

Access For All Subcommittee on Transportation Issues for Low-Income Populations:

Findings and Recommendations

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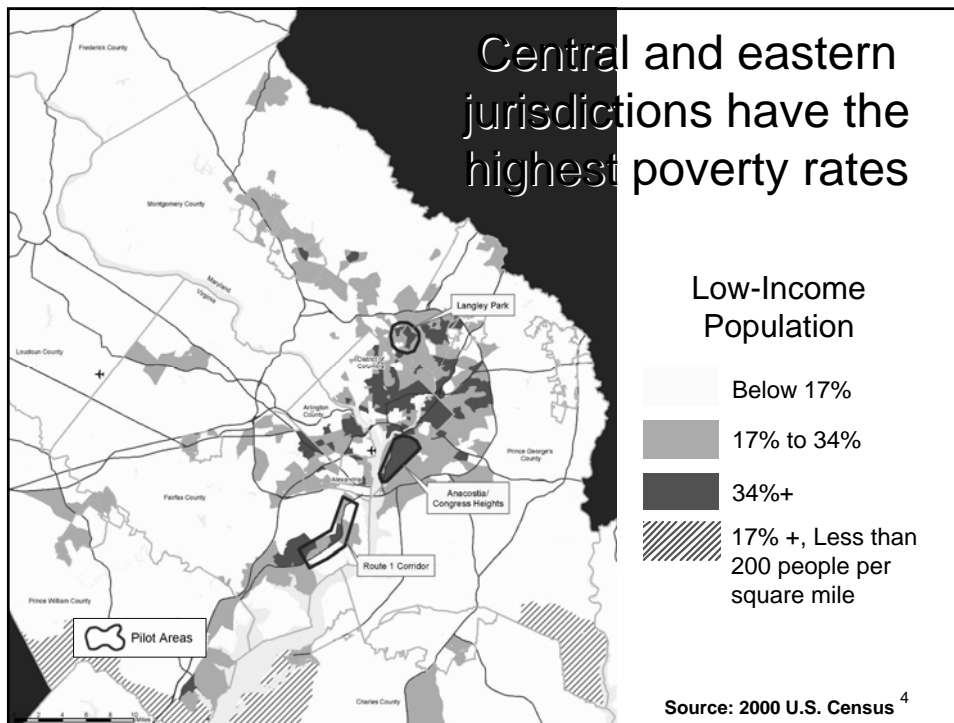
AFA Subcommittee on Transportation Issues for Low-Income Populations

- Established in March 2005 to:
 - Identify barriers faced by low-income populations and recommend strategies to address those barriers
- Chaired by Brenda Richardson

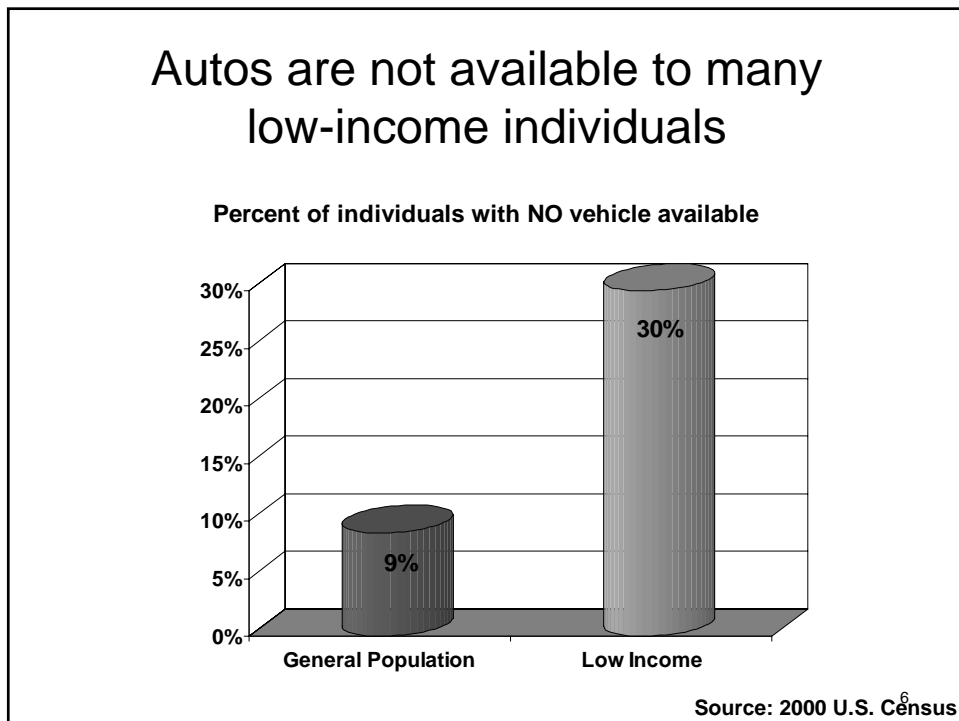
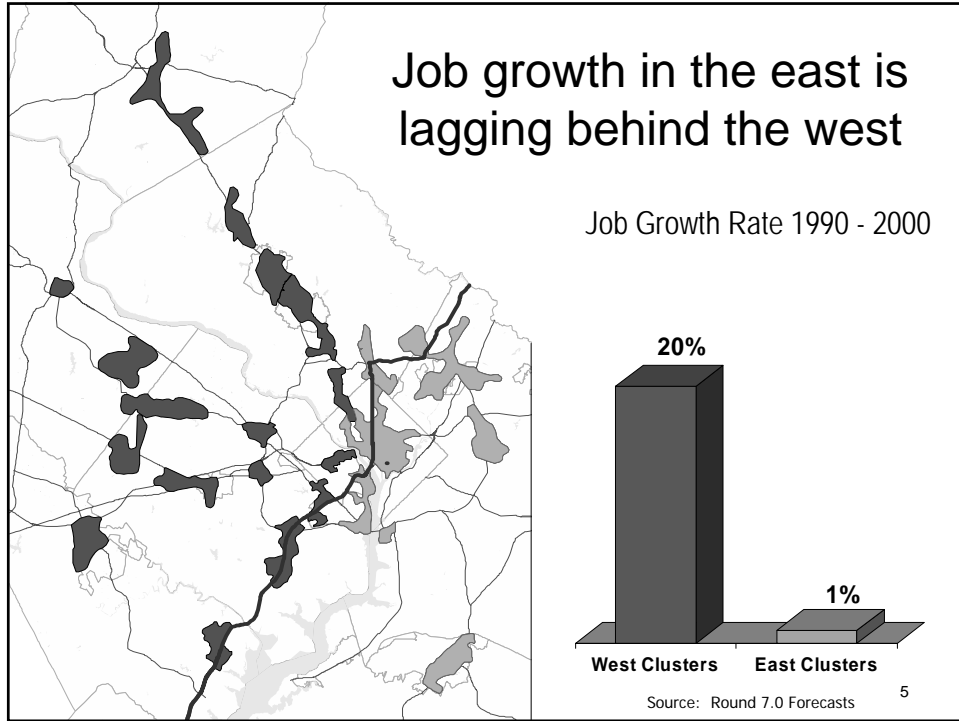
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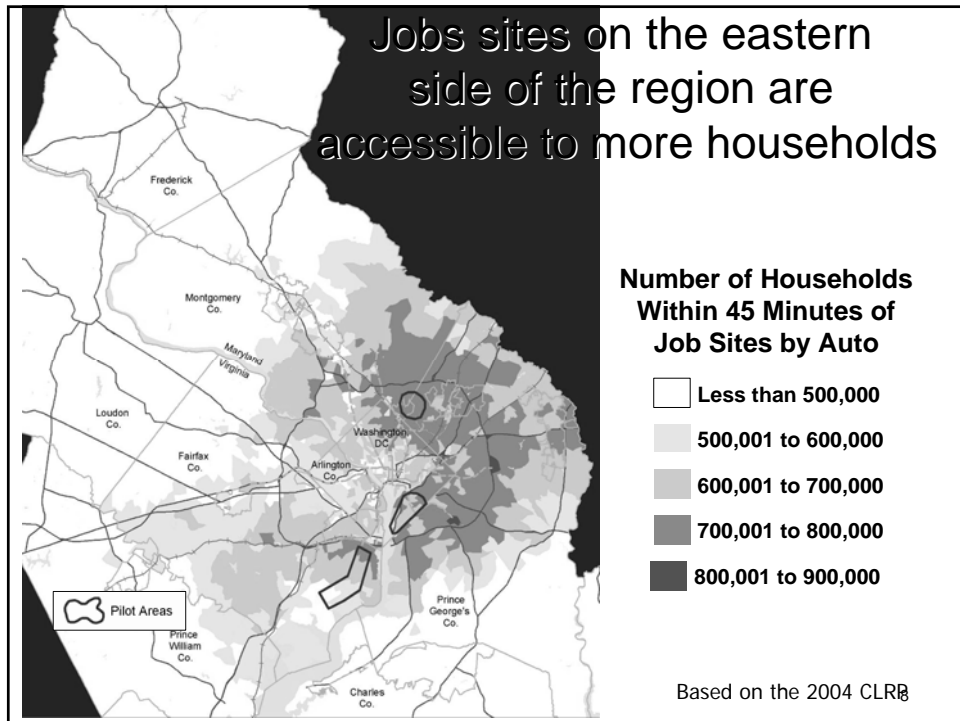
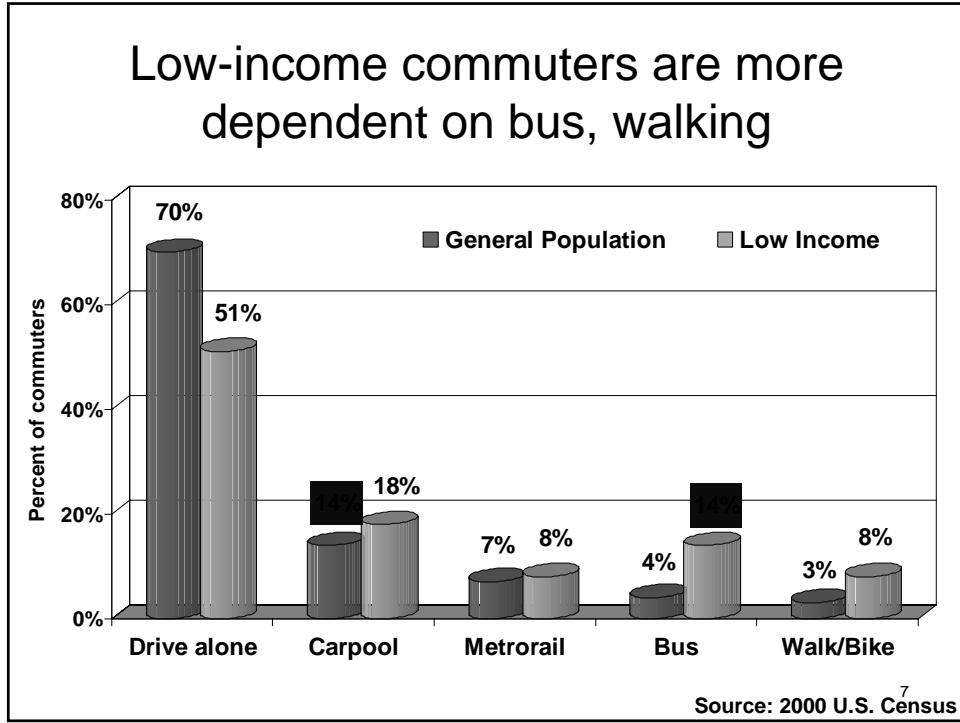
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Recommendations

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Improve Bus Stops



- Adopt uniform standards for accessible and safe bus stops
 - Maps
 - Schedules
 - Curb ramps
- Complete the regional bus stop inventory and make information available to the public
- Prioritize bus stop improvements in areas with highest concentrations of poverty

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Enhance Bus Service



- Identify funding to enhance bus service in low-income areas
- Enhance bus service to better serve shift-workers and reverse-commuters

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Provide Better Transit Information



- Provide comprehensive information about transportation options
- Distribute information widely
- Implement all the AFA recommendations on transit information for Limited-English speakers

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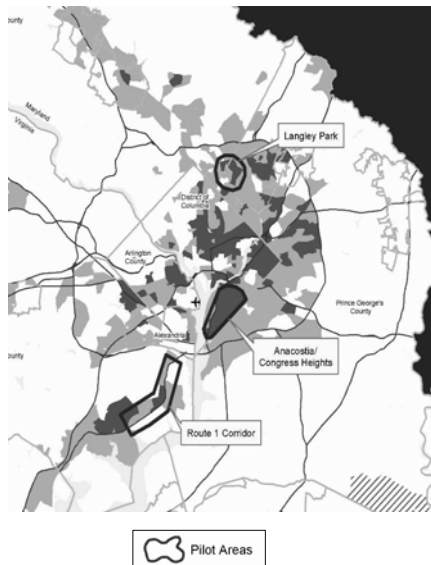
Increase Access to Jobs and Services



- Increase jobs and housing around underutilized Metro stations
- Mitigate negative impacts of new development, such as:
 - Increased housing costs
 - Displacement
- Share information on the accessibility of job sites of the region with local economic development agencies on the Eastern side

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Recommendations for Pilot Areas



- Prioritize worst bus stops and improve by 2010
- Improve pedestrian safety
- Provide multi-lingual information

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Next Steps

- Present the report to the TPB
- Use the report to inform human service transportation coordination planning
- Find out what other regions have done to tackle these tough issues

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