

June 30, 2023

Effective July 1, 2023, WSDOT will implement environmental justice principles as directed by the HEAL act into decision making on the following processes:

1. Conducting EJ Assessments for [Significant Agency Actions](#);
2. Administering agency grant programs;
3. Allocating discretionary program funding;
4. Updating WSDOT policies to align with the intent of the HEAL Act Budgeting and Funding section;
5. Environmental Justice commitments and analysis related to the Climate Commitment Act and Complete Streets assessments; and
6. Developing Agency funding requests for significant agency actions.

Over the next several years, with guidance from the Environmental Justice Council, WSDOT will identify additional areas to expand implementation of environmental justice principles into decision-making. Some examples include:

1. Development of comprehensive planning
2. Funding allocations to M/RTPOs
3. Decisions that may impact health or environment such as
 - a. Types of materials utilized on construction projects
 - b. Noise abatement
 - c. Vibration abatement
 - d. Use of chemical treatments
 - e. Fleet conversion to lower GHG emissions
 - f. Programs and projects for transit and active transportation

We will update this list as we learn more about effective implementation of the processes and the environmental justice council provides more guidance.