



# MEETING AGENDA

- Welcome / Agenda
- MDOT's Environmental Justice Approach
- NEVI Background
- How Equity Plays a Role
- What is Maryland Doing?
- Next Steps
- **Discussion**



# MDOT'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE APPROACH

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is committed to ensuring the equitable delivery of public transportation products, services, and solutions to all its users and stakeholders. MDOT will accomplish this by engaging with communities in a transparent and fair way regardless of race, culture, and income with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies in transportation decision making. Environmental Justice is a critical investment for MDOT to ensure the sustainability of its residents, employees, environment, and the diverse communities in which we live.

# Environmental Justice Principles



PROMOTING SHOVEL-WORTHY, OUTCOME-BASED, COMMUNITY-UPLIFTING PROJECTS

INTENTIONALLY PURSUING ALL OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES AND STAKEHOLDERS TO FOSTER MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT





FOCUSING ON AND ASSESSING THE TOTAL COST TO THE CITIZENS OF MARYLAND



# NEVI BACKGROUND

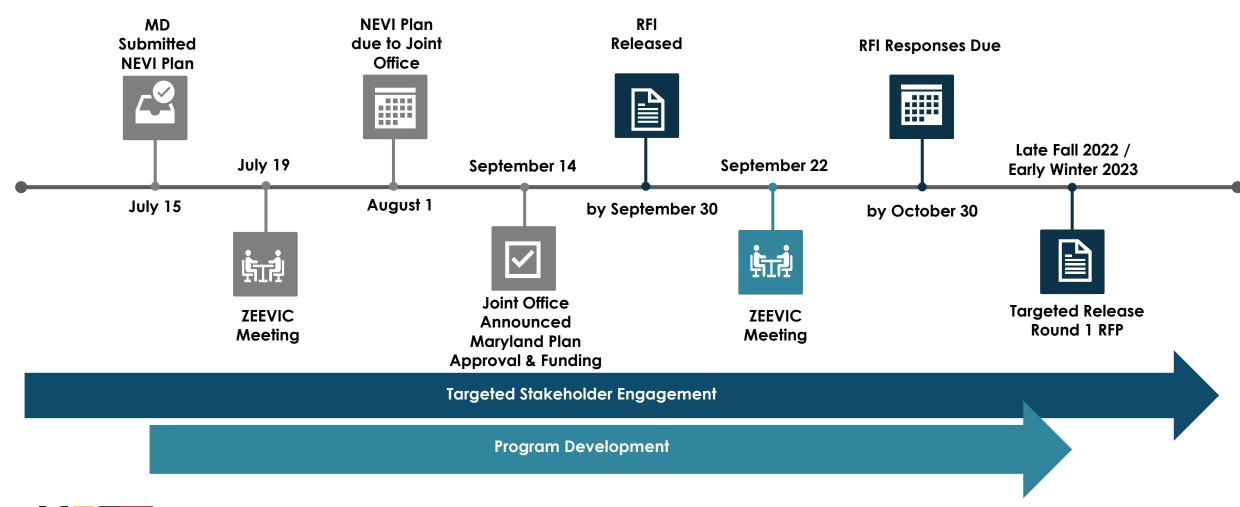
# NEVI BACKGROUND



- All states submitted plans to the Joint Office August 1, 2022 (MD was one of the first)
- \$57,500,000 for investment in Maryland (after setasides)
- Maryland Goals:
  - 1. Certify Corridors
  - 2. Invest in Communities per **ZEEVIC**



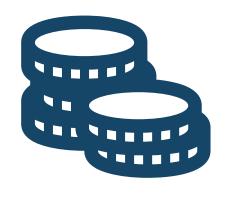
# Where are we in the process?

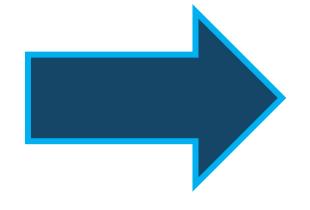




# HOW EQUITY PLAYS A ROLE

# NEVI Guidance - Justice 40







At least 40% of the overall benefits of federal investments

Disadvantaged Communities



# WHATIS MARYLAND DOING?

# **NEVI** Goals

### **Alternative Fuel Corridors**

Certify existing (23) corridors within five years and identify future roadways



### **Build & Strengthen Public-Private Partnerships**

Facilitate contracting and implementation

### **Equitable Charging Infrastructure**

Prioritize disadvantaged and rural communities



### Collaboration

Work with state, local, regional, non-government organizations (NGOs), and public organizations and plans



Providing training Enhance experience-level, and diversity

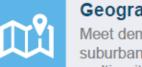


### Resiliency and Reliability

Understand and address grid impacts, renewables, emergency preparedness, weather, operations/maintenance



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### Geographic and Location Diversity

Meet demands in various locations - Urban, suburban, rural, employment centers, multi-unit dwellings, etc.



# Addressing Equity



### **ACCESSIBILITY**

Ensuring all Marylanders and Visitors Have Access to Reliable EV Charging

**Geographic Diversity** 

Rural/Urban

Corridors/Communities

Multi-Lingual Graphic User Interfaces

**ADA Compliance** 

Multi-Unit Dwellings

**Employment Centers** 

**Safety While Charging** 

**Grid Reliability** 



### **AFFORDABILITY**

Creating Incentives, Innovations, and Systems that Increase Affordability of EV Ownership and Charging

Leveraging state, local, federal, and private funding

Cost of Vehicles

**Cost of Charging** 

**Mobility Hubs** 

Carshare

Rideshare

**ZEV Transit** 



### COMMUNICATION

Meeting People where they are, Listening, and Educating

**Multi-Lingual Materials** 

**Events** 

Webinars

Surveys and Polls

Geofencing

Website

Social Media

**Calculators** 



# Outreach

- 3 Webinars
  - 332 Total Participants
  - Interactive Polling and Q&As
    - Summarized on ZEVIP Website
- MetroQuest Survey
  - 793 Total Participants
    - 500 Participants after NEVI Plan submission
- Presentations
  - ZEEVIC, MPOs, Non-Profits, etc.
- ZEEVIC Outreach Activities
  - 6 Community Events in 2022
    - 5 Completed Events
      - Baltimore, Salisbury, Boonsboro, Westminster, Cumberland
    - 1 Upcoming Event Leonardtown





# Mentimeter Questions

How would you define a rural or disadvantaged community?

POPULATION
INFRASTRUCTURE
RESOURCES REMOTE
TRANSPORTATION
POLLUTION

What are your top equity concerns related to EV infrastructure? Any Barriers?

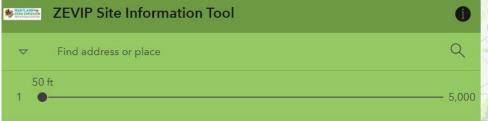


Where do you think charging would be best suited in rural and disadvantaged communities?





# **NEVI Toolkit Overview**



**NEVI Information by Census Tract** 

Use the Search Bar to obtain a ZEVIP Overall Site-Based Demand Summary.

If you place your cursor in the search bar, a drop-down will appear to use your current location. You can also click anywhere on the map to choose a specific location.

Additionally, there is a location radius between 1-5,000 ft. You can change the radius by sliding the circle to your desired radius.

Once you select a location, your results will be summarized directly below the radius line. You can export your results by clicking the PDF icon. If this button does not work in a specific browser, it should work by opening the content in a new tab. You can do so by clicking the square with the arrow in the top right-hand corner of the map.

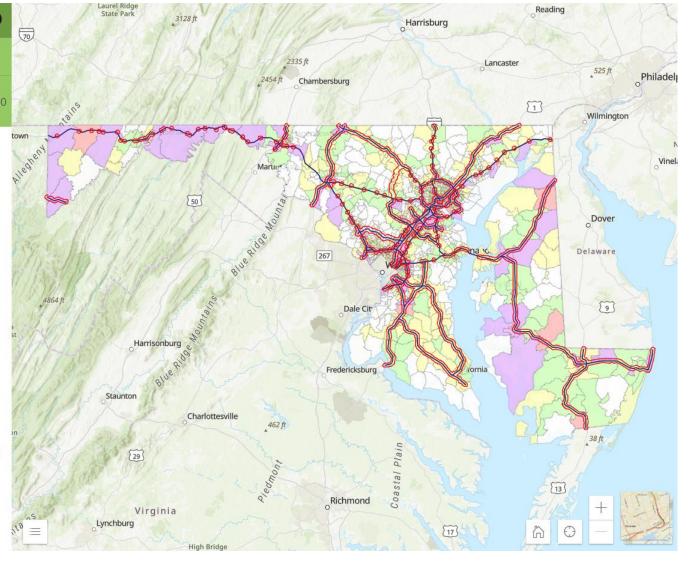
There are five buttons on the right-hand side of the map. A detailed list is shown below.

The Home Button will clear any current searches and the map will appear empty as it did before any searches occurred.

The Plus and Minus allow you to zoom in and out of the map.

The Legend summarizes map colors and pins as they relate to the scoring and charging location

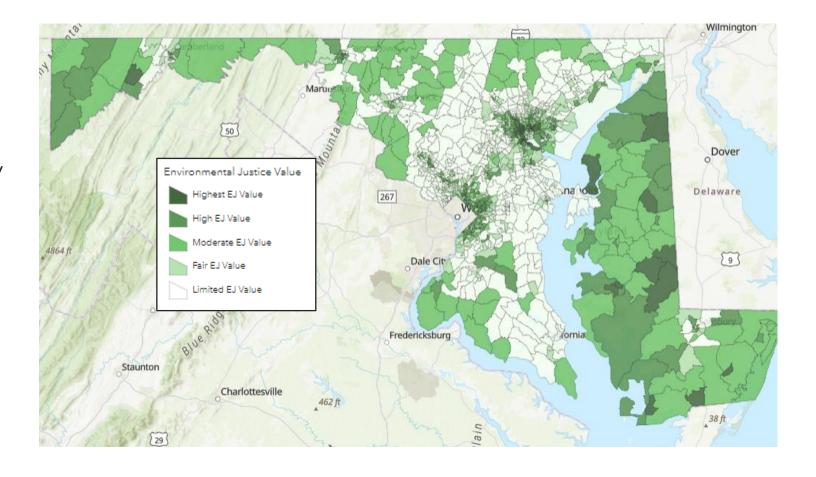
Find My Location will automatically select and highlight your current location on the map.





# NEVI Toolkit – Environmental Justice Score

- Environmental Justice Score
  - National Datasets
    - Justice 40
    - CDC Social Vulnerability Index
    - **USDOT Historically** Disadvantage Communities
  - State Datasets
    - UMD/MDE EJSCREEN
    - **DHCD Rural Areas**





# NEXT STEPS

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- RFI
  - Responses due before end of October
- RFP Release
  - MDOT TSO, SHA, & MEA developing program
  - Target release date December 1st
- NEVI Plan will be updated next summer to unlock Federal Fiscal Year 2024 **Funding**
- Continuing Outreach



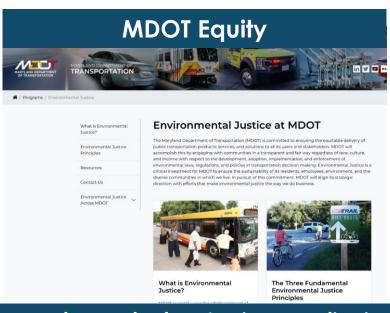
# DISCUSSION

HOW CAN THE CEJSC AND COMMUNITIES STAY INVOLVED?

## Resources and Contacts

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