

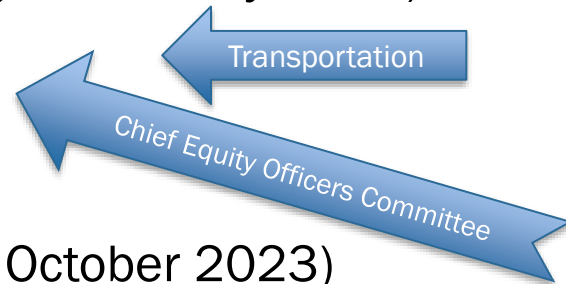
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TOOLKIT UPDATE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

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EJ Toolkit Update Development Timeline

- Preliminary discussion (September 19, 2022)
- ACPAC Develops Update Proposal
 - Draft – November 2022
 - Final – December 2022
- Proposal Input and Approval (January - February 2023)
 - MWAQC-TAC and BEEAC: input
 - CEEPC and MWAQC: approval
- Toolkit Development (March 2023 – October 2023)



EJ Toolkit Update Proposal Outline

- Proposal Outline
 - Proposed Project
 - Build upon existing toolkit
 - Incorporate new strategies and resources
 - Background
 - ACPAC's continued interest in being more actively involved in COG advocacy and outreach efforts
 - ACPAC's historical interests in positively impacting their community, particularly vulnerable populations
 - Issues
 - Why an update is important

EJ Toolkit Update Proposal Outline

- Recommendation
 - ACPAC recommends that in collaboration with ACPAC, MWAQC, MWAQC-TAC, CEEPC, and BEEAC updates the 2017 EJ toolkit, enhance educational efforts to build capacity to address EJ in COG's air quality, climate, and energy work
 - Update elements – definitions, resources, data sources
- Key Stakeholders
 - ACPAC members, COG technical and policy committees



EJ Toolkit Update Proposal Outline

- Next Steps and Schedule
 - Proposal: Draft (*November 2022*) and Final (*December (2022)*)
 - Obtain input (technical level) and approval (policy level) on Proposal: *January – February 2023*
 - Develop toolkit update and educational material through a multi-step process: *March 2023 – October 2023*
 - Conduct a review of new EJ resources, materials, and best practices
 - Identify topics relevant to CEEPC and MWAQC
 - Identify how EJ is currently being addressed in decision making

EJ Toolkit Update Proposal Outline

- Next Steps and Schedule
 - Update development:
 - Develop an outline for the EJ toolkit and educational plan for COG staff, BEEAC, MWAQC TAC review and input
 - Work with COG staff to develop toolkit update and education materials
 - Present draft update and educational materials
 - Present to MWAQC and CEEPC for review
 - Work with ACPAC staff to present the update and enhance the EJ knowledge and capacity of MWAQC, MWAQC-TAC, CEEPC and BEEAC members and COG staff



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