Pavement Mileage and Poor Pavement Mileage by Minority Population Intervals

PAVEMENT	Minority Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 18.02%)					Total
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Federal Aid Segment Mileage	236.95	128.48	113.64	27.91	7.52	514.5
Percentage	46%	25%	22%	5%	1%	100%
Poor Pavement Mileage	5.53	5.36	9.79	6.98	1.99	29.65
Percentage	19%	18%	33%	24%	7%	100%

Source: PennDOT

27% of bicyclist-related crashes in the county occur in high minority block groups, demonstrating that there is not a disproportionately high percentage of this type of crash in high minority block groups within the county. It should be noted that all crash data in the three tables below specifically refers to fatal crashes or crashes with suspected serious injuries (SSI). This includes bicyclist-related crashes, pedestrian-related crashes, and combined bicyclist- and pedestrian-related crashes.

Table 8: Distribution of Bicyclist-Related Crashes by Minority Population Intervals

BICYCLE SAFETY	Minority Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 18.02%)					<i>Total</i>
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Total Crashes (Fatalities and SSI)	795	339	301	150	41	1,626
Percentage	49%	21%	19%	9%	3%	100%
Bicyclist-Related Crash Count	23	9	6	5	1	44
Percentage	52%	20%	14%	11%	2%	100%

Source: PennDOT Statewide Crash Data, 2015-2019

46% of pedestrian-related crashes in the county occur in high minority block groups, demonstrating that there is not a disproportionately high percentage of this type of crash in high minority block groups within the county. The distribution of these crashes is shown in the table below.

Table 9: Distribution of Pedestrian-Related Crashes by Minority Population Intervals

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY	Minority Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 18.02%)					<i>Total</i>
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Total Crashes (Fatalities and SSI)	795	339	301	150	41	1,626
Percentage	49%	21%	19%	9%	3%	100%
Pedestrian-Related Crash Count	64	31	39	29	14	177
Percentage	36%	18%	22%	16%	8%	100%

Source: PennDOT Statewide Crash Data, 2015-2019

42% of bicyclist- and pedestrian-related crashes in the county occur in high minority block groups, demonstrating that there is not a disproportionately high percentage of this type of crash in high minority block groups within the county. The distribution of these crashes is shown in the table below.

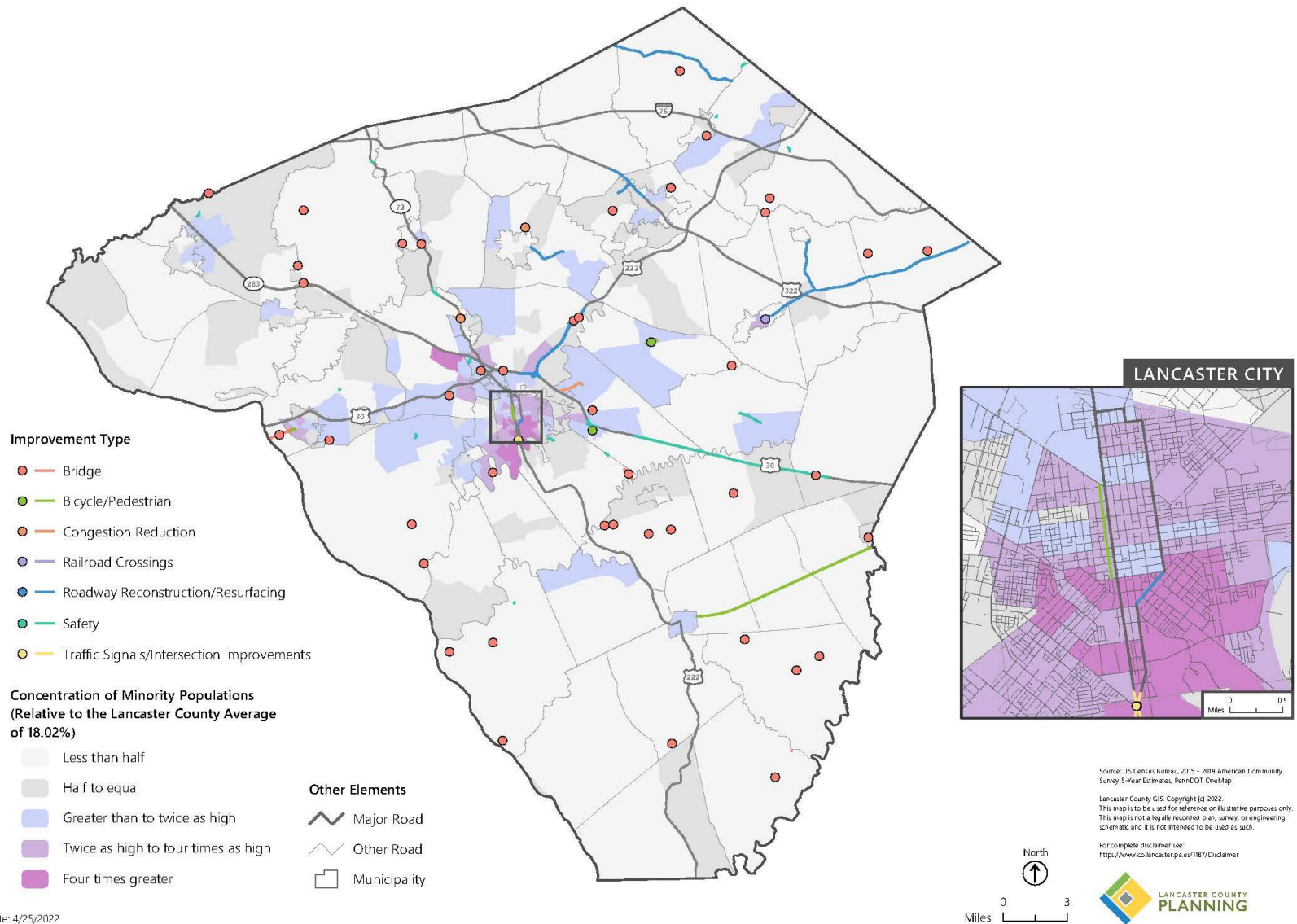
Table 10: Distribution of Bicyclist- and Pedestrian-Related Crashes by Minority Population Intervals

BIKE/PED SAFETY	Minority Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 18.02%)					<i>Total</i>
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Total Crashes (Fatalities and SSI)	795	339	301	150	41	1,626
Percentage	49%	21%	19%	9%	3%	100%
Bike-Pedestrian Crash Count	87	40	45	34	15	221
Percentage	39%	18%	20%	15%	7%	100%

Source: PennDOT Statewide Crash Data, 2015-2019

Safety projects do not have an **after implementation of the 2023-2026 TIP program**, since there are too many variables associated with projected safety benefits of projects.

Figure 5: 2023 - 2026 TIP Project Locations and Concentrations of Minority Populations by Census Block Groups



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Table 11: Population Totals by Low-Income Population Intervals

POPULATION	Low-Income Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 10.15%)					<i>Total</i>
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Total Population	207,856	127,217	122,912	62,768	7,927	528,680
Total Population (in %)	39%	24%	23%	12%	2%	100%
Low-Income Population	5,091	9,095	17,427	18,011	4,035	53,659
Low-Income Population (in %)	9%	17%	32%	34%	8%	100%

Source: 2015-2019 ACS

Lancaster County currently has 56 bridges in poor condition located within low-income block groups, which consists of 31% of total bridges in poor condition across the county. These block groups are accounted for in the third, fourth, and fifth columns in the table below under the headings “Greater than to Twice as High,” “Twice as High to 4 Times as High,” and “4 Times Greater,” respectively. This demonstrates that there is not an imbalanced number of poor bridges within block groups with a higher concentration of low-income populations in the county.

Table 12: Distribution of Total Bridges and Poor Condition Bridges by Low-Income Population Intervals

BRIDGE	Low-Income Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 10.15%)					<i>Total</i>
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Total Bridge Count	1,200	490	393	92	25	2,200
Percentage	55%	22%	18%	4%	1%	100%
Poor Condition Bridge Count	72	56	40	16	0	184
Percentage	39%	30%	22%	9%	0%	100%
Total Bridge Deck Area (sq. ft.)	3,155,031.72	1,506,003.94	1,315,996.84	282,684.01	139,498.30	6,399,214.80
Percentage	49%	24%	21%	4%	2%	100%

Source: PennDOT

After the implementation of the 2023-2026 TIP program, Lancaster County will have 44 bridges in poor condition located within low-income block groups, which consists of 28% of total bridges in poor condition across the county. This demonstrates that there will not be an imbalanced number of poor bridges within block groups with a higher concentration of low-income populations in the county.

Table 13: Distribution of Poor Condition Bridges and Total Bridge Deck Area by Low-Income Population Intervals

BRIDGE	Low-Income Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 10.15%)					<i>Total</i>
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Poor Condition Bridge Count	65	47	34	10	0	156
Percentage	42%	30%	22%	6%	0%	100%
Total Bridge Deck Area (sq. ft.)	3,144,343.52	1,496,939.94	1,305,991.74	270,692.10	139,498.30	6,357,465.60
Percentage	49%	24%	21%	4%	2%	100%

The pavement condition chart below indicates 60% of poor pavement mileage in Lancaster County occurs in low-income block groups. This demonstrates that a disproportionately high percentage of poor pavement mileage is present in block groups with higher concentrations of low-income interval populations. This is particularly true in the interval where the low-income population is twice as high to 4 times as high as the average county low-income population rate of 10.15%.

Table 14: Distribution of Total Pavement Mileage and Poor Pavement Mileage by Low-Income Population Intervals

PAVEMENT	Low-Income Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 10.15%)					<i>Total</i>
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Federal Aid Segment Mileage	260	149	165	79	7	660
Percentage	39%	23%	25%	12%	1%	100%
Poor Pavement Mileage	6	7	7	10	3	33
Percentage	18%	21%	21%	30%	9%	100%

Source: PennDOT

Source: PennDOT Statewide Crash Data, 2015-2019

Following the implementation of the 2023-2026 TIP program, 60% of poor pavement mileage in Lancaster County will be located in low-income block groups. This indicates that a disproportionately high percentage of poor pavement mileage will be present in block groups with higher concentrations of low-income interval populations. This will be the case in particular in the interval where the low-income population is twice as high to 4 times as high as the average county low-income population rate of 10.15%.

Table 15: Distribution of Total Pavement Mileage and Poor Pavement Mileage by Low-Income Population Intervals

PAVEMENT	Low-Income Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 10.15%)					<i>Total</i>
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Federal Aid Segment Mileage	213.67	129.58	128.23	71.77	6.77	550.02
Percentage	39%	24%	23%	13%	1%	100%
Poor Pavement Mileage	6	6.41	6.41	9.1	2.78	30.7
Percentage	20%	21%	21%	30%	9%	100%

Source: PennDOT

41% of bicyclist-related crashes occur in low-income block groups, which demonstrates that there is not an imbalanced number of this type of crash within block groups with a higher concentration of low-income populations in the county. It should be noted that all crash data in the three tables below specifically refers to fatal crashes or crashes with suspected serious injuries (SSI). The distribution of these crashes is shown in the table below.

Table 16: Distribution of Bicyclist-Related Crashes by Low-Income Population Intervals

BICYCLE SAFETY	Low-Income Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 10.15%)					<i>Total</i>
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Total Crashes (Fatalities and SSI)	685	434	375	203	23	1,720
Percentage	40%	25%	22%	12%	1%	100%
Bicyclist-Related Crash Count	19	7	11	5	2	44
Percentage	43%	16%	25%	11%	5%	100%

Source: PennDOT Statewide Crash Data, 2015-2019

53% of pedestrian-related crashes occur in low-income block groups. This indicates that a slightly higher percentage of this type of crash occurs in block groups with higher concentrations of low-income interval populations in the county. The distribution of these crashes is shown in the table below.

Table 17: Distribution of Pedestrian-Related Crashes by Low-Income Population Intervals

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY	Low-Income Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 10.15%)					<i>Total</i>
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Total Crashes (Fatalities and SSI)	685	434	375	203	23	1,720
Percentage	40%	25%	22%	12%	1%	100%
Pedestrian-Related Crash Count	50	38	53	38	9	188
Percentage	27%	20%	28%	20%	5%	100%

Source: PennDOT Statewide Crash Data, 2015-2019

52% of bicyclist- and pedestrian-related crashes occur in low-income block groups. This demonstrates that, collectively, a slightly higher percentage of this type of crash occurs in block groups with higher concentrations of low-income interval populations in the county. However, by individual population interval, the greatest number of bicycle- and pedestrian-related crashes took place in the interval where the low-income population measures less than half of the average county low-income population rate of 10.15%. The distribution of these crashes is shown in the table below.

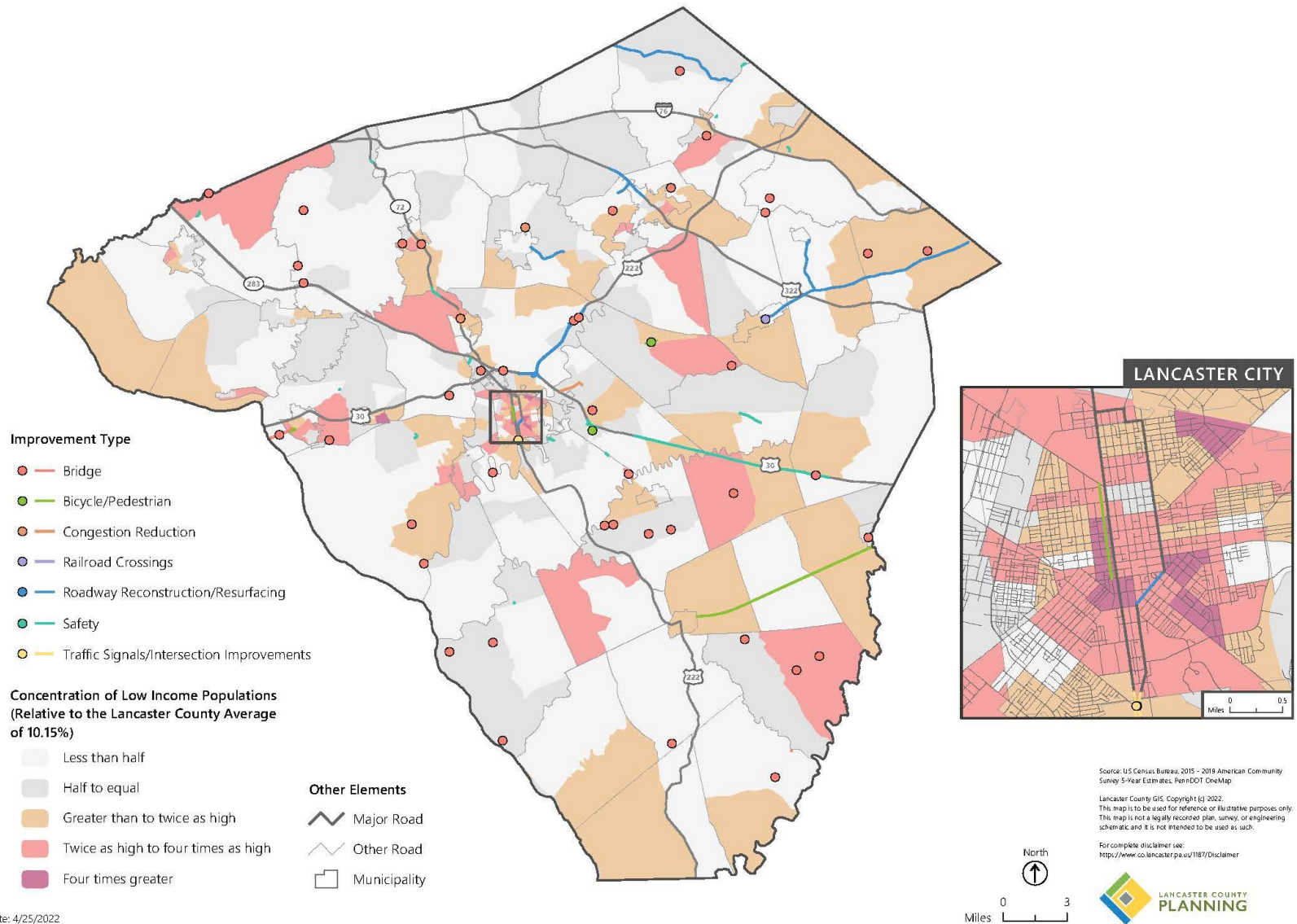
Table 18: Distribution of Bicyclist- and Pedestrian-Related Crashes by Low-Income Population Intervals

BIKE/PED SAFETY	Low-Income Population Intervals (Relative to Lancaster County Average of 10.15%)					<i>Total</i>
	Less than Half	Half to Equal	Greater than to Twice as High	Twice as High to 4 Times as High	4 Times Greater	
Total Crashes (Fatalities and SSI)	685	434	375	203	23	1,720
Percentage	40%	25%	22%	12%	1%	100%
Bike-Pedestrian Crash Count	69	45	64	43	11	232
Percentage	30%	19%	28%	19%	5%	100%

Source: PennDOT Statewide Crash Data, 2015-2019

Safety projects do not have an **after implementation of the 2023-2026 TIP program**, since at this point in time there are too many variables associated with projected safety benefits of projects.

Figure 6: 2023 - 2026 TIP Project Locations and Concentrations of Low Income Populations by Census Block Groups



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Appendix A

Difference between total county population counts for minority and low-income population intervals:

The total population for Lancaster County appears differently for minority population intervals and low-income population intervals in this environmental justice benefits and burdens analysis. The data set for both is the U.S. Census Bureau's 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, but the total County population figure for minority population intervals is derived from Table B03002: Hispanic or Latino Origin by Race and the figure for the low-income population intervals is derived from Table S1701: Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months. Table B03002 lists the total Lancaster County population as 540,999. Table S1701 lists the total population as 528,680 and indicates that this is the "population for whom poverty status is determined". Poverty status cannot be determined for people in institutional group quarters (such as prisons or nursing homes), college dormitories, military barracks, and living situations without conventional housing (and who are not in shelters).

Differences in total transportation assets and bicyclist- and pedestrian-related crash counts between high minority and low-income block groups:

The data process document titled *Statewide Environmental Justice Analysis Methodology: 2023-2026 Pennsylvania Transportation Improvement Program* notes that "a map layer was created from dissolving together block groups of the same interval classification within each county and region for low-income and minority concentration. These 'interval areas' describe the contiguous areas within a county that fall within the same classification. Transportation assets and crash locations were considered in the analysis of an interval area if located within 50 meters of the boundary of the dissolved interval area. In other words, the dissolved interval areas were buffered 50 meters for the analysis. This would allow the capture of features on the border of block groups or providing access to them."

Please see **Figure 7** below for a graphic representation of how the data process described above can result in differing counts for transportation assets. While the example applies to counts for total bridges and poor condition bridges, it is also applicable to pavement mileage, and bicyclist- and pedestrian-related crash counts. In the example, there are ten bridges total. However, due to the buffering methodology described above, the total count is 16 for the high minority intervals and 13 for the low-income intervals. This difference is due to the geography of where block groups that fall within the same classification are located. The "strict" count does not rely on the dissolving block group methodology, and therefore there is no overlap in counts between neighboring block groups that fall within the same classification.

Figure 7: Hypothetical Bridge Counts in High Minority and Low-Income Block Groups

