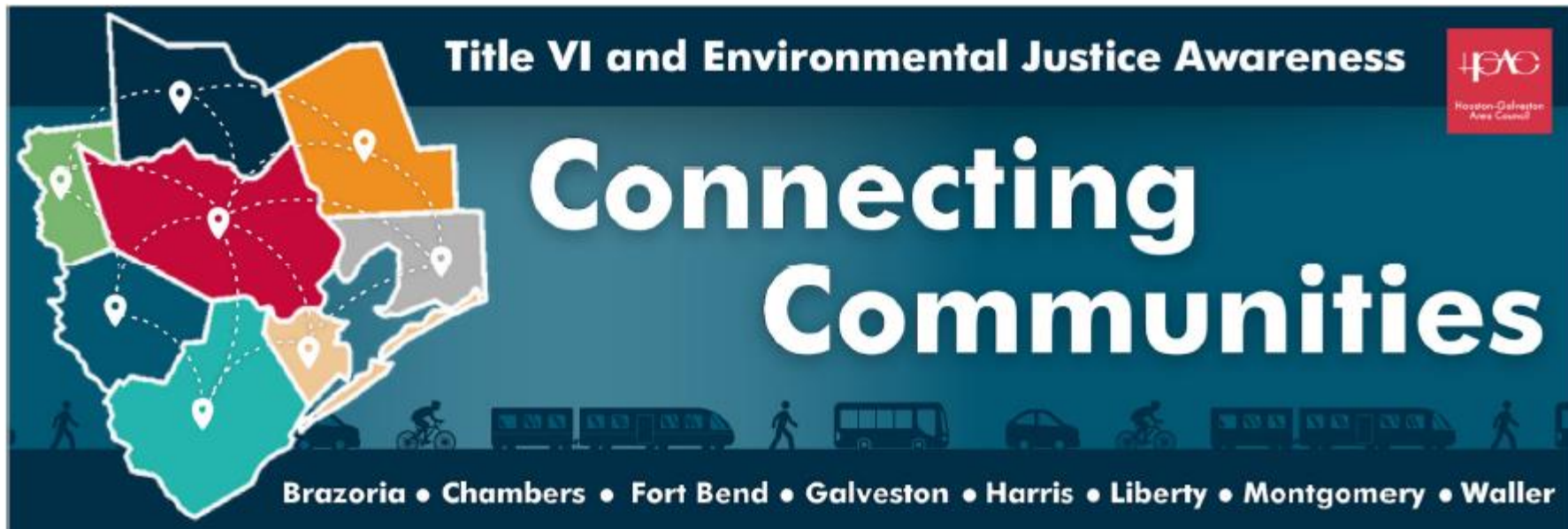


History of Environmental Justice and its Future Direction

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Environmental Justice

- Purpose – Actively prevent disproportionately high and adverse effects of transportation projects on minority and low income communities.
- Began 1994 by President Bill Clinton Executive Order.
- Early on was seen by practitioners as largely synonymous with Public Involvement.

Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (EJ IWG)

- Provides leadership and direction to federal agencies

Federal EJ Strategies



Past Initiatives



Federal Resources



EJ IWG

**The Environmental Justice
Collaborative Problem-Solving
Cooperative Agreement Program**

Grants and Resources Dropdown

Due April 10, 2023

NHHIP: 2005 Version of IH45

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Environmental Justice.....	
Introduction	
Acquisitions and Displacements	
Noise.....	
Air Quality	
Safety and Security.....	
Cultural Resources	
Assessment of Impact.....	

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MPO's and Environmental Justice

- HGAC Transportation Policy Council voted to include EJ as a decision variable at January 2023 meeting.

MPOs	Environmental Justice Consideration	Points for serving environmental justice communities
HGAC	Yes	Passed by TPC Jan. 2023 10 points
NCTCOG	Yes	5 of 115 points for Environmental Justice
CAMPO	Yes	5 of 100 points for serving traditionally underserved communities
AAMPO	None	N.A.

Future Direction(s)

- Education about EJ
 - EJ attention doesn't mean project with EJ consideration can't proceed
 - EJ attention to balance transportation spending and improve outcomes
- Discussion about nexus (or not) between Equity and EJ

Thank You



- [Environmental Justice Strategy | US Department of Transportation](#)
- <https://sites.utexas.edu/cm2/research/projects/>