Project Locations Relative to Environmental Justice

On December 14, 2012 the GBNRTC approved the Transportation Equity Statement and Title VI Plan (Resolution 2012-22). The document contains written procedures that demonstrate the Council's commitment to ensuring nondiscrimination based on grounds of race, color, sex, age, disability or national origin, within any of its activities, programs or projects as required by federal non-discrimination statutes, regulations, and orders.

The following data was used in the development of Environmental Justice focus geographic areas:

- **Community Outreach and Participation** - Meaningful participation of minority, low-income, LEP populations and others is a critical component to implementing Title VI/Environmental Justice. Through effective public participation the GBNRTC is able to identify and understand the needs of the community as a whole, and incorporate those needs into transportation plans and programs. The 2011 GBNRTC Public Participation Plan outlines public participation policies and procedures the GBNRTC uses to develop transportation plans and programs and describes effective strategies for encouraging the public to participate in planning activities.

- **Social and Economic Data Mapping** - Using U.S. Census data, the GBNRTC identifies the locations of traditionally underserved populations, including low-income, minority, and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) populations to create a social and economic profile of the two-county region. These demographic profiles are essential in creating an effective public engagement strategy and provide important building blocks for transportation studies and plans.

- **Analysis and Assessment** - The GBNRTC uses GIS and other tools and data sources to determine the needs of traditionally underserved communities and to assess how regional transportation programs and plans impact different population groups in the region.

TIP projects were then overlaid on top of the resulting data for additional analysis using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software. The resulting maps are presented on the following pages.

To learn more about Environmental Justice, visit the GBNRTC web site:

http://www.gbnrtc.org/environmentaljusticetitlevi/