



Equity in Infrastructure Update

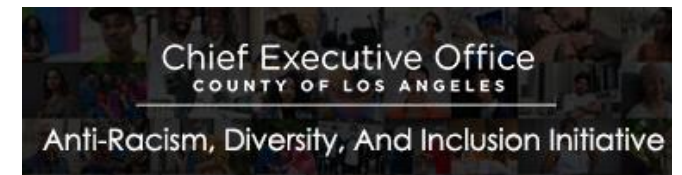
Community Services Cluster
May 10, 2023

BACKGROUND

August 10, 2021 Board Motion: “Addressing Infrastructure Inequity”

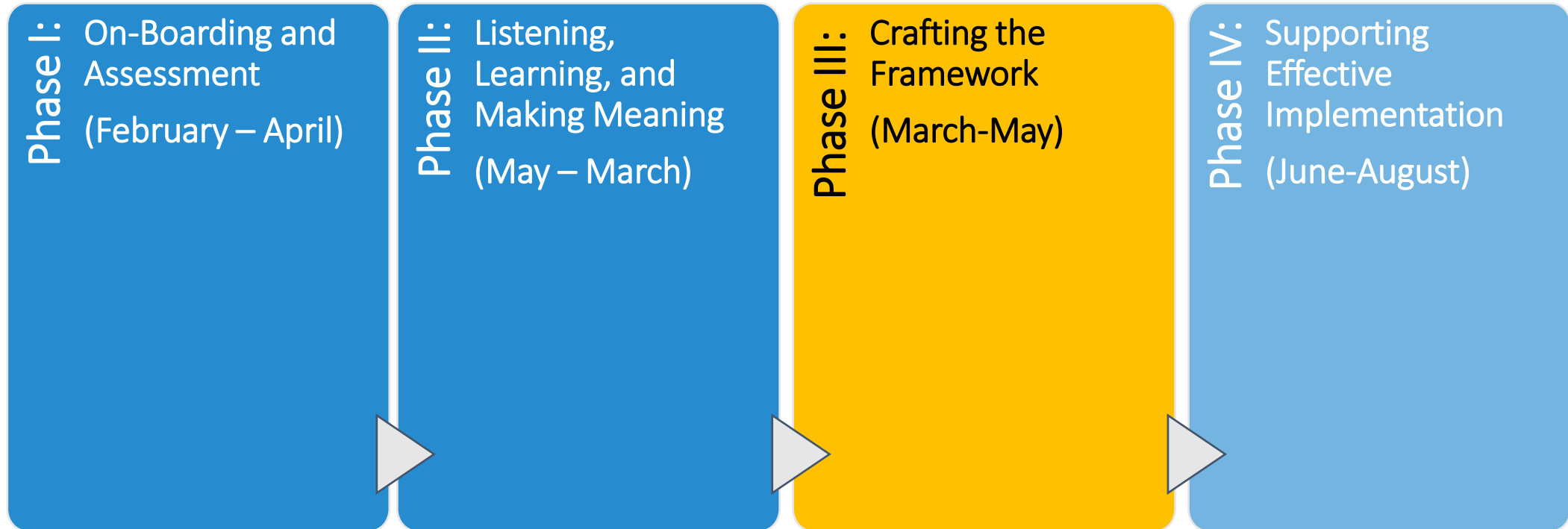


- Assess existing infrastructure framework
- Conduct meaningful community engagement
- Define key terms/metrics relative to Equity
- Develop proposed infrastructure framework



**County Department
Partners**

PROCESS



PHASE II WORKSTREAMS

Baseline Equity Assessment

Objective: Identify the strengths and areas for improvement related to equity, diversity, and inclusion across PW policies, procedures, practices, services, and operations.

Federal/State Policy/Funding Review & Analysis

Objective: Provide understanding of Federal and State infrastructure guidance and new funding opportunities.

Best Practices Review

Objective: Identify best practices for equity in infrastructure, and make recommendations for PW implementation.

Equity Alignment Analysis

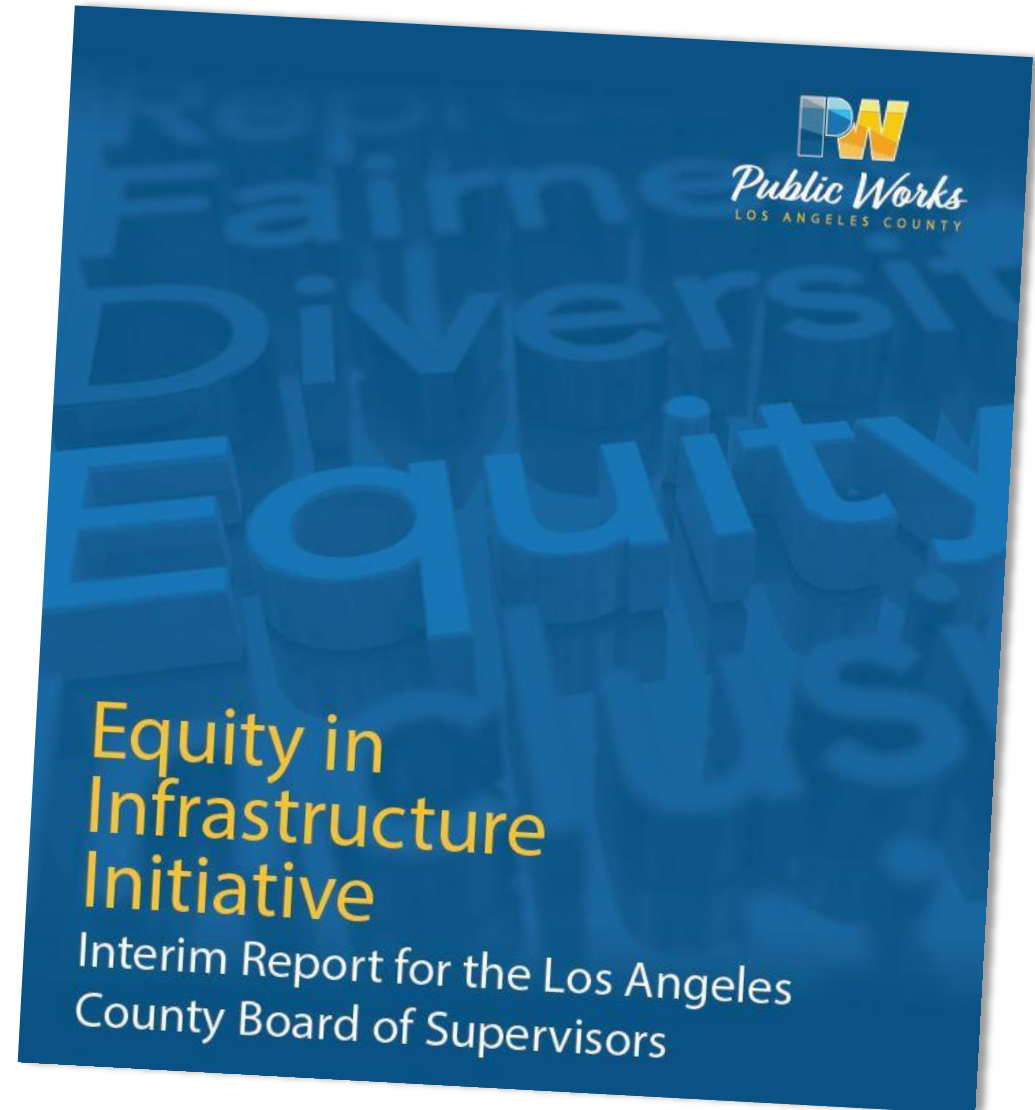
Objective: Working with ARDI, inventory countywide equity efforts and identify key points of alignment with new PW Equity Framework.

Stakeholder/Community Engagement

Objective: Engage external stakeholders and community in understanding PW's work and guiding how the work can be delivered in a more equitable way.

REPORTS TO BOS

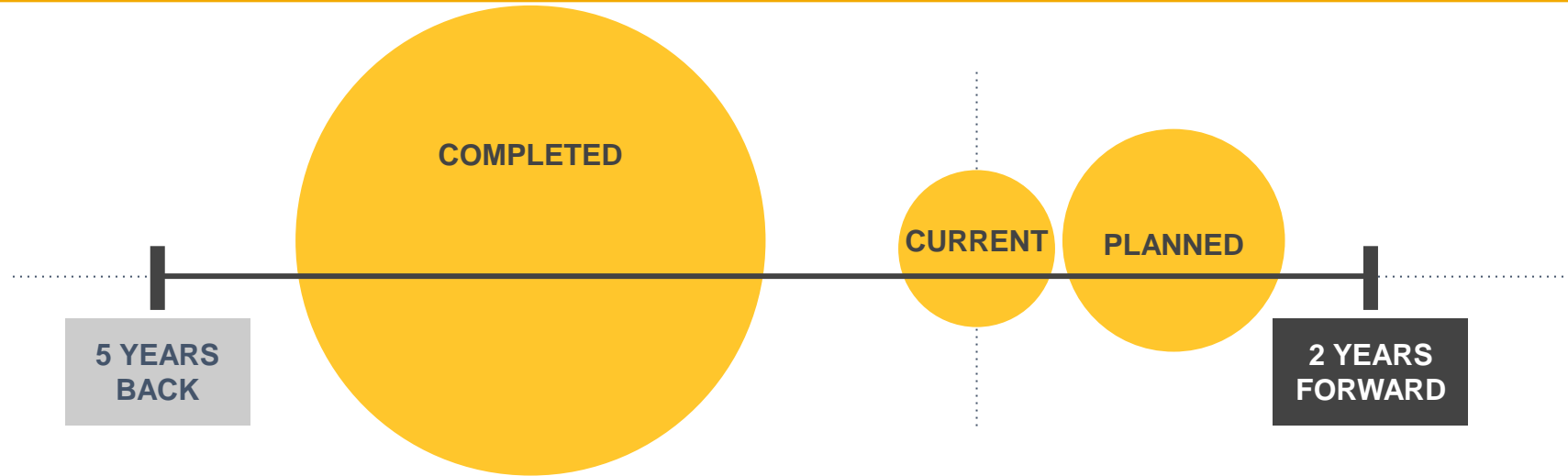
- Interim Report #1 submitted in August 2022
- Interim Report #2 will be submitted to the BOS in May



INTERIM REPORT #2

- Deeper Dive Areas
 - Investment Analysis – Benefits and Burdens
 - Policies and Practices Review
 - Best Practices Review
 - Equity Alignment Analysis

INVESTMENT ANALYSIS



Out of the **714 projects** we have data for
659 projects have a budget that is non-zero.

Total budget for ALL projects is **\$2.6B**

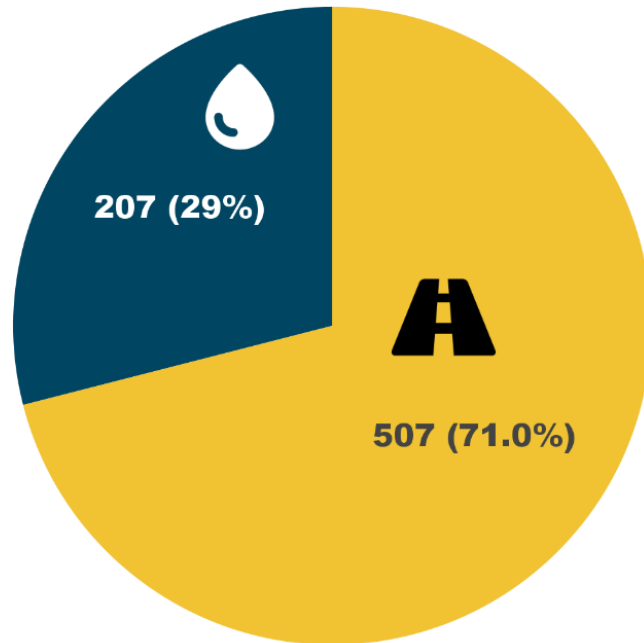
The most expensive project is **\$160M**

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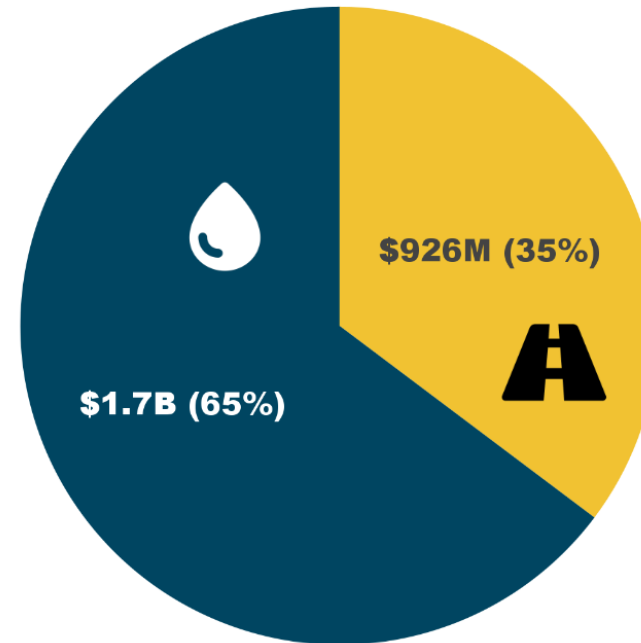
- Los Angeles County is composed of approximately 47% disadvantaged communities as defined by the Federal Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)
- Geographically, the invested dollars for the 714 projects reflect approximately 37-38% investment within disadvantaged communities; and are largely composed of transportation and water projects
- The Benefits and Burdens analysis aims to look deeper into the “upstream” and “downstream” effects and investment impacts to communities



Number of Projects by CSA

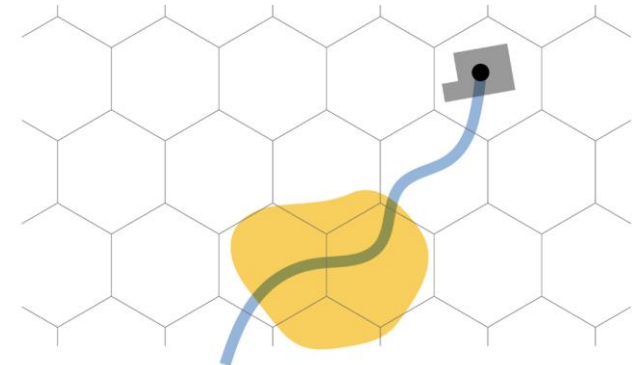
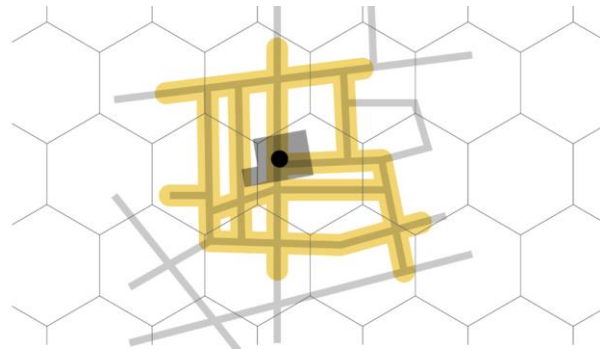
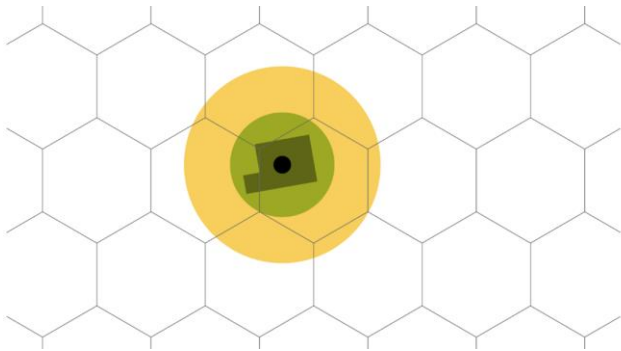


Project Budgets by CSA



Produce Benefit & Burden Areas

1. Buffer Analysis
2. Network Analysis
3. Downstream Analysis

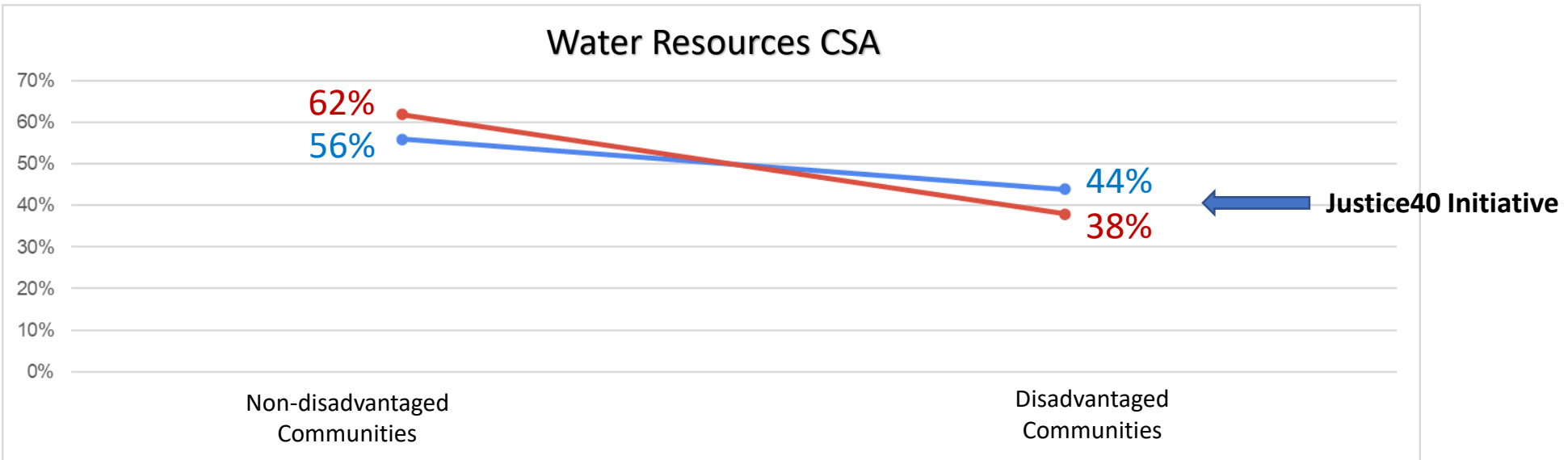
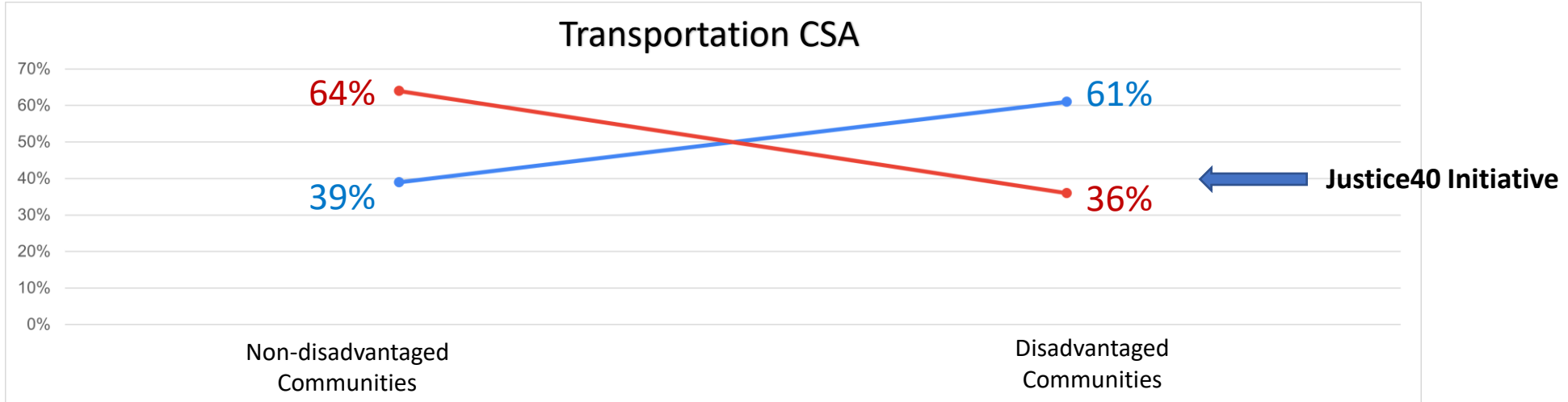


Three different types of analyses were considered for creating benefit and burden areas around projects. These types of analyses help generate more accurate and relevant impact areas for each project type, based on the nature of the project type and its potential effects on the surrounding environment.

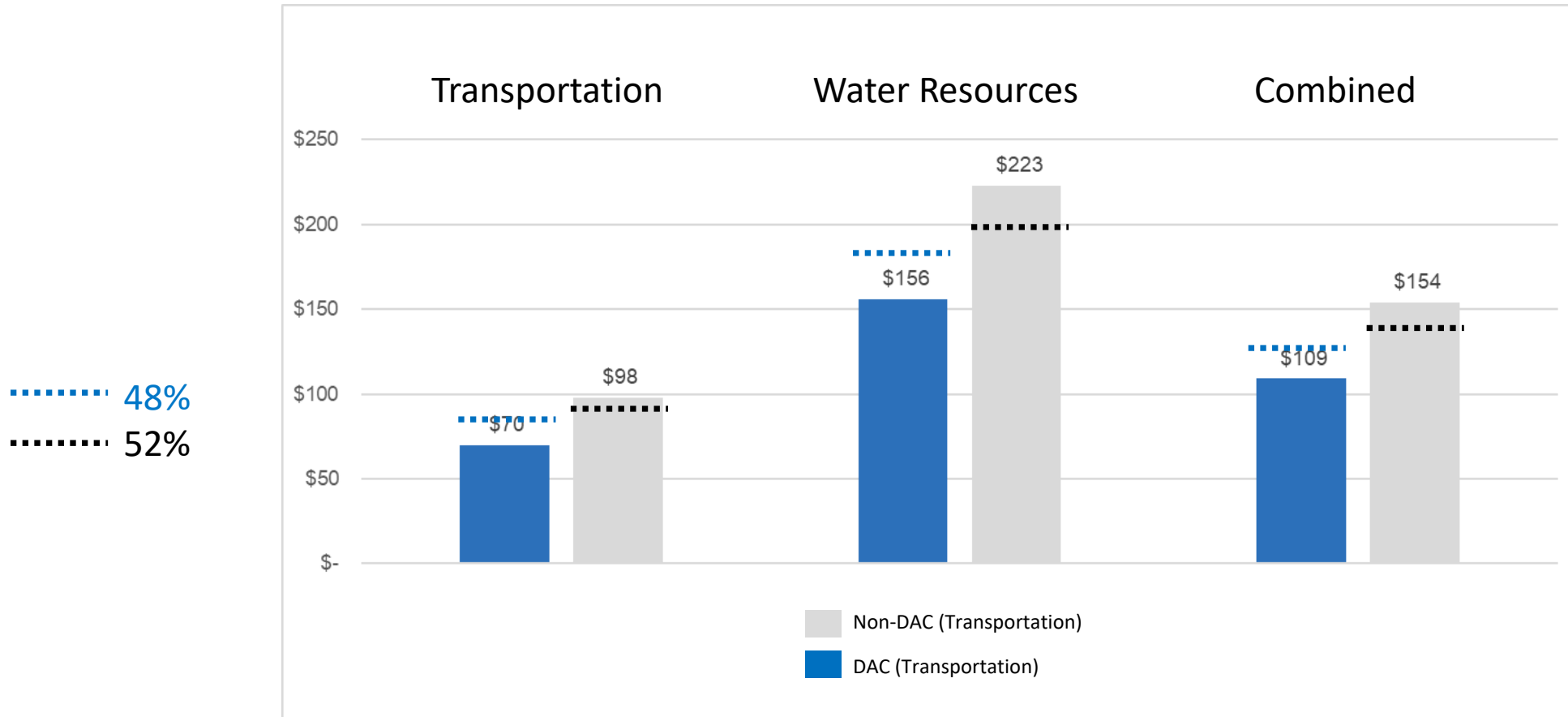
Investment vs Benefit

Benefit Area

Investment
Dollars



Investment per Resident



The important question to ask when reviewing the data is. . .
Why are we seeing what we see?

POLICIES AND PRACTICE REVIEW

- New Skill-Set Staff:
 - DEI Specialist and support staff
 - Community engagement specialist
 - Data analysts/mining
 - On-going training Recommendation for accelerating alignment include:



BEST PRACTICES REVIEW

- Best Practices
 - Criteria of Material Evaluated
 - Has the practice been evaluated?
 - Is it common? (consensus it should work/necessary)
 - Does it target most impacted by systemic injustice?
 - Is it likely to result in meaningful change?
 - Material is reflective of potential practices for consideration. . .
Not Recommendations at this point

EQUITY ALIGNMENT ANALYSIS

- 11 Departments were interviewed
- Many equity initiatives were identified for inter-departmental alignment
- Recommendation for accelerating alignment include:
 - Higher-level Coordination of Cross-Departmental Initiatives
 - Equitable Decision-Making and Prioritization Frameworks
 - Countywide Community Engagement Standards
 - Cross-Department Funding Strategies
 - Addressing Staff Expertise and Skillset Gaps



STAKEHOLDER/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

equity.pw.lacounty.gov/



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Equity in Infrastructure Initiative website. At the top, there is a blue header with a language selection dropdown and a link to 'Take the Community Survey'. Below the header is a dark navigation bar with the 'Public Works' logo and a grid of menu items in both English and Spanish. The main content area features a large banner image of two women walking outdoors. Overlaid on the banner is the text 'EQUITY IN INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVE' and the subtitle 'Transforming how we serve LA County'. Below the banner, a text block explains the initiative's goal to prioritize equity in infrastructure delivery and services to build a safer, more accessible, and resilient Los Angeles County.

Select Language

Take the Community Survey

Public Works
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

CALENDAR | **HOME** | *Inicio* | **WALKING AND BIKING** | **KEY DATES** | **TESTS** | **SENIOR SERVICES** | **ABOUT**

Calendario | *Inicio* | *Inicio de Caminata y Bicicleta* | *Fechas Clave* | *Pruebas* | *Servicios para Adultos Mayores* | *Sobre Nosotros*

EQUITY IN INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVE
Transforming how we serve LA County

The Equity in Infrastructure Initiative is changing the way Los Angeles County Public Works serves its communities. This initiative is prioritizing equity in all of Public Works' infrastructure delivery and services. Through this important work, Public Works will build a safer, more accessible, and more resilient Los Angeles County.



Next Steps

- **Community Engagement**
- **Crafting the New Framework**
- **Implementation**



Questions?