

Environmental Justice (EJ) Screening Checklist for Categorical Exclusion Projects

The purpose of this screening checklist is to assist Environmental Planning with evaluating a project's potential to result in community impacts and EJ needs. This checklist will be used to determine if further assessment of Environmental Justice considerations are necessary for certain projects and can be used as an initial scoping assessment effort with ADOT Project Management Group (PMG), Districts, Local Public Agencies (LPA), Communications, Civil Rights Office (CRO), and any other key ADOT stakeholders. It should be noted that all project details necessary to make a determination for required EJ analysis may not be available during the initial scoping phase, so early coordination with the above identified ADOT disciplines is encouraged if EJ analysis is anticipated to be needed.

As the [ADOT Categorical Exclusion \(CE\) Manual](#) states, Environmental Justice is typically not an issue for projects for which a CE determination is made. If the CE project will not result in any potential for adverse temporary or permanent effects on any businesses, residents, or landowners (including but not limited to effects to access, relocations, and neighborhood continuity), the presence of EJ populations need not be determined, and this form is not required because the project will have no new effects on the surrounding area. Projects that do not typically require additional documentation are those actions listed in 23 CFR 771.117(c) and (d). Examples include landscaping activities; safety improvements, such as lighting; and roadway repaving or resurfacing; bridge repair and replacements in the existing right-of-way. The CE Checklist documents that there is no potential for environmental justice impacts.

If there is a question of impacts on a CE project, or the NEPA class of action has been identified as an Individual CE or 327 MOU Re-Evaluation, this screening checklist should be used to document a decision in the project record or to identify the need to complete an Environmental Justice Analysis.

Environmental Impacts Statements (EIS) and Environmental Assessments (EA) will have EJ documented as a standard section in the NEPA document.

ADOT Environmental Justice Project Screening Checklist

ADOT Project Name /Number:

Class of Action:

Would the proposed project involve any or a combination of the following conditions below?

- *Displacements or acquisitions that are not limited to structures or areas that are unoccupied or otherwise unused*
- *Expansion of roadway right-of-way by adding additional lanes and/or width, but the expansion involves acquisitions with the following characteristics:*
 - Populated project area
 - Widening of the roadway right-of-way is not limited to a minor amount (example: acquisitions at intersection corners or a “strip” taking along a frontage with no displacements.)
- *Access changes with the following characteristics:*
 - Denies access to any driveways or cross streets
 - Impacts a school or emergency responder location (police station, fire station, hospital) in the project area

- Yes - There is potential for adverse temporary or permanent impacts. Demographics to be collected and detailed EJ analysis is required if there are potential adverse impacts to identified EJ populations.

- No anticipated adverse temporary or permanent impacts to businesses, residences, or communities

Summary Statement

[Briefly explain Project Description and Location Information as part of Summary Statement]

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