

GOAL EJ-2. PUBLIC FACILITIES

Ample access to public facilities and programs equitably distributed throughout the City.

Under SB 1000, “public facilities” is an umbrella term that includes “public improvements, public services, and community amenities.” If Environmental Justice Communities lack equal access to public facilities or if a city fails to provide sufficient public resources, these communities may face barriers to essential services. Such limitations can negatively impact health, reduce life expectancy, and harm mental well-being.

Key Takeaways From Existing Conditions Report

Overall, Glendale has a wide variety of public facilities well-distributed throughout the City, many within Environmental Justice Communities, including transit facilities, hospitals, public safety facilities, daycare centers, community centers, City Hall, Civic Center, post offices, libraries, public schools, and parks. Regarding equitable distribution of and access to public transit, Glendale has good transit connectivity in its central and southern areas, with services like the Glendale Transportation Center, Beeline, and Metro buses, and there are opportunities for additional connections in western and northern areas of the City. Essential public services, including hospitals, fire and police stations, daycare centers, and libraries, are primarily concentrated in Environmental Justice Communities, though some areas of the City, particularly in the north and west, have limited access to these resources.

Key Takeaways From Community Input

Residents expressed high satisfaction with emergency services, including fire, paramedic, and police response times, as well as access to healthcare services. However, areas for improvement include bicycle infrastructure and safety, as well as the condition of sidewalks and crosswalks, particularly for pedestrians, wheelchair users, and those with strollers.

EJ-2 Policies

- EJ-2.1 Equitable Distribution of Public Facilities and Services.** Support opportunities to increase the number and quality of public facilities and services within or near Environmental Justice Communities that currently do not have any or are underserved.
- EJ-2.2 Access to Parks and Recreation Facilities.** Maintain and improve existing park and recreation facilities, while exploring opportunities to expand access to safe, convenient, and inclusive parks and recreation centers in all neighborhoods, with a focus on underserved areas, to enhance community well-being and provide equitable outdoor spaces.
- EJ-2.3 Access to Civic and Cultural Opportunities.** Investigate opportunities to expand access to local libraries, museums, and cultural centers to enhance equitable learning opportunities across all neighborhoods.
- EJ-2.4 Accessible Transportation Options.** Ensure the availability of transportation options to public facilities and services, especially to those in Environmental Justice communities, and promote bus stop amenities and transit-supportive public right-of-way treatments that enhance the ridership experience.
- EJ-2.5 Bicycle Lanes.** Explore opportunities to increase access to and improve the safety of bicycle lanes citywide.

- EJ-2.6 **Sidewalks and Crosswalks.** Explore opportunities to improve the condition of sidewalks and crosswalks and increase safety for pedestrians, especially those who use mobility devices or strollers.
- EJ-2.7 **Fair Share of Infrastructure Costs.** Ensure that all new development provides and/or pays for its fair share of the costs for the expansion of public infrastructure and services, recreational amenities, and facilities.
- EJ-2.8 **Inter-Agency Cooperation.** Foster collaboration among Glendale Unified School District (GUSD), regional service providers, transit service operators, mountain conservancies, and other key stakeholders to maximize the collective use of resources, enhance service offerings, and expand opportunities for residents across jurisdictional boundaries.

EJ-2 Actions

- EJ-2a **Public Facility Assessment.** Conduct an inventory to highlight areas that are deficient in public facilities and services to inform policy and infrastructure investment decisions.
- EJ-2b **Joint Use Agreements.** Explore opportunities for joint use agreements with GUSD schools, prioritizing schools that serve high social sensitivity census tracts, to offer additional park space for residents.
- EJ-2c **Community Shuttle Program.** Consider a community shuttle program providing free or low-cost transportation from underserved neighborhoods to local libraries, museums, cultural centers, parks, and recreation centers.
- EJ-2d **Pedestrian and Bicycle Gaps.** Continue to work with community members during updates to the City's mobility plans to identify gaps and safety concerns in Glendale's pedestrian and bicycle network.