

Public Health and Equity

Promote environmental justice and equity principles in transportation policy

Transportation decisions affect our individual lives, economy and health. Every day, diverse populations are impacted by traffic fatalities, injuries and other negative health impacts as a result of poor and inequitable transportation decisions made in their communities. For example:

- Older populations are over-represented in intersection fatalities by a factor of more than 2-to-1.¹
- Twelve percent of the bicyclists killed in traffic crashes in 2008 were between 5 and 15 years old.²
- Hispanic pedestrians between the ages of 21 and 29 are traditionally overrepresented in traffic fatalities.³

Who is Impacted? How?

An equitable transportation system is one that allows its users equal opportunity in mobility, independent of age, ability, income, race, ethnicity, language, and gender.

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