

Baltimore Region Environmental Justice in Transportation Project

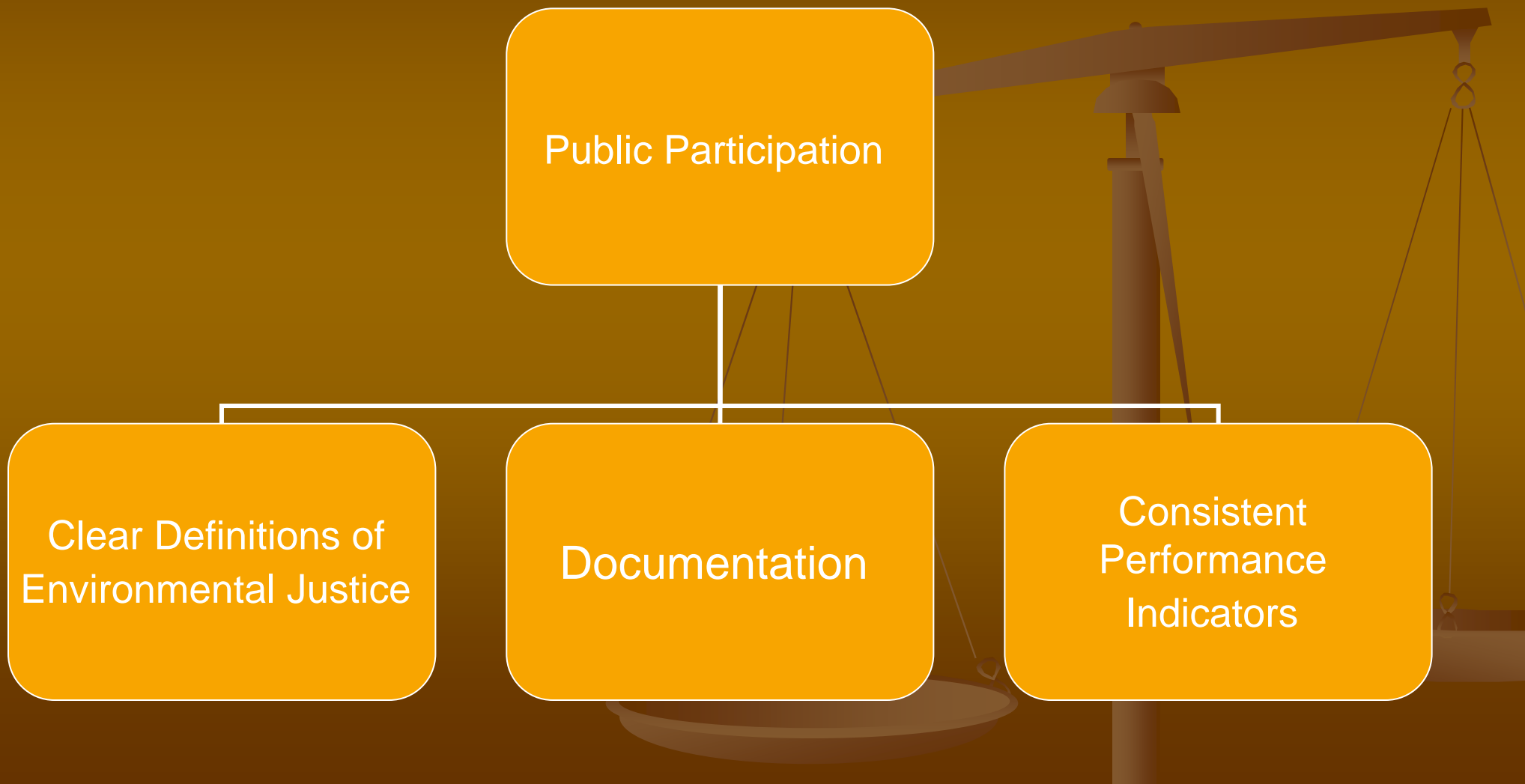
Reporting Back To The Community 3/17/2007

1.) Every problem or assessment of equity or proportionality in benefits or burdens involves “tradeoffs” to all parties; effective solutions must involve compromise which comes from informed awareness of the relevant benefits and burdens and their distribution.

2.) The correct understanding and definition of “the problem” is 9/10ths of the task of identifying the correct analysis approach and, ultimately, the solution.



Ongoing elements for integrating environmental justice into the transportation planning and decision-making process



Major Theme



For disadvantaged groups to have a greater say in the planning and decision-making process, special efforts must be made to reach, inform and involve them.

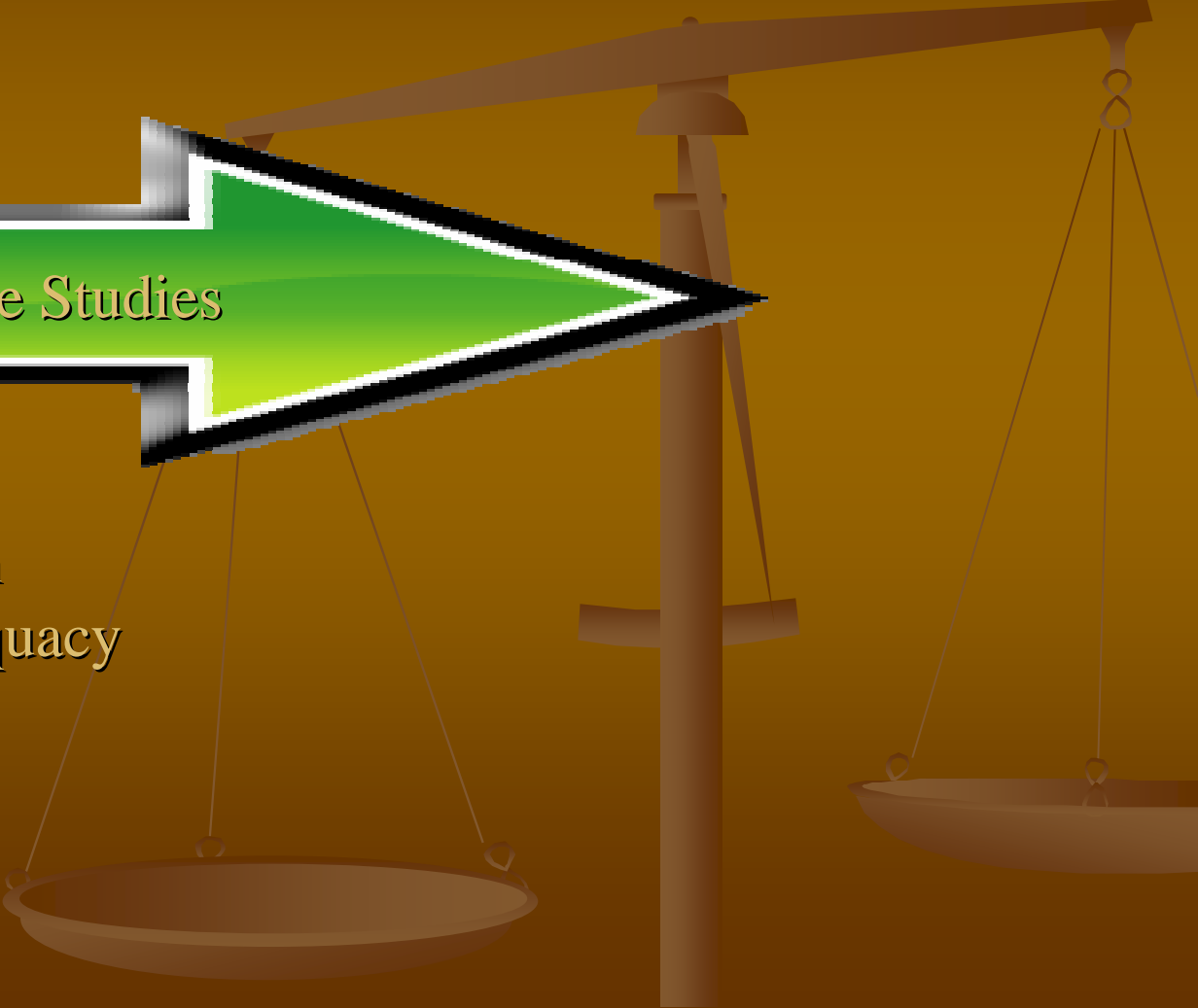
To be credible, that involvement should be continuous through the planning process, early enough to have an impact on the outcome, and there must be a mechanism to ensure closure.

Issues Identified by the Community



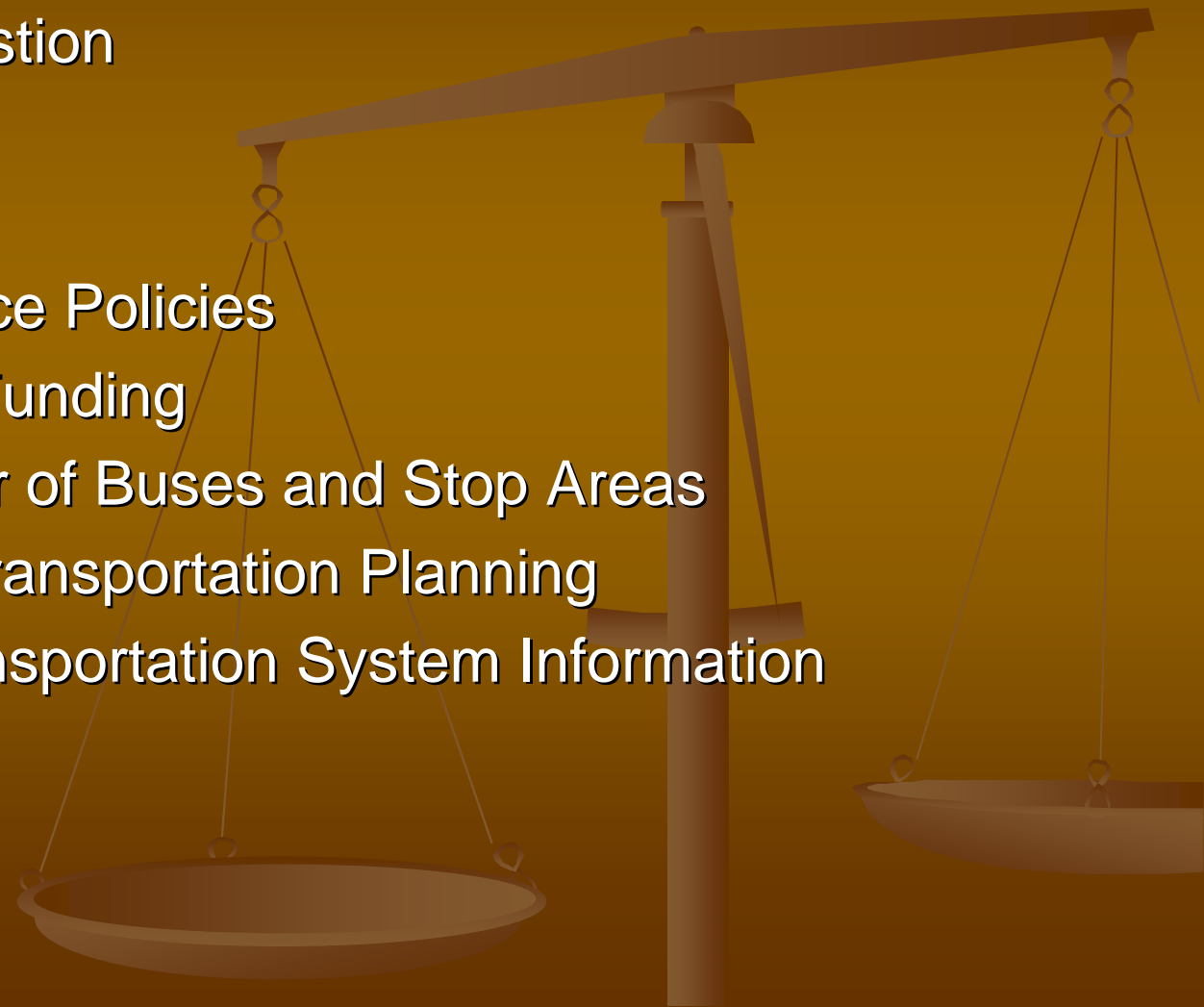
On to the Case Studies

Congestion and Pollution
Transit Service and Adequacy
Public Participation



Lead IN....Critical and Sensitive Issues

- Air Pollution and Congestion
- Access to Jobs
- Access to Health Care
- Bus Scheduling & Service Policies
- Equity and Fairness in Funding
- Maintenance and Repair of Buses and Stop Areas
- Public Participation in Transportation Planning
- Access to Regional Transportation System Information

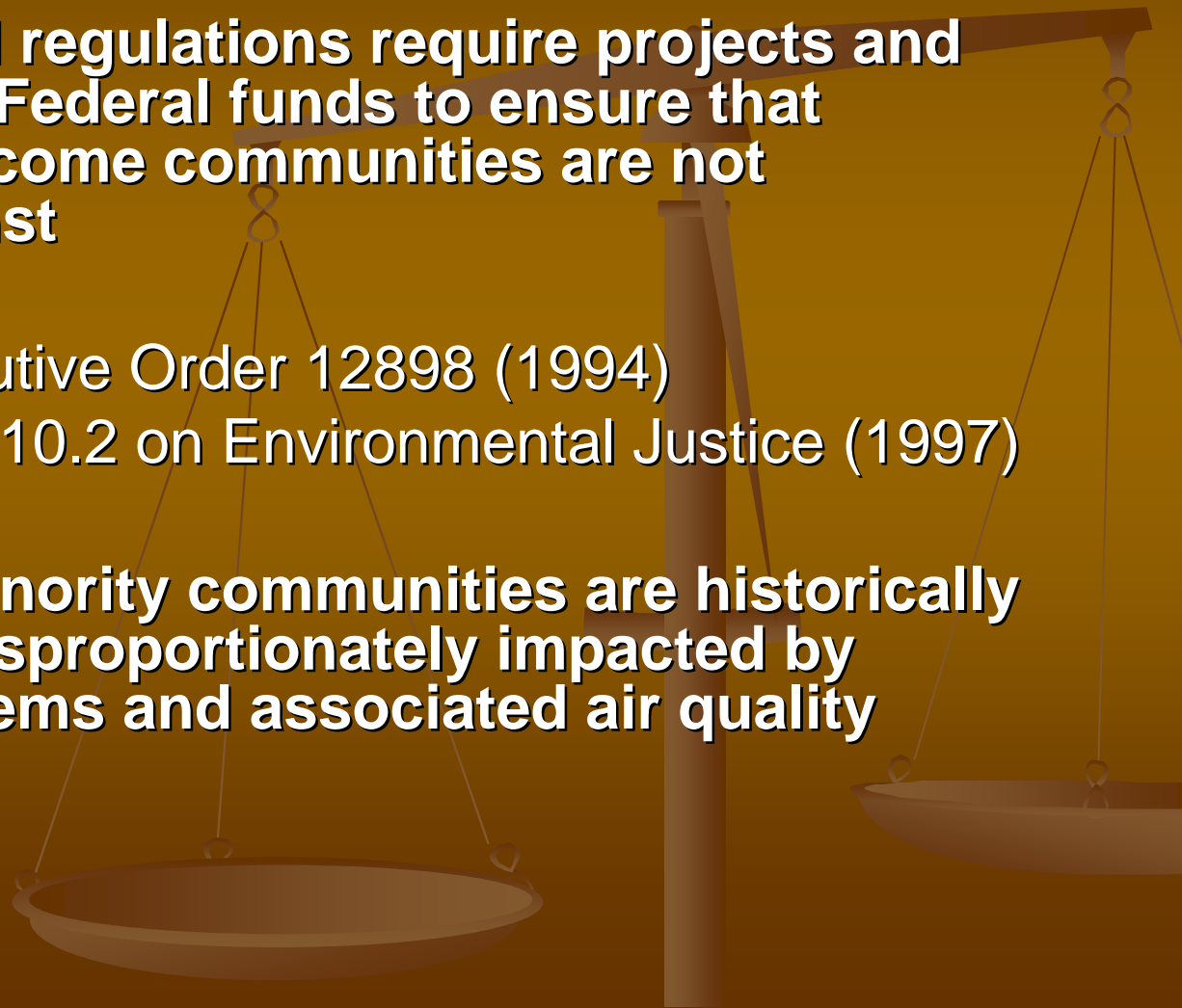


How Does Environmental Justice Intersect with Transportation?

Federal statutes and regulations require projects and agencies receiving Federal funds to ensure that minority and low income communities are not discriminated against

- Presidential Executive Order 12898 (1994)
- US DOT Order 5610.2 on Environmental Justice (1997)

Low-income and minority communities are historically underserved and disproportionately impacted by transportation systems and associated air quality



Uses of Toolkit

- Equity Analysis
- Operational Planning for Transportation
- Proximity Analysis
- Transit Performance Management System



Benefits

- Enhance the Value of Case Studies
- Improve Public Involvement
- Influence Decision-Making
- Improve Performance Measures, Analytic Tools, and Distributive Impacts
- Consider Pollution Exposure and Human Health as Planning Variable

