

Guidelines to Determine Priority Areas Benefits

This document provides an overview of the Air District’s Priority Areas and instructions on how to determine if project locations benefit Priority Areas.

Priority Areas are defined as the follows:

- Disadvantaged Communities (**DAC**, SB 535)
- Low-Income Communities (**LIC**, AB 1550)
- Community Emission Reduction Program (**CERP**) Communities (AB 617 Communities)
 - West Oakland
 - East Oakland
 - Richmond-San Pablo
 - Bayview Hunters Point / Southeast San Francisco

Step 1: Determine Project location

Project Category	Project location may be determined by
Clean Air Vehicle	
On-road zero emissions vehicles	Where the vehicle or equipment is domiciled or operated a majority* of the time, OR at least one stop or station in the service.
Alternative fuel infrastructure	Where equipment is located. OR if equipment services a fleet, where the fleet is operated a majority* of the time.
Trip Reduction	
Ridesharing	Residence of the majority* of the direct recipients, OR at least one stop or station in the service to which incentives are applied.
First- and last-mile connections; bike share	At least one stop or station in the service
Congestion pricing of highways, bridges, and public transit	Location of at least a portion of the affected highway or bridge or public transit route.
Bicycle parking	Where equipment is located.
Bikeways; infrastructure improvements for trip reduction (including transit signal preemption and bus stop relocation)	Location of at least a portion of the infrastructure AND at least one access point to a priority population.
Telecommuting	Residence of the majority* of the direct recipients OR location of the workplace.
Rail-bus integration and regional transit information systems	Residence of the majority* of the direct recipients.

*Majority means over 50%.

Step 2: Determine whether Project benefits a Priority Area

Using the location determination from Step 1, evaluate the project against each of the following criteria. Project is located within the boundaries of a (check all that apply):

- Disadvantaged Communities (**DAC**, SB 535)
- Low-Income Communities (**LIC**, AB 1550)
- Community Emission Reduction Program (**CERP**) Communities (AB 617 Communities)

If the project does not meet at least one of the qualifying location criteria, it will not count as benefiting a Priority Area.

Bay Area Air District's Transportation for Clean Air (TFCA) Priority Areas

Disadvantaged Communities (DAC): for the purpose of SB 535, these areas are identified by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) using CalEnviroScreen. This includes census tracts: receiving the highest 25% of overall scores in CES 4.0; lacking overall scores in CES 4.0 due to data gaps but receiving the highest 5% of CES 4.0 cumulative pollution burden scores; and identified in the 2017 DAC designation as disadvantaged, regardless of their scores in CES 4.0. Additionally, these communities include CalEPA's identification of lands under the control of federally recognized Tribes. A Tribe may have a single land area represented or may be a multipart feature. A Tribal land may be wholly or partially within a census tract.

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-  Disadvantaged community: CES
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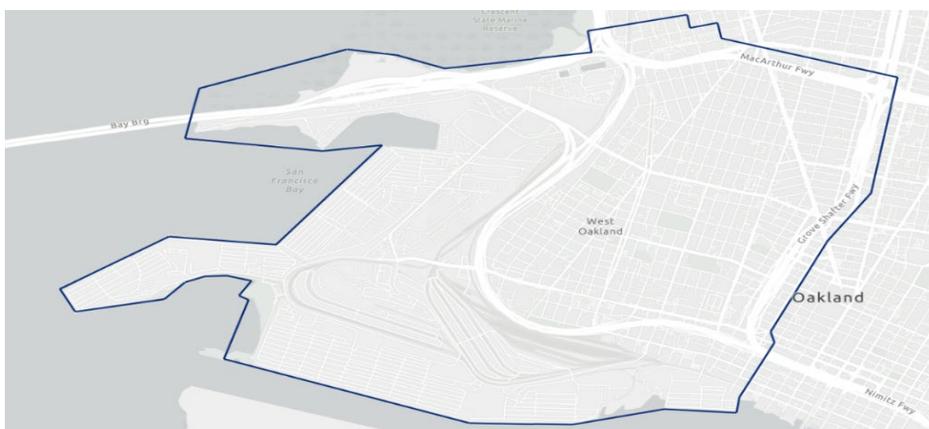
Low-income communities (LIC): for the purpose of AB 1550, these areas are defined as census tracts that are either at or below 80% of the statewide median income, or at or below the threshold designated as low-income by the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Revised 2021 State Income Limits.

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-  Disadvantaged community: Tribal land,
Low-income community
-  DAC 1/2 mile neighbor: low-income
community

Assembly Bill 617 Communities: Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) requires air districts to develop and implement additional emissions reporting, monitoring, reduction plans, and measures in an effort to reduce air pollution exposure in disadvantaged communities. The AB 617 communities in the Bay Area Air District's jurisdiction include West Oakland and East Oakland in Alameda County, Richmond/San Pablo in Contra Costa County, and Bayview-Hunters Point in San Francisco. See below for the geographic boundaries.

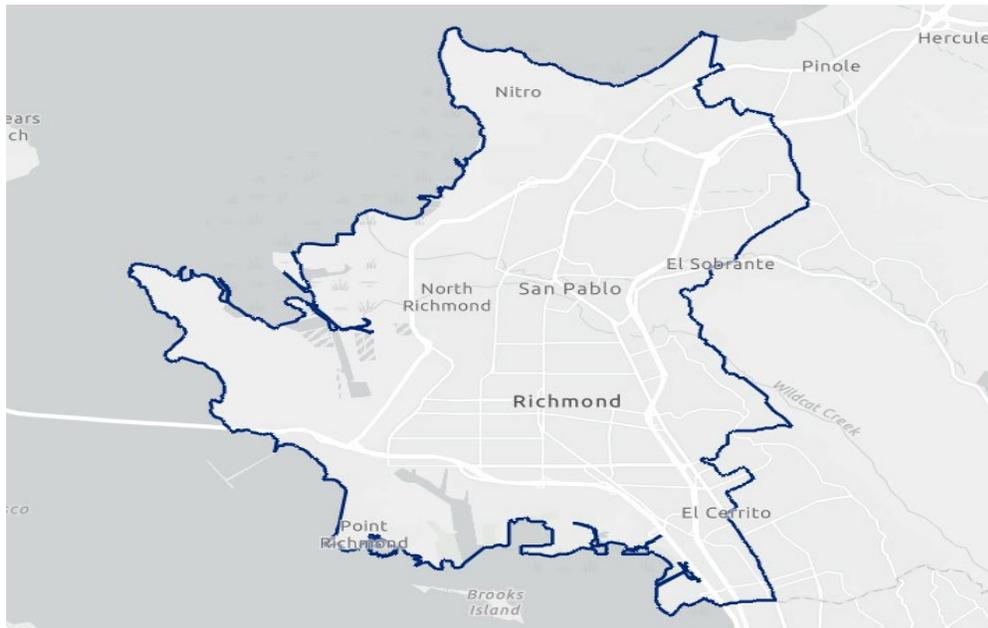
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