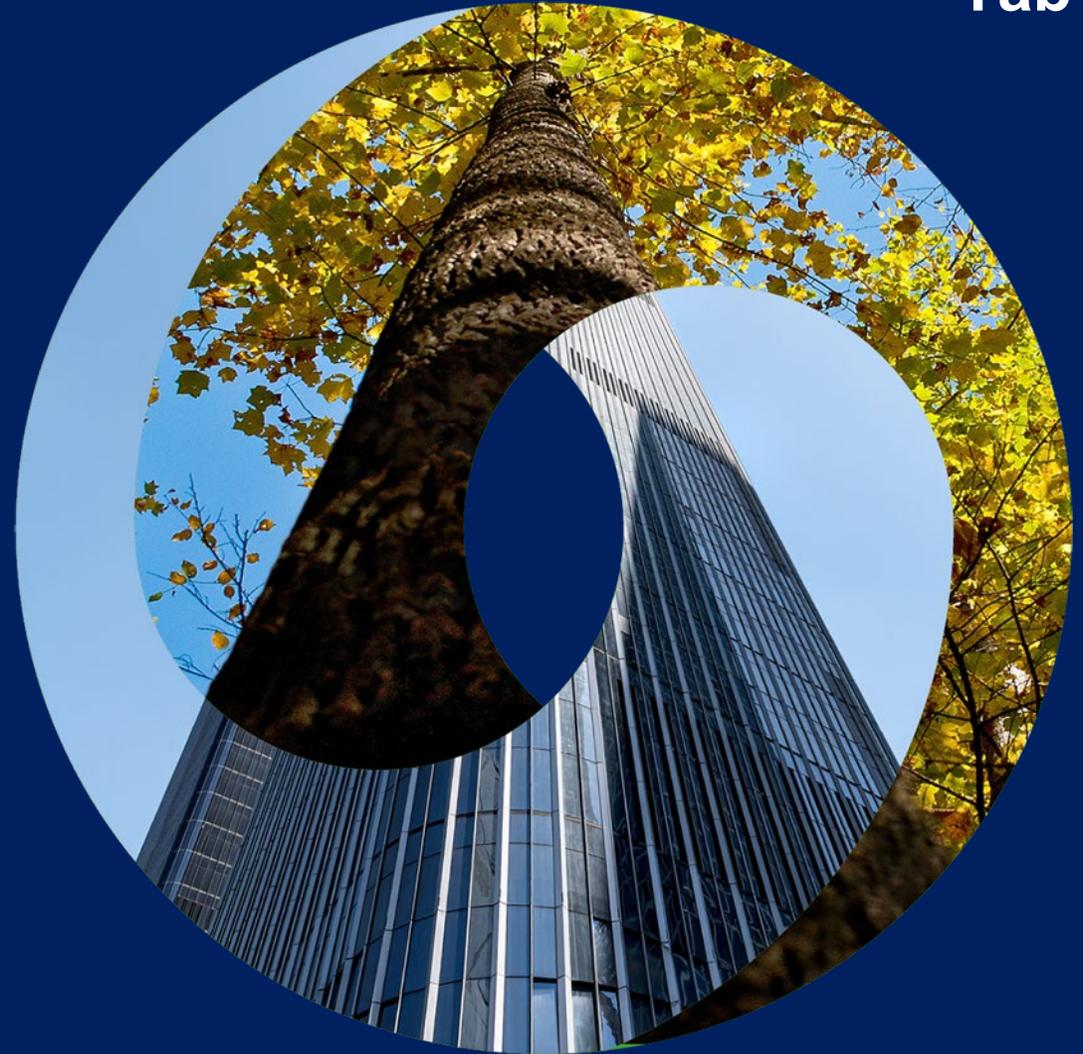




Justice40

Department of Transportation



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Department of Transportation Justice40 Video

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/IhDVzE0DQFA>

Background on Justice40

WHAT is Justice40?

President Biden's Jan 2021 **EO14008: Tackling Climate Change at Home and Abroad** created the Justice40 Initiative, establishing the goal that at least **40% of the benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities.**

WHY Justice40?

Justice40 aims to **address decades of systemic inequitable historical policies and underinvestment in disadvantaged communities.** The initiative aims to bring resources to communities most impacted by climate change, pollution, and environmental hazards.

What Justice40 means for the US Department of Transportation (DOT)

At the cusp of a generational investment in infrastructure through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act, the Justice40 initiative is an opportunity to address gaps in transportation infrastructure and public services to uplift communities.



**Prioritize
Investments**



**Measure Impact and
Improve Effectiveness**



**Strengthen
Communities**

DOT Justice40 Implementation Near-Term Roadmap

DOT is working in concert with the White House and other federal agencies to implement Justice40 across all Covered Programs, including those in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act.

1. Developed interim disadvantage index

2. Develop benefit baseline methodologies

3. Included Justice40 language in covered program NOFOs

We are here

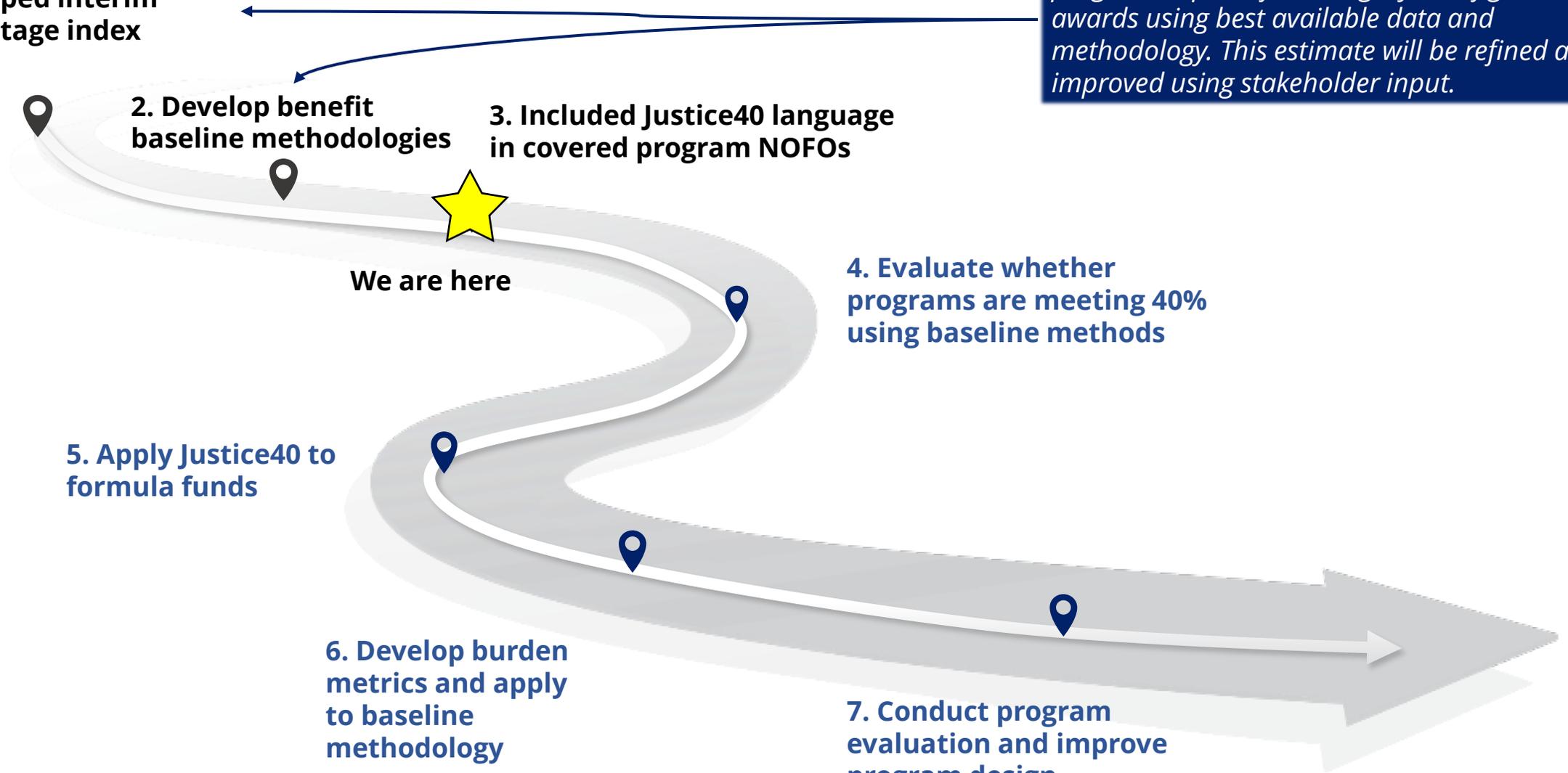
4. Evaluate whether programs are meeting 40% using baseline methods

5. Apply Justice40 to formula funds

6. Develop burden metrics and apply to baseline methodology

7. Conduct program evaluation and improve program design

Baseline Estimate: This is an estimate of program impacts for a single year of grant awards using best available data and methodology. This estimate will be refined and improved using stakeholder input.



DOT's Interim Disadvantaged Community Definition

A disadvantaged community is a group of individuals living in **geographic proximity** to one another or **sharing common conditions** or **group experiences** (i.e., migrant workers, Native Americans) that experience cumulative burden across economic, social, and environmental factors.

DOT's Interim Disadvantage Index



Transportation: communities that spend more, and take longer, to get where they need to go



Health: communities with adverse health outcomes, disabilities, and low access to health care services



Environmental: communities experiencing disproportionately high levels of pollutants & toxins



Economic: communities with high levels of poverty, and low access to jobs and education



Resilience: communities vulnerable to hazards caused by climate change



Equity: communities with a shared history of discrimination or other forms of disadvantage

Justice40 Covered Programs Overview

The seven areas of Federal investment covered by the Justice40 Initiative are:



Climate Change



Remediation and reduction of legacy pollution



Clean energy and energy efficiency



Clean water and wastewater infrastructure



Clean Transit



Training and workforce development



Affordable and sustainable housing

DOT Covered Programs: 39 Funding Programs, Across 5 Modes ~\$204 Billion in BIL authorizations

How is DOT Implementing Justice40?

1

DOT is **asking grant applicants to address the benefits and burdens** of projects on disadvantaged communities

2

DOT is **prioritizing projects that promote meaningful public engagement** throughout the project lifecycle and adhere to environmental justice requirements

3

DOT is evaluating decisions and regulations with an equity lens and **prioritizing resources to historically underserved communities**

4

DOT is providing **additional technical assistance** and support to disadvantaged communities

How is DOT helping communities access resources?

- ✓ **Providing webinars** that walk potential applicants through the general requirements of funding opportunities and provide technical assistance on specific aspects of application requirements
- ✓ **Consolidating Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs)** to simplify applying for funds
- ✓ **Simplifying the language in NOFOs** to make requirements easier to understand
- ✓ **Developing tools** like the Historically Disadvantaged Census Tract tool to assist applicants in developing their applications

Examples of DOT Technical Assistance Programs

DOT Navigator

Online portal to access technical assistance resources available across the DOT

<https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>

ROUTES

Offers user-friendly tools and information, aggregates DOT resources and provides technical assistance addressing rural transportation's unique challenges

<https://www.transportation.gov/rural>

Thriving Communities

Technical assistance and capacity building resources to improve communities through transportation improvements

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/thriving-communities>

Coming Soon