

### Overview

- The Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA) is a process Metro conducts every two years to distribute federal funding to regional programs and local projects.
- The 2014-15 allocation process conducted equity analysis to ensure that underserved populations are not only considered in the decision-making process, but that projects are developed around better meeting the needs of communities that have been traditionally underserved.
- The transportation equity analysis reflects increasing awareness at federal, regional and local levels about making equitable decisions about transportation investments in the region for transportation disadvantaged communities.

### How the analysis was used

- Used 2010 decennial census, American Community Survey data, regional transit data and other sources to generate maps that show:
  - concentrations of Environmental Justice and underserved communities in the region
  - the ease of getting around without a car in those areas, and
  - the relative access to essential daily services.
- The analysis was provided to cities and counties to aid in identifying transportation needs and to develop projects around meeting those needs.
- Cities and Counties nominated projects for funding consideration and projects were selected at the local level that best address equity for Environmental Justice and underserved communities among other criteria.

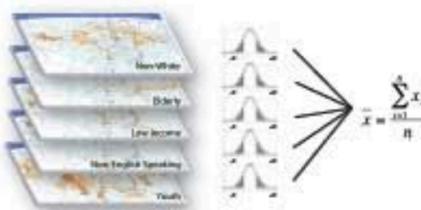
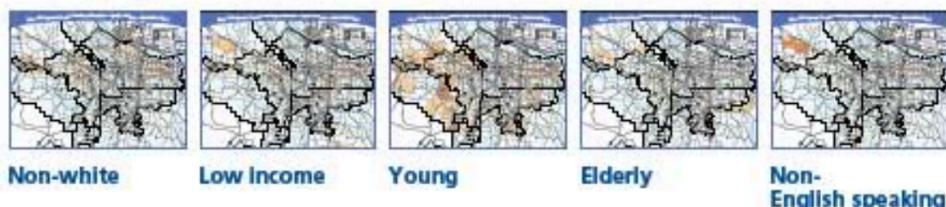
### Future applications of the analysis

- Forms the basis of our understanding of demographic changes in the region, relative access to non-auto travel modes, and which areas of the region are lacking in access to services needed for daily life.
- Will be used in upcoming policy development efforts such as the Regional Transportation Plan update.
- Can be used in combination with other equity related analysis and mapping efforts, such as opportunity mapping.

### Process

Deviations from the regional mean are averaged for each indicator to create the composite maps whose values are ranked and averaged to create a transportation equity index.

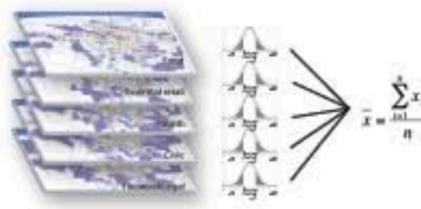
#### Demographic indicators



#### Demographic Composite



#### Essential service indicators



#### Services Composite



#### Mobility indicators

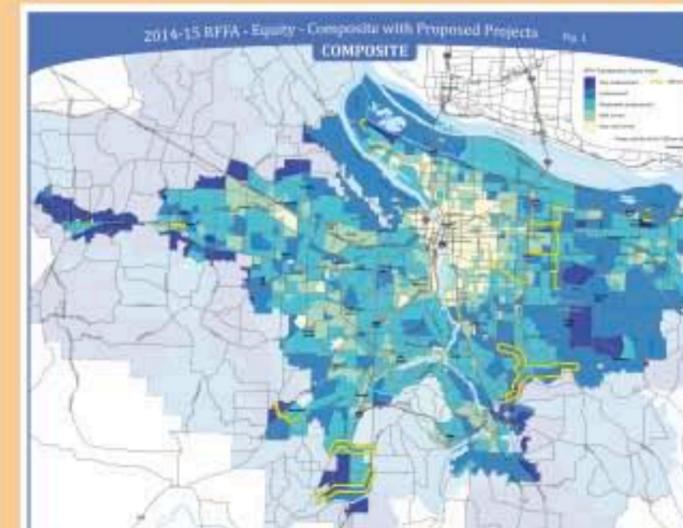


#### Mobility Composite



### Outcome

- The majority of projects submitted for regional flexible funds directly invest in underserved areas, marking a shift in how these funds are distributed.
- Access to data and information about transportation equity has made it possible for project applicants to better understand the needs of underserved communities and respond by developing projects that help meet community needs for getting around without a car.
- Increased Metro's understanding of how to integrate equity considerations into the transportation planning and decision-making process.



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