

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT 2020 REPORT CARD

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 1000 (2016) required cities and counties to either adopt a separate environmental justice element or integrate environmental justice policies and objectives into their existing general plans. Sacramento County adopted a Phase 1 of the Environmental Justice (EJ) Element in 2018 and a more comprehensive Phase 2 on December 17, 2019, after a multi-year community engagement and outreach process.

Throughout the community engagement and outreach process, a consistent message that was provided to the County was the need to closely track and transparently report on the progress of implementing the EJ Element. In order to meet the need, the County incorporated the following steps into the EJ Element:

- **Annual Stakeholder Meeting:** The County will provide stakeholders the opportunity to inform the County of their implementation priorities for the following year.
- **Executive Level Working Group:** This group will consist of department directors and will use Annual Stakeholder Meeting comments to inform implementation decisions and resource commitments. The Working Group will focus on implementation measures that involve multiple County departments.
- **Long Range Planning (LRP) Section of the Office of Planning and Environmental Review (PER):** This section will also use Annual Stakeholder meeting comments to inform implementation decisions and resource commitments. The LRP Section will focus on measures that are the sole responsibility of PER and will provide staff to work on major and/or multidepartment implementation measures supported by the Executive Level Working Group.
- **Report Card on EJ Element Implementation:** PER Long Range Planning staff will track EJ Element implementation and will create a “report card” that will document EJ Element implementation for the previous calendar year. This “report card” will be part of the General Plan Annual Report and will be made available to the public on PER’s website in addition to the regular practice of presenting it in public session to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

DISCUSSION

Annual Stakeholder Meeting

In order to assist the County in determining the EJ Element implementation priorities for 2021, staff conducted a second annual stakeholder meeting on December 2, 2020. Due to COVID-19, the meeting was held as an online webinar in both English and Spanish. During the webinar, staff presented the status of EJ implementation in 2020, conducted interactive polls, responded to questions during Q&A. Attendees were also offered a post-event survey. Recordings of the webinar are available on the [EJ Element webpage](#) and on the County's YouTube channel.

Interactive Polls

During the online webinar, interactive polls were used to allow participants to weigh-in on which EJ topics are of most and least importance to them, and on their top three EJ implementation priorities. The results of these polls are summarized in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1
Tally of Attendee's Most and Least Important EJ Topics

EJ Topic	Most Important	Least Important
Promoting Civic Engagement	1	2
Crime Prevention	1	12
Healthy Food Access	4	1
Promoting Physical Activity	1	0
Promoting Public Facilities	1	3
Reduce Pollution Exposure	8	1
Safe and Sanitary Homes	4	1

Table 2
Tally of Attendee’s Top Three Implementation Priorities

EJ Implementation Priority	Count
County-wide Communications and Outreach Plan	10
Food Action Plan	14
Security and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design	6
Youth Master Plans	7
Survey EJ Neighborhoods for Tree Planting	8

Post-Event Survey

Following the online webinar, attendees were offered a survey to let the County know what was done well and where improvements could be made, and to add any additional comments or thoughts. According to the survey results, the webinar was appreciated by a vast majority of the attendees. Attendees complimented the County on providing real-time Spanish interpretation, generous time for Q&A, interactive polling with audience involvement, a good pace, and for providing a good overview without getting into the weeds. Areas noted by attendees for improvement were to provide a Spanish translation of the presentation, provide more details and specifics, and to work with area community based organizations on planning the event. Overall, the largest and most common frustration expressed was with the perceived slow progress of government in effecting change. It was also requested by some that the webinar format and meeting recordings continue post COVID-19 as they make it easier to stay involved.

Staff noted that attendees who were new to the EJ Element (i.e. they had not been involved in the Phase 1 or Phase 2 process) appreciated the high level overview, while those who have been involved for a longer amount of time expressed frustration with a perceived lack of detail.

Executive Level Working Group

Members for the Executive Level Working Group have now been identified from various County departments. The Working Group’s first meeting will be used to review the feedback received from the second annual stakeholder meeting’s poll and survey. The Working Group will also use the first meeting to discuss tie-ins with the Board of Supervisors resolutions declaring racism as a public health crisis and declaring a climate emergency.

Long Range Planning Section of the Office of Planning and Environmental Review

In 2020, staff in the Long Range Planning Section have completed several EJ implementation measures and conducted numerous EJ-supportive activities. This work included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Prepared the EJ Element 2020 Report Card on implementation.
- Conducted the second annual stakeholder meeting to discuss accomplishments and identify priorities for 2021.
- Conducted PER employee training with an initial training held at the department's all-hands meeting. Further training has been a discussion topic of the department's grass-roots Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion employee group.
- Provided a support letter to the Sacramento Food Policy Council in support of their USDA grant application for the Food System Assessment and Partnership Project. They were awarded the grant in September 2020.
- Provided a support letter to the Sacramento Native American Health Center in support of their application for the CDC's "Strengthening Environmental Health Capacity Through Data-Driven, Evidence-Based Approaches" grant. They were awarded the grant in late-2020.
- Shared EJ information in the County Emergency Operations Center to assist in establishing equitable COVID-19 testing and vaccination locations.
- Utilized the EJ email subscription list for notifications about EJ-related initiatives like the Active Transportation Plan, Climate Action Plan, Housing Element Update, and Re-Envision West Arden Arcade Plan. The EJ subscription list had 2,891 subscribers as of December 28, 2020.
- Provided EJ policy consultation regarding the establishment of the County's COVID-19 business navigators.
- Provided translation and interpretive services for the Housing Element Update and Re-Envision West Arden Arcade Plan outreach meetings.
- Researched housing overcrowding and immigrant communities.
- Developed a special curriculum, with a corresponding YouTube video, for student engagement on the Re-Envision West Arden Arcade Plan.
- Added EJ representatives to the Climate Action Plan focused stakeholder group.
- Maintained consistent and trained Long Range Planning staff assigned to the Climate Action Plan, Housing Element Update, Re-Envision West Arden Arcade Plan, and EJ Element implementation, in order to provide

internal consistency and build on associated co-benefits and stakeholder connections.

In addition to the work completed by PER, the Department of Health Services, in collaboration with the Sacramento Food Policy Council, has begun a Food System Assessment to evaluate baseline conditions and inform the preparation of a Food Action Plan.

Report Card on EJ Element Implementation

The “report card” is an effort to identify which EJ element implementation measures have been *completed*, which have had *some progress*, and which have had *no progress* since the last calendar year. A list of all EJ Element implementation measures, as well as a running status of County activities towards the implementation of each, is included in Table 3, below.

This “EJ Element 2020 Report Card” will be included as an appendix to the General Plan Annual Report that is presented to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, and then sent to the State. It will be published on the County’s EJ webpage and will also be provided to the Executive Level Working Group.

CONCLUSION

Although the County is in the early phases of implementation of the EJ Element, substantial progress has already been made. Additional work remains in implementing the EJ Element and correcting the systemic inequities that have led to the disparities that exist today.

Work Prioritization

Staff has reviewed the list of EJ implementation measures, considered feedback from the annual stakeholder meeting, examined complementary and co-benefiting work that is already in progress such as the Climate Action Plan and Housing Element Update, reviewed budgets, and reviewed recent Board of Supervisors declarations. After consideration of all these factors, staff proposes the following EJ-related work program for 2021:

- Continue the Executive Level Working Group and discuss tie-in with Board of Supervisors resolutions declaring racism as a public health crisis and declaring a climate emergency.
- Create a Community Communication Strategy (County-wide) and streamline the provision of translation and interpretive services.
- Complete the Climate Action Plan.

- Complete the Housing Element Update.
- Continue staff training and increasing awareness.
- Conduct the third annual stakeholder meeting.
- Complete the EJ Element 2021 Report Card for inclusion in the next General Plan Annual Report.

**Table 3
Listing of All EJ Element Implementation Measures and Completion Status**

ELEMENT	REFERENCE NO.	IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE	STATUS Complete Some Progress No Progress	COMMENTS
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-1	A. The County of Sacramento will create a comprehensive Community Outreach Strategy that serves as a framework for all departments to participate in meaningful two-way communication with the public on all aspects of County governance and delivery of services. (PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW WITH SUPPORT FROM ALL OPERATING DEPARTMENTS)	Some Progress	2020: In December 2020 the Board approved several contracts with service providers for Translation and Interpretive services.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-2	A. The County will incorporate reducing crime through environmental design (CPTED) measures into the County's Zoning Code, Design Review Guidelines and Building Code to discourage crime, and encourage compatible uses. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT)	Some Progress	2020: PER staff is currently updating the County Design Guidelines to comply with State rules requiring "objective" design guidelines as opposed to subjective guidelines in an effort to streamline the construction of housing. Some CPTED measures could be incorporated if it can be shown that they are objective. Design, especially design that is context sensitive, is inherently subjective. Creating "objective" design standards can be challenging. This situation exemplifies the conflict that arises at the local level from competing State regulations and initiatives. Additionally, Department of Health Services (DHS) through the Sacramento County Obesity Prevention Program (SCOPP), funded through CDPH Cal Fresh Healthy Living, subcontracts with WALK Sacramento to implement the Safe Routes to Parks and Retail Toolkit. WALK Sacramento's staff are CPTED certified and incorporate these guidelines in the Safe Routes to Parks and Retail Toolkit.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-3	B. The County will prepare a "security ordinance" which will be a uniform code that will provide minimum safety and security specifications for new residential and commercial developments such as minimum specifications for door thickness, lock construction, and lighting. (SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2020: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-4	C. The Office of Planning and Environmental Review will ensure that CPTED training and certification is made available to staff. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2020: All PER staff have access to a network drive where CPTED training materials are located. All staff were reminded of this resource in December 2020.

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				Additionally, DHS's SCOPP subcontractor, WALK Sacramento, has staff that are CPTED certified and incorporate these guidelines into their work for SCOPP.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-5	D. The County will continue to have a representative from the Sheriff's Department to comment on development plans during the Plan Review Committee (PRC) process. (SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT)	Complete	2020: A Sheriff's representative staffs the PRC process.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-6	E. The Office of Planning and Environmental Review (PER) and the Sheriff's Department will consider developing a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment program that will be available to business owners and commercial building owners at no cost. The assessment could be supported by a small business license surcharge. For buildings located in Environmental Justice Communities, building permit and site improvement fees should be reduced for CPTED improvements that are responses to a CPTED assessment. The program will be advertised by PER through Property Improvement Business Districts and Chambers of Commerce. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT)	No Progress	2020: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-7	F. Prioritize street lighting programs for Environmental Justice Communities particularly at parks and transit stops and along commercial corridors and in high crime neighborhoods. Focus on pedestrian-scale rather than vehicular-scale lighting. (TRANSPORTATION)	Some Progress	2020: Street lighting projects are typically grant funded. The Community Development Block Grants program prioritizes "low and moderate income communities" which overlap significantly with EJ communities.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-8	A. Option 1: Explore amending the Zoning Code to require use permits for liquor stores, and convenience stores that have an off-sale alcoholic license, and to explore whether or not to include liquor and convenience stores for consideration in the County's distance separation and overconcentration requirements for certain uses. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW) or	No Progress	2020: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-9	B. Option 2: Refine the County's process for Public Convenience/Necessity (PCN) letters for off-sale liquor licenses in a way that addresses any nuisance or criminal impacts. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW) or	Some Progress	2020: During the calendar year, six requests for Public Convenience or Necessity (PCN) letters were considered and approved by the Board of Supervisors. As a condition of their approval, these applicants agreed to operational conditions on their ABC licenses and County-issued Business Licenses aimed

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				at reducing nuisance impacts. Examples of these conditions include strict limits on the hours that alcohol can be sold and the minimum size format of alcohol containers.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-10	C. Option 3: In consultation with residents, businesses, the Sherriff's Department, County Public Health, and other subject matter experts, the County will explore an amendment to the County Code for the purpose of establishing a Special Business License for convenience markets. The purpose is to regulate the nuisance, criminal, and health-related impacts associated with convenience uses, particularly where overconcentration of such uses occur.	No Progress	2020: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-11	A. Consider the development of Youth Master Plans for each community in the unincorporated County, starting with the Environmental Justice Communities. These plans will provide a vision and a roadmap to improve and enhance the overall quality of life for the community's children, youth and families. The Youth Master Plan will include the creation of an information sharing and support network to assist youth to make connections with County decision makers and elected officials. The Sacramento County Youth Council will have an important role in this effort. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)	No Progress	2020: Although listed as no progress, PER and DHS staff have been in communication regarding starting this effort once some of the additional work duties involved in the COVID-19 response end.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-12	B. Reduce or eliminate fees for temporary use permits for events sponsored by children or youth programs and are located in Environmental Justice Communities. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2020: For this fee reduction to be considered, it must be part of a comprehensive fee package and not advanced on an ad-hoc basis.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-13	A. The County will incorporate economic development, multimodal transportation, and affordable housing strategies into neighborhood strategic plans, community plans or other strategic planning documents when they are prepared or updated for the Environmental Justice Communities. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2020: These strategies are currently being included in the Re-Envision West Arden Arcade Plan and will be applied to future efforts.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-14	B. The County will consider residency in an Environmental Justice Community as a positive factor in selecting candidates for County internships. (ALL COUNTY AGENCIES)	Some Progress	2020: PER is working with the Department of Personnel Services (DPS) to implement this measure. While individual departments recruit their interns, DPS can assist with referring departments to a variety of agencies to include in their intern recruitment outreach. These agencies may include specific not-

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				for-profit organizations, Workforce Investment Boards, and other organizations that work with underserved communities, depending on the age group. There are also groups at the local community colleges, colleges, and universities that work with first-generation college students and students from underserved communities that would be able to assist. DPS staff will meet internally for further discussion.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-15	C. Continue to provide assistance to community and neighborhood organizations in their efforts to provide job training, employment and workforce housing opportunities in Environmental Justice Communities. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2020: PER provided assistance mainly in the preparation of letters supporting the grant applications of neighborhood organizations and non-profits.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-16	A. Develop a Food System Assessment to assess baseline conditions of the County's current food system within two years of adoption of the Phase 2 Environmental Justice Element in order to inform the preparation of a Countywide Food Action Plan. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)	Some Progress	2020: In October 2020, Green Technical Education and Employment in partnership with Sacramento Food Policy Council (SFPC) received USDA funding to conduct the Food System Assessment. DHS staff are engaged with SFPC in this process. To date, three partner meetings and two community engagement meetings have taken place. PER provided funding for interpreters for the community meeting on December 10, 2020. UC Davis Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program (SAREP) is contributing assessment design technical assistance to the Food System Assessment for Sacramento. DHS will continue to work with SFPC through the assessment process. The food system assessment project funding is for 2 years, ending September 30, 2022.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-17	B. Develop a Countywide Food Action Plan for approval by the Board of Supervisors within two years of completion of the Food System Assessment. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)	No Progress	2020: DHS will use the Food System Assessment to inform the Food Action Plan. SCOPP is currently subcontracted with the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services (SFBFS) to create the Emergency Food Action Plan for the County. Given COVID-19, SFBFS has put this activity on hold until further notice.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-18	C. Invite and encourage all incorporated cities to participate in preparation of the Food Action Plan. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)	Some Progress	2020: SFPC is working to identify key individuals at the city level to engage with for this work. To date, North Highlands Recreation and Park District's commissioner, Galt Food Bank, and the City of Sacramento have been engaged in limited capacity. SFPC reports that additional funding or assistance would be needed to engage cities in the assessment.

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Environmental Justice	EJ IM-19	D. Establish a Countywide team with representatives from the following to include, but not limited to: Department of Health Services, Office of Planning and Environmental Review, Department of Human Assistance, Office of Education, Environmental Management Department, Department of Waste Management and Recycling, Office of Economic Development, SACDOT, Regional Parks, SACOG and representatives from the incorporated cities, and community stakeholders, and advocates to assist in the preparation of the Food System Assessment and the Food Action Plan. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)	Some Progress	2020: PER and DHS staff are actively engaged in the Food System Assessment, SFPC has asked for assistance for identifying other County-wide representatives from other agencies.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-20	E. Work with the Countywide team to research and implement a permanent funding option for a Healthy Food Fund that would fund implementation of activities identified in the Food Action Plan. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)	Some Progress	2020: DHS can assist in researching funding opportunities including how other counties have funded similar projects; given a "permanent" funding stream is being requested, it seems that Cal Fresh Healthy Living (CFHL) funds can support, but will not be a long term/sustainable solution. So long as the SCOPP has CFHL it will advocate to keep this in the work plan at a level that is feasible for the program. Over time, it can explore use of County funds for this, if it is a priority.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-21	F. Evaluate the Food Action Plan every 5 years and provide an update on the progress of implementation and a reassessment of goals to the Board of Supervisors. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)	No Progress	2020: It is not time to do this implementation measure yet.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-22	G. Create and maintain a webpage containing information about the Food Action Plan and other County-initiated efforts related to food access and food equity. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES)	Some Progress	2020: To date DHS does not have a dedicated webpage for this effort. It can be added to the SCOPP webpage, if appropriate. SFPC currently hosts EJ information on their website.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-23	A. Develop a definition of healthy food products and require convenience stores to dedicate a certain percentage of shelf space to the sale or display of healthy food products. This process may be accomplished via Zoning Code Amendment, County Code Amendment, or other regulation. The required shelf space percentage shall be informed by market studies or Countywide Food Action Plan to ensure the requirement meets the need yet does not result in waste from unsold food. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2020: A requirement for healthy food is added as a condition of approval for convenience stores however, a codified definition and percentage is still pending.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-24	B. Amend the Zoning Code to include market gardens and/or edible landscaping as common outdoor amenities and open	Some Progress	2020: PER staff are currently processing updates to the Zoning Code pursuant to SB-2 funding which seeks to provide more

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		space in the Multifamily Residential Development Standards. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)		housing and more affordable housing. As such, PER is considering reducing certain required amenities in multi-family developments in order to achieve the higher housing density required by State housing law. The goal is to achieve a balance between the required density and amenities, such as gardens, tot-lots and private patios within multi-family developments. Within this context, PER will discuss allowing for edible landscaping but will have to balance any edible plant palettes with the State's requirements for low water landscaping.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-25	C. Establish a Technical Advisory Committee including grocers and community-based organizations in order to understand and reduce barriers to grocery store development in Environmental Justice Communities. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2020: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-26	D. Promote CalFresh, Market Match, Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, and the Woman, Children & Infants Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to all farmers' markets managers. (AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER)	No Progress	2020: Consider revising or deleting this implementation measure. This is not a function conducted by the Agricultural Commissioner.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-27	E. Provide CalFresh, Market Match, Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, and Woman, Children & Infants Program recipients with information on Farmers Markets, which accept program coupons. (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN ASSISTANCE)	Complete	2020: CalFresh is the program which the County oversees and benefits are paid by EBT cards which are accepted at all farmer's markets. Information on local Farmer's Markets is provided to CalFresh recipients.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-28	F. The County through the Offices of Planning and Environmental Review and Economic Development will increase opportunities for locating providers of fresh produce (grocery stores, farmer markets, produce stands) near existing neighborhoods, particularly low-income neighborhoods, and in new master plan areas. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)	No Progress	2020: This could be addressed as part of the next Zoning Code fix-it package.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-29	A. Continue to include guidelines in the County's Countywide Design Guidelines that encourage physical activity (Active Design Guidelines). The Countywide Design Guidelines identify active design guidelines with a logo and has an appendix on active design strategies. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Complete	2020: These are included in the Design Guidelines.

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Environmental Justice	EJ IM-30	B. Encourage businesses and non-profit organizations to offer indoor recreational facilities and programs compatible with existing commercial structures and zones, such as batting cages, rock climbing walls, basketball/indoor soccer courts, and studios offering martial arts, aerobics, and yoga classes. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2020: The Zoning Code currently allows these uses by-right up to 300-persons. However, there is no program in PER at this time to actively encourage private owners to add these uses to their properties.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-31	C. For non-profit organizations, reduce entitlement fees for use permits for indoor and outdoor general recreational facilities in Environmental Justice Communities and/or reduce level of review for use permits from Planning Commission to Zoning Administrator. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2020: Any fee reductions will have to be included in a comprehensive fee package.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-32	A. At such time the County initiates a rezone program, the Office of Planning and Environmental Review (PER) will rezone properties to multifamily zones that are close to existing services and adjacent to existing bike lanes and sidewalks. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2020: The identification of potential rezone sites has begun as part of the preparation of the Housing Element Update.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-33	B. Develop a comprehensive Transit-Oriented Development Ordinance that will incentivize transit supportive uses near light rail stations or major transit stops and preserve transit areas for appropriate development opportunities. This ordinance will incorporate the transit-oriented development standards in the TOD Design Guidelines and be applicable to all areas within ½ mile of a light rail station or major transit stop. The Comprehensive Transit-Oriented Development Ordinance will allow flexibility in allowed uses and development standards based on the neighborhood context of the transit station. Or Prepare Master Plans and Special Planning Area ordinances for areas surrounding light rail stations or major transit stops. These planning documents will incentivize transit supportive uses and preserve transit areas for appropriate development opportunities. Many of the transit-oriented development standards in the TOD Design Guidelines will be incorporated into the planning documents. Allowed land uses and development standards will be based on the neighborhood context of the transit station. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2020: -

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Environmental Justice	EJ IM-34	C. Coordinate with Department of Health Services, Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SACDOT) and other public health agencies and organizations during master planning efforts to identify and integrate design elements into land use plans that encourage physical activity. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION)	Some Progress	2020: PER provides this level of analysis when processing Master Plans, and PER and SACDOT routinely analyze these elements when processing and preparing Traffic Impact Studies for Master Plans. County staff uses the Sacramento County Bicycle Advisory Committee to assure integration of these elements sufficiently early in the process. However, staff is often asked to process the Traffic Impact Studies before the applicants have submitted their Specific Plans and/or Design Guidelines. Although, studies are evaluated on elements that encourage physical activity, there still exists a tension between providing roadways and intersections that provide capacity for vehicles vs. encouraging alternative modes such as walking and biking that would increase physical activity.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-35	D. Coordinate with the Department of Health Services to conduct meetings, workshops or public hearings in order to solicit input from interested individuals and organizations on opportunities and recommendations for integrating public health concerns into local land use and transportation planning. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION)	Some Progress	2020: This has begun with the recent establishment of the Executive Level Working Group. The group will discuss this and can either assign it to an existing standing committee or retain it for coordination at its level.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-36	A. Department of Transportation will combine the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans into one comprehensive document. The new document will incorporate the concept of reducing "level of stress" (LTS) for bicyclists and pedestrians. (TRANSPORTATION)	Some Progress	2020: SACDOT is currently in the process of combining the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans into a comprehensive Active Transportation Plan which will incorporate concepts for reducing LTS.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-37	B. Evaluate bicycle circulation plans for new master plans and large infill projects using the principles of low stress bicycling. (TRANSPORTATION, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Complete	2020: All new bicycle circulation plans included in master plans and large infill projects are reviewed by SACDOT. SACDOT staff takes these projects to the County of Sacramento Bicycle Advisory Committee (SacBAC) for review and feedback.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-38	C. Apply low stress bicycling principles to Complete Streets Master Plans. (TRANSPORTATION, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Complete	2020: Low stress bicycling principles are applied as part of regular operating principles.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-39	D. Environmental Justice Communities will be prioritized for Smart Growth Streets programs. (TRANSPORTATION)	Some Progress	2020: Smart Growth Street improvement projects implemented by SACDOT are prioritized through grants such as the SACOG Regional Funding program, which emphasizes work in EJ Communities through reduced local match funding requirements

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				and/or additional points within the scoring criteria to prioritize projects in EJ Communities.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-40	E. Environmental Justice Communities will be prioritized for new sidewalks, particularly along major streets and near parks and schools. (TRANSPORTATION)	Some Progress	2020: The adopted ADA Transition Plan ranking criteria prioritizes sidewalk work in EJ Communities. SACDOT is in the process of creating an Active Transportation Plan that will also use ranking criteria that prioritizes sidewalks in EJ Communities.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-41	A. Park accessibility will be analyzed, during the review of master plans and tentative subdivision maps. (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2020: This is part of the analysis conducted with Master Plans. More time is needed to be assured that all tentative maps are analyzed for park accessibility.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-42	B. The County will support efforts through analysis and public comments to identify neighborhoods in Environmental Justice Communities that lack access to public parks and identify vacant land that could be used for public parks. The County will also support efforts to contact recreation and park districts to advocate for public parks or alternative permanent or temporary facilities (such as pocket parks or pop-up parks) in neighborhoods that lack access to public parks. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2020: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-43	During California Environmental Quality Act review of impacts for public works, private development, revitalization and master planning projects in under-canopied EJ Communities, mitigation shall be required that provides an extra 25% tree replacement and said mitigation shall be directed to the same EJ community where the impact occurs. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2020: All PER staff have been made aware of this requirement. Because it has seen limited application due to very few projects, this measure will be listed as some progress until the application of the requirement becomes more commonplace.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-44	A. As a condition of approval for discretionary projects, Sacramento County shall require the appropriate remedy for any open tree violations on site. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2020: Staff is discussing a tree ordinance update.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-45	B. Sacramento County will continue to support Sacramento Tree Foundation's NeighborWoods program in order to help achieve 35 percent tree canopy coverage in Sacramento County neighborhoods. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Complete	2020: Sacramento County continues to contract with the Tree Foundation for tree mitigation plantings.

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Environmental Justice	EJ IM-46	C. Survey EJ communities to identify appropriate opportunity sites to receive tree mitigation plantings. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2020: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-47	A. Sacramento County will encourage future advances in technology and transportation to be equitably distributed to include low-income, elderly, disabled, and technology-limited riders, particularly in Environmental Justice Communities.	Some Progress	2020: Sacramento County has worked with Regional Transit to consider EJ communities in the roll-out of the SmarTride program.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-48	A. The County will consider General Plan and/or Zoning Code Amendments to support SMAQMD in meeting the AB 617 objectives. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2020: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-49	B. The County will encourage the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District to recommend Environmental Justice Communities to the California Air Resources Board for AB 617 air quality monitoring. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2020: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-50	A. The County will continue the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. (HEALTH SERVICES, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT)	Complete	2020: This program continues.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-51	B. Assist in promoting the Low Income Weatherization Program in Environmental Justice Communities. Applicants who qualify for the program could receive certain improvements at no cost. Improvements include heaters/air conditioners, solar panels, water heaters, new windows and glass repair, weatherization and attic and floor insulation. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2020: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-52	A. As part of its analysis for the next Housing Element, the Office of Planning and Environmental Review (PER) will do an in-depth analysis of the presence of housing overcrowding in Environmental Justice Communities and the causes of that overcrowding. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Complete	2020: PER staff completed this measure this year during development of the Housing Element Update.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-53	B. Collaborate with refugee and immigrant advocates to determine the extent of housing overcrowding Environmental Justice Communities. Determine implementation measures to decrease housing overcrowding which can be added to the 2021 Housing Element. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Complete	2020: PER staff completed this measure this year during development of the Housing Element Update.

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Environmental Justice	EJ IM-54	A. The Office of Planning and Environmental Review and Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency will review the Affordable Housing Program and Ordinance for potential changes that could assist in producing more housing that is affordable to lower income households. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, SACRAMENTO HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY)	Some Progress	2020: PER is currently in the process of a Housing Element Update. A program to initiate review of the Affordable Housing Ordinance is currently proposed in the draft Housing Element.
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-55	B. Develop guidelines for affordable housing developers to attain support for their projects through public outreach. These guidelines could be part of the Countywide Public Outreach Strategy. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2020: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-56	C. Develop an impact fee reduction program for residential developments in Environmental Justice Communities in which at least 10 percent of the total units are affordable to very low-income households or at least 49 percent are affordable to low-income households and on which affordability restrictions are subject to long-term (30 years or greater) regulatory agreements as certified by the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA). (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	No Progress	2020: -
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-57	A. The following process will be implemented annually in order to effectively carry out the policies and implementation measures in the Environmental Justice (EJ) Element: a. Annual Stakeholder Meeting: The County will provide stakeholders the opportunity to inform the County of their implementation priorities for the following year. b. Executive Level Working Group: This group will consist of department directors and will use Annual Stakeholder Meeting comments to inform implementation decisions and resource commitments. The Working Group will focus on implementation measures that involve multiple County departments. c. Long Range Planning (LRP) Section of the Office of Planning and Environmental Review (PER): This section will also use Annual Stakeholder meeting comments to inform implementation decisions and resource commitments. The LRP Section will focus on measures that are the sole responsibility of PER and will provide staff to work on major and/or multidepartment implementation measures supported by the Executive Level Working Group.	Some Progress	2020: This is mostly complete with processes in place for the annual stakeholder meetings, LRP work planning on EJ, and preparation of this EJ Element "report card". The Executive Level Working Group has just been formed. Once the Working Group is meeting regularly, this measure could be marked as complete. 2020: The request for a DHS representative was forwarded to Dr. Kasirye; Jim Hunt will attend the first meeting and will delegate as appropriate.

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		d. Report Card on EJ Element Implementation: PER Long Range Planning staff will track EJ Element implementation and will create a "report card" that will document EJ Element implementation for the previous calendar year. This "report card" will be part of the General Plan Annual Report and will be made available to the public on PER's website in addition to the regular practice of presenting it in public session to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS)		
Environmental Justice	EJ IM-58	B. The Office of Planning and Environmental Review (PER) will train its staff to analyze development projects using environmental justice principles. PER will train other County departments, particularly high-level managers, on incorporating environmental justice into their regular processes and practices. (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW)	Some Progress	2020: PER has begun this process by sharing and applying EJ principles with multiple SACDOT staff in the context of the Re-Envision West Arden Arcade Plan as well as in Master Plan and grant application discussions. PER has also worked collaboratively with SacOES management in coordination on emergency plans related to heat and climate as well as cultural competency in Emergency Management. PER has also initiated multiple conversations with the public information office related to EJ and related to development of a County-wide communication and outreach strategy.