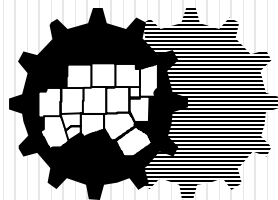
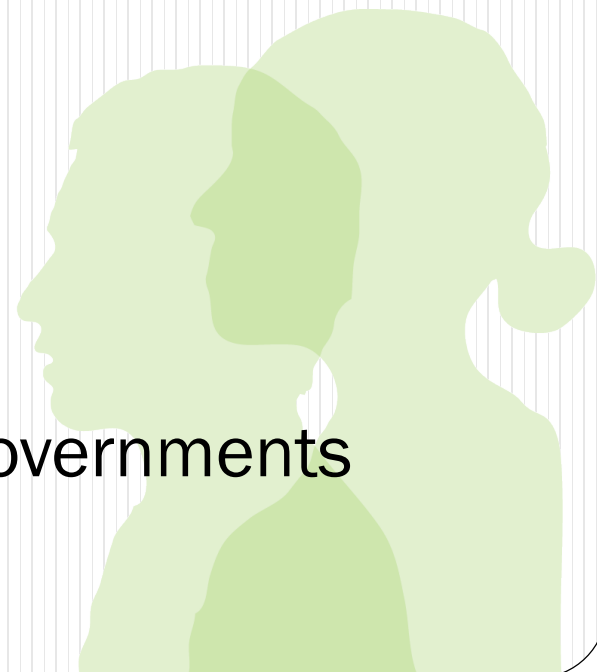
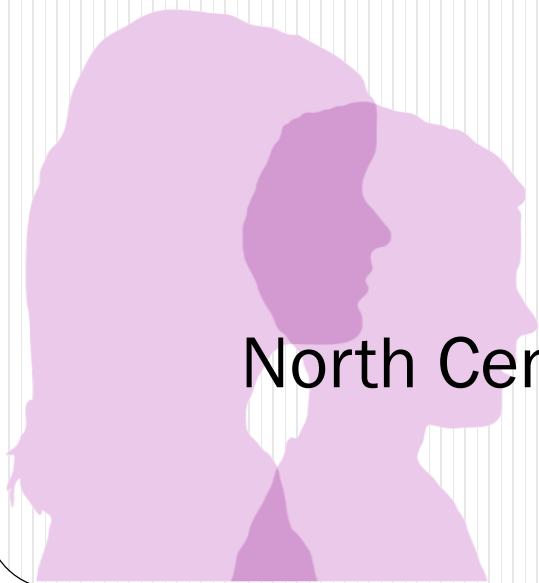


# Fair Treatment & Meaningful Involvement

Title VI & Environmental Justice Update



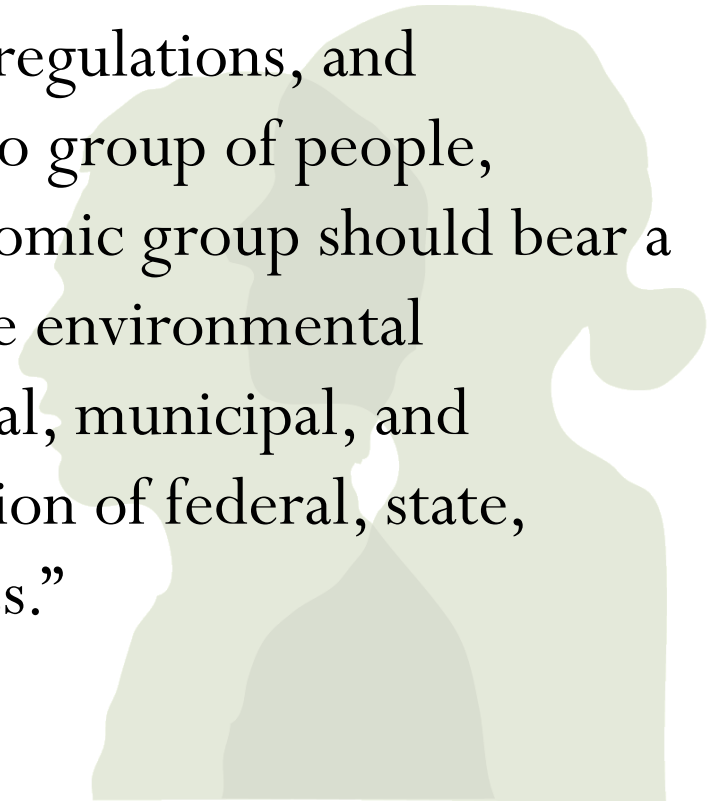
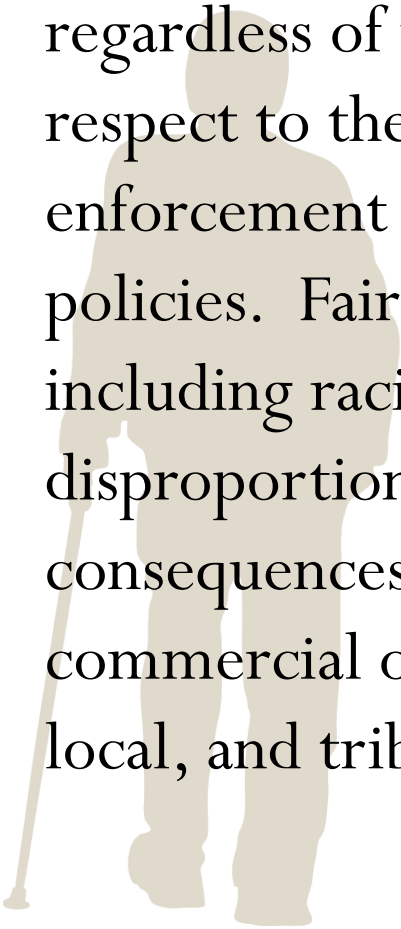
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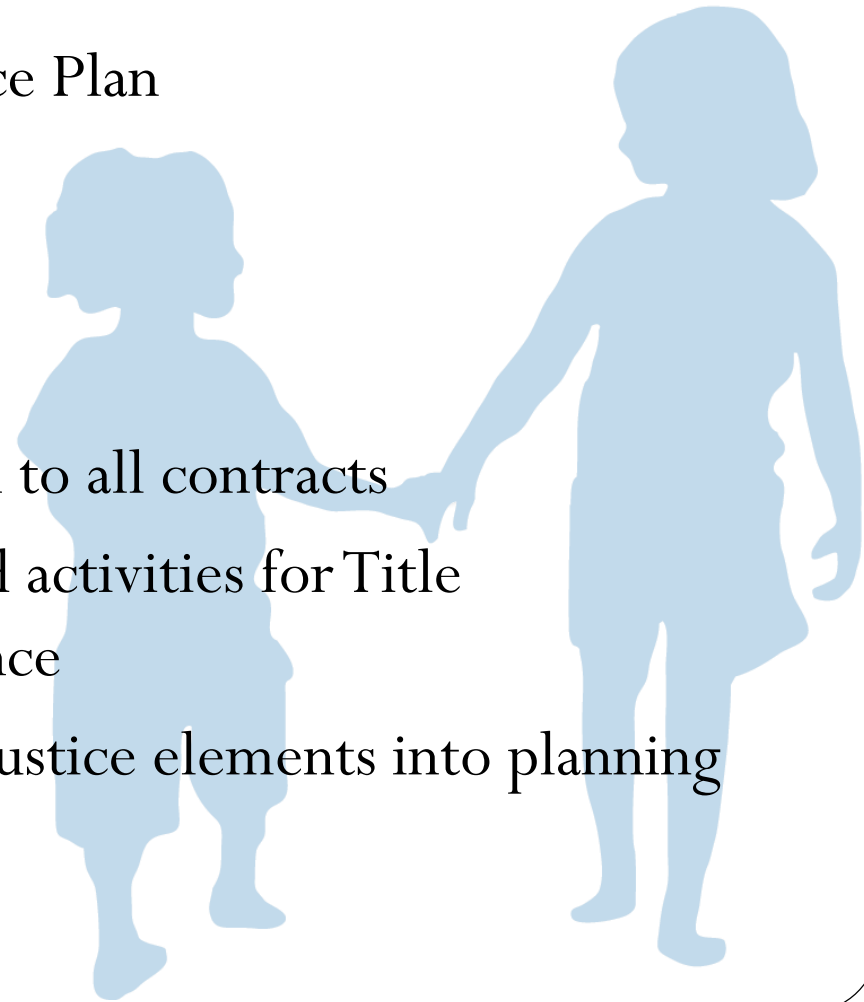
"The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Fair treatment means that no group of people, including racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic group should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations or the execution of federal, state, local, and tribal programs and policies."



# Program Improvement Highlights


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- Development of Title VI Complaint Procedures
- Development of Language Assistance Plan
- Translation of several documents
- Update Title VI Assurances
- Staff training
- Non-discrimination language added to all contracts
- Greater monitoring of program and activities for Title VI/Environmental Justice compliance
- Enhanced Title VI/Environmental Justice elements into planning process



# Title VI Complaint Procedures Overview

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- Provides public with a guide on how to file a Title VI complaint
    - Filed within 180 of alleged discrimination
    - Form must be complete including contact information and statement of complaint
    - Signed consent release form
    - Written notification of receipt will be sent to complainant within 10 days
    - NCTCOG strives to complete all investigations within 60 days
  - Currently being translated into Spanish and Vietnamese
  - Available by request through mail, e-mail, or at <http://www.nctcog.org/trans/ej/ComplaintProcedures.pdf>
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- A faint, light-colored silhouette of a person standing and using a cane, positioned on the right side of the slide. The person is facing left, and the cane is held in their right hand, touching the ground.

# Current Efforts

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- Enhanced analysis of metropolitan transportation plan
- Development of new Environmental Justice Index mapping technique
- Development of Environmental Justice analysis techniques for programs
- Research Project with TSU on toll road impacts on communities
- Enhanced outreach efforts



# TxDOT Review

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- TxDOT initiated a review of NCTCOG's Title VI & Environmental Justice Compliance
- NCTCOG was in compliance of all major requirements
- TxDOT recommended minor program improvements
- NCTCOG has implemented or is in the final stages of implementation for all TxDOT recommended program improvements

