Addressing Transportation Equity in the Safety Goal Area

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Outline

- Overview of transportation equity scoring proposal
- Proposed safety criteria for evaluating impacts on equity populations
- Application to safety criteria

Proposed Equity Evaluation Framework

Goal: Evaluate project's impacts on equity populations

Evaluate Equity Criteria

Safety Criteria

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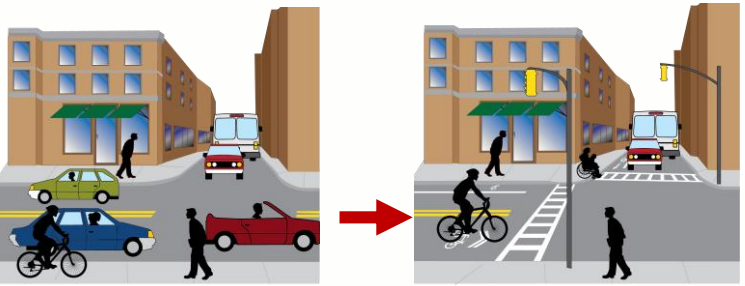
Evaluate equity criteria in each goal area



Improves pedestrian safety

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Base Score

Identify Equity Populations in Project Area

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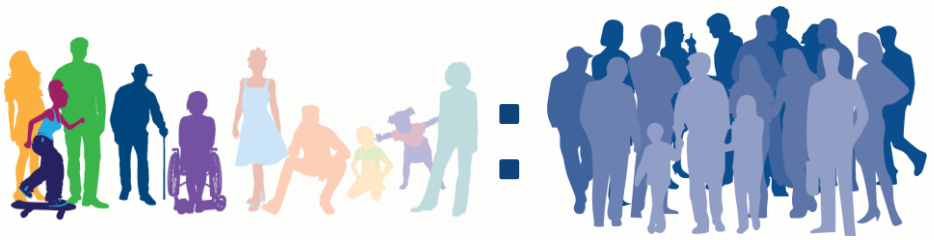
Determine the share of the equity population and compare to the regional average



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Equity Multiplier

X

= Final Score

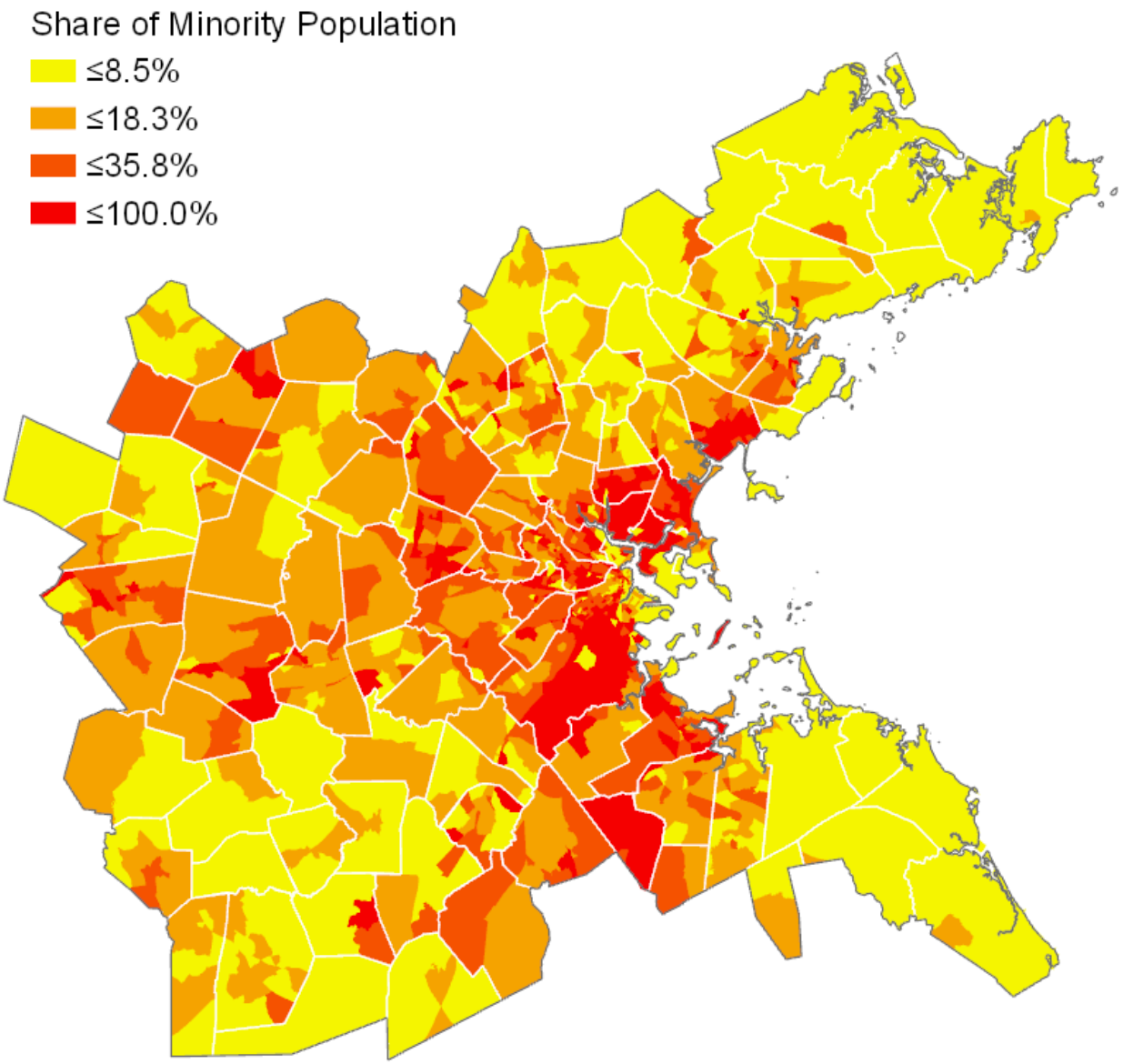
Proposed Safety Criteria

- Crash severity value (equivalent property damage only [EPDO] value)
- Improves bicycle safety
- Improves pedestrian safety
- Fatality/serious injury crash rate
- Improves safety of all users

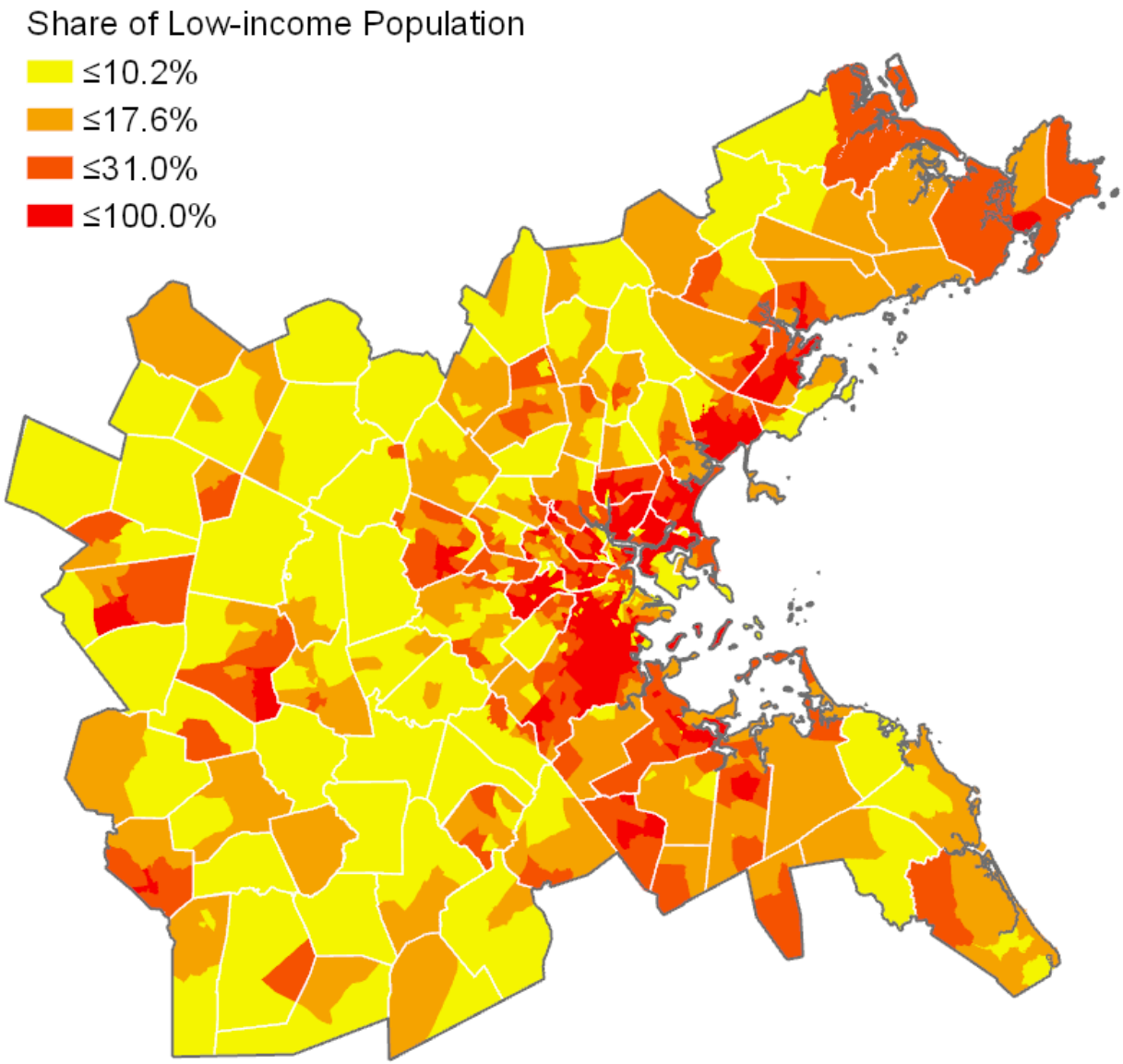
Step 1

Create Equity Index

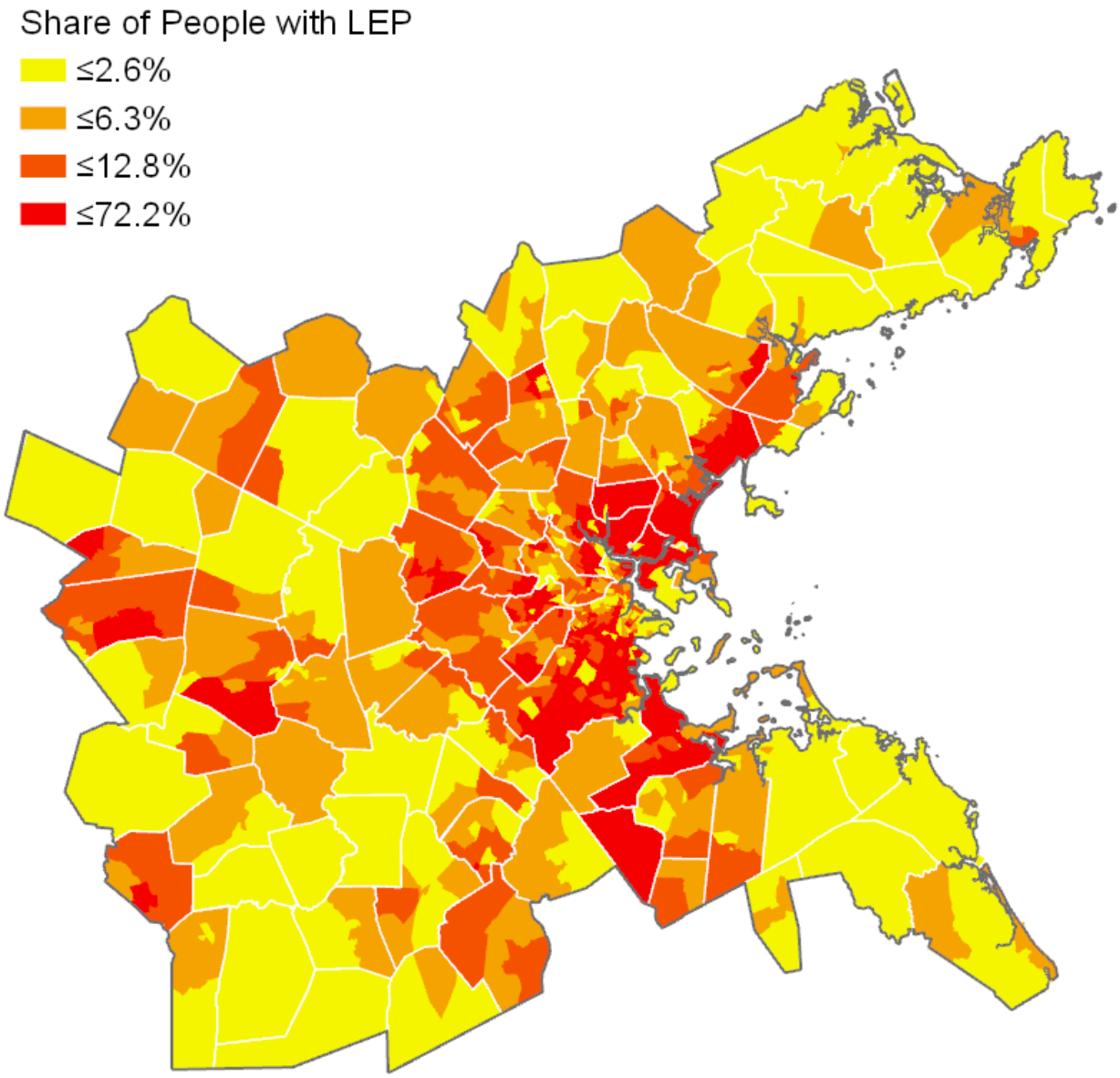
Minority Population



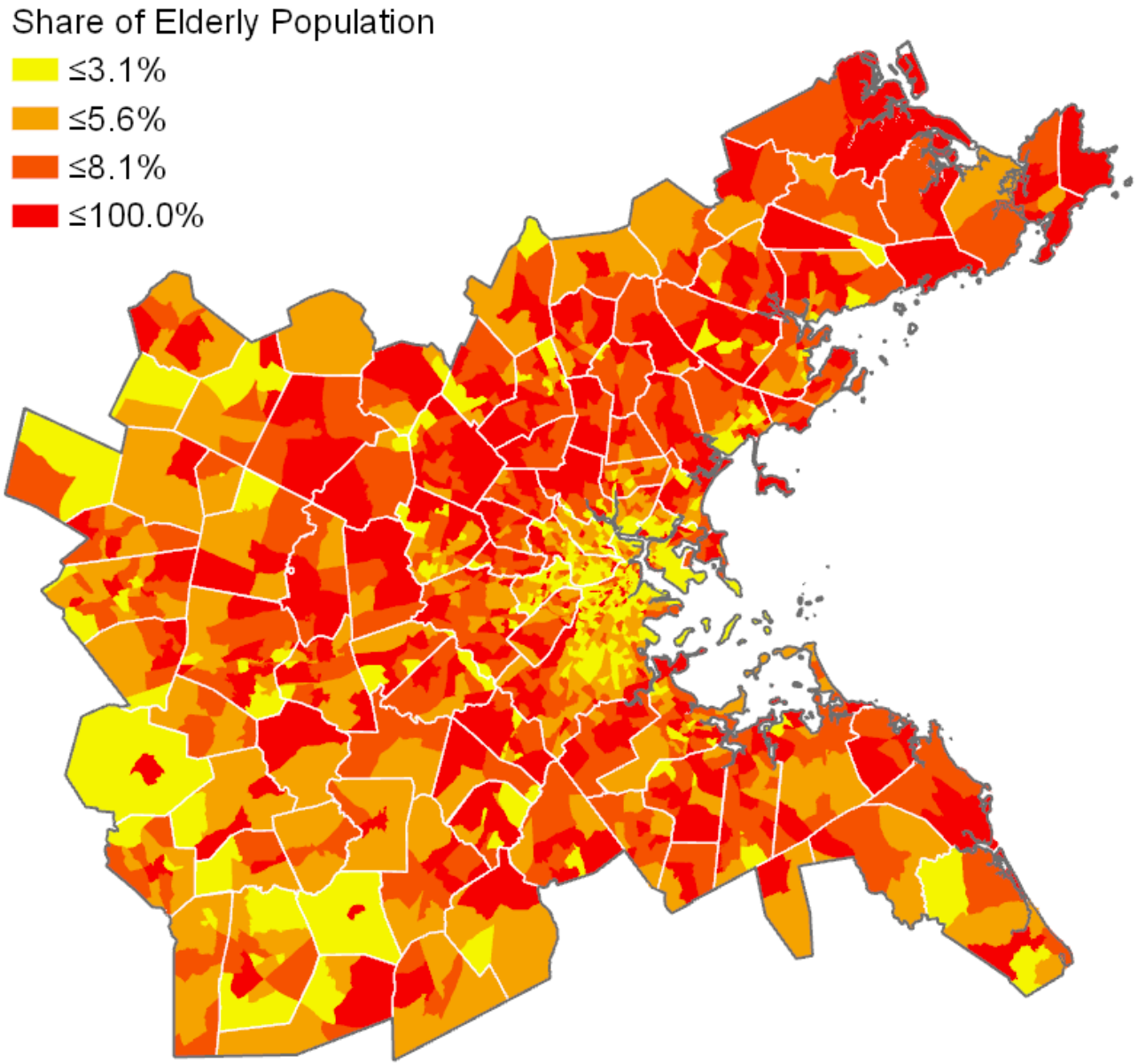
Low-income Population



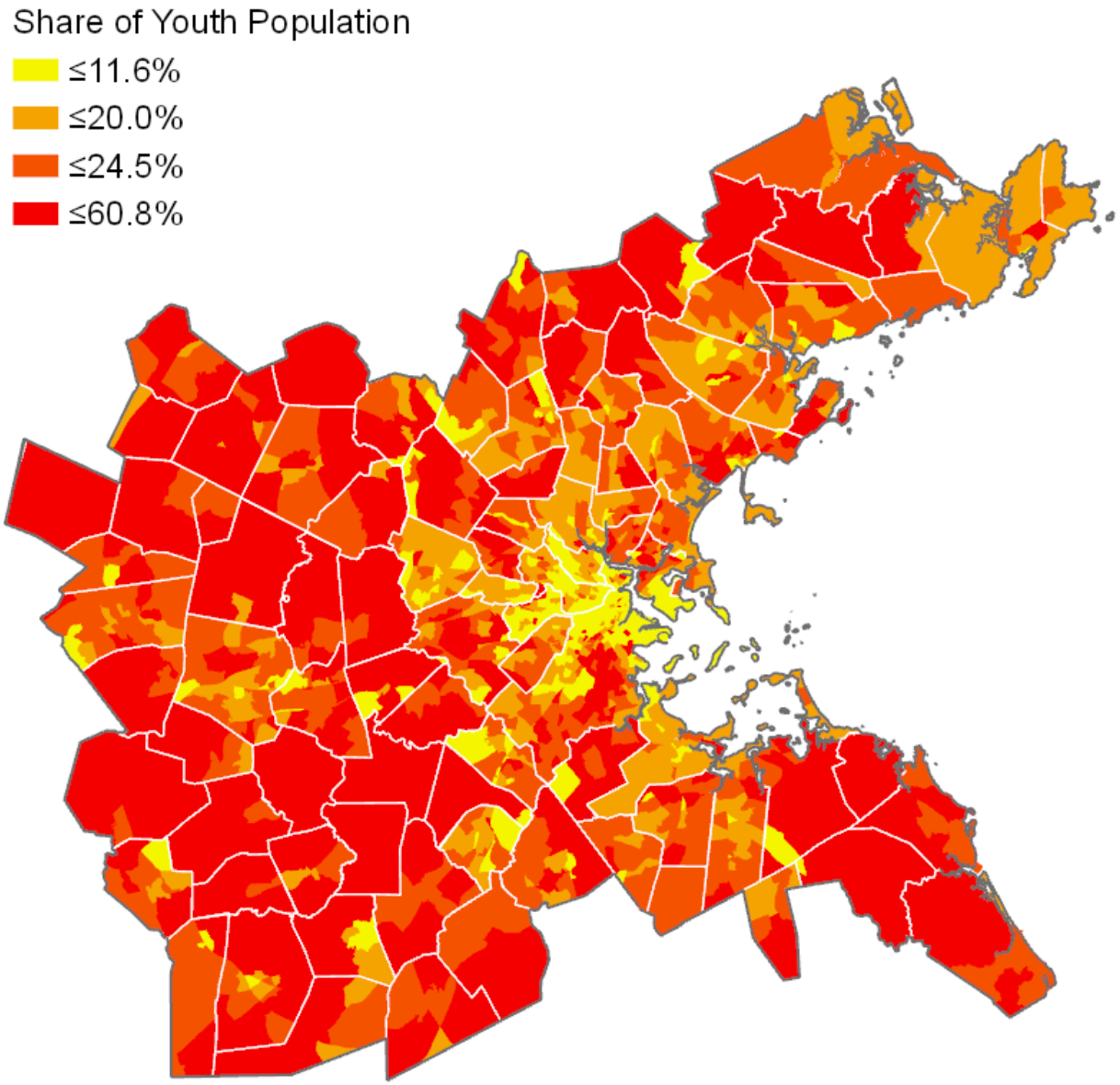
People with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)



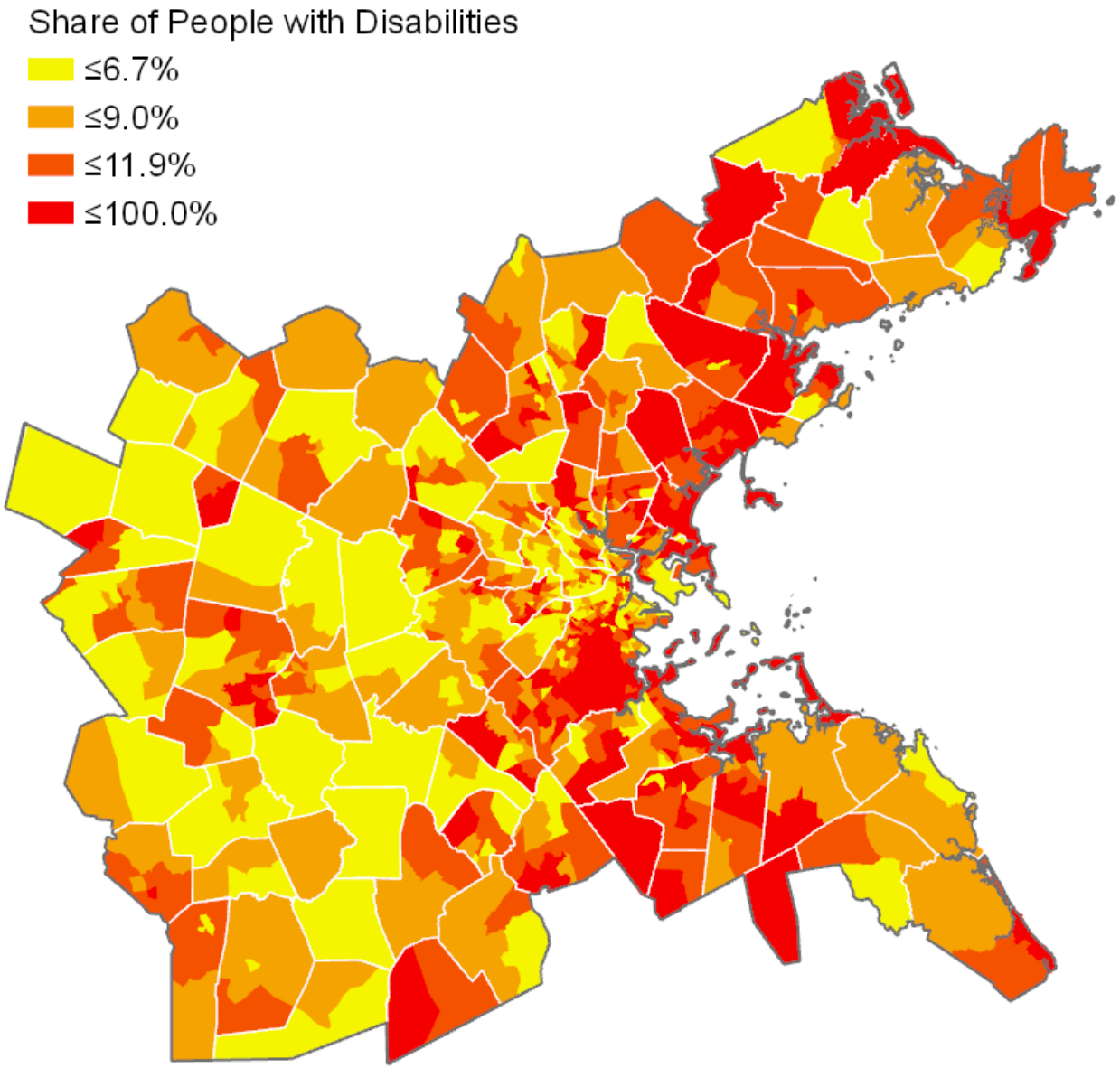
Elderly Population



Youth Population



People with Disabilities



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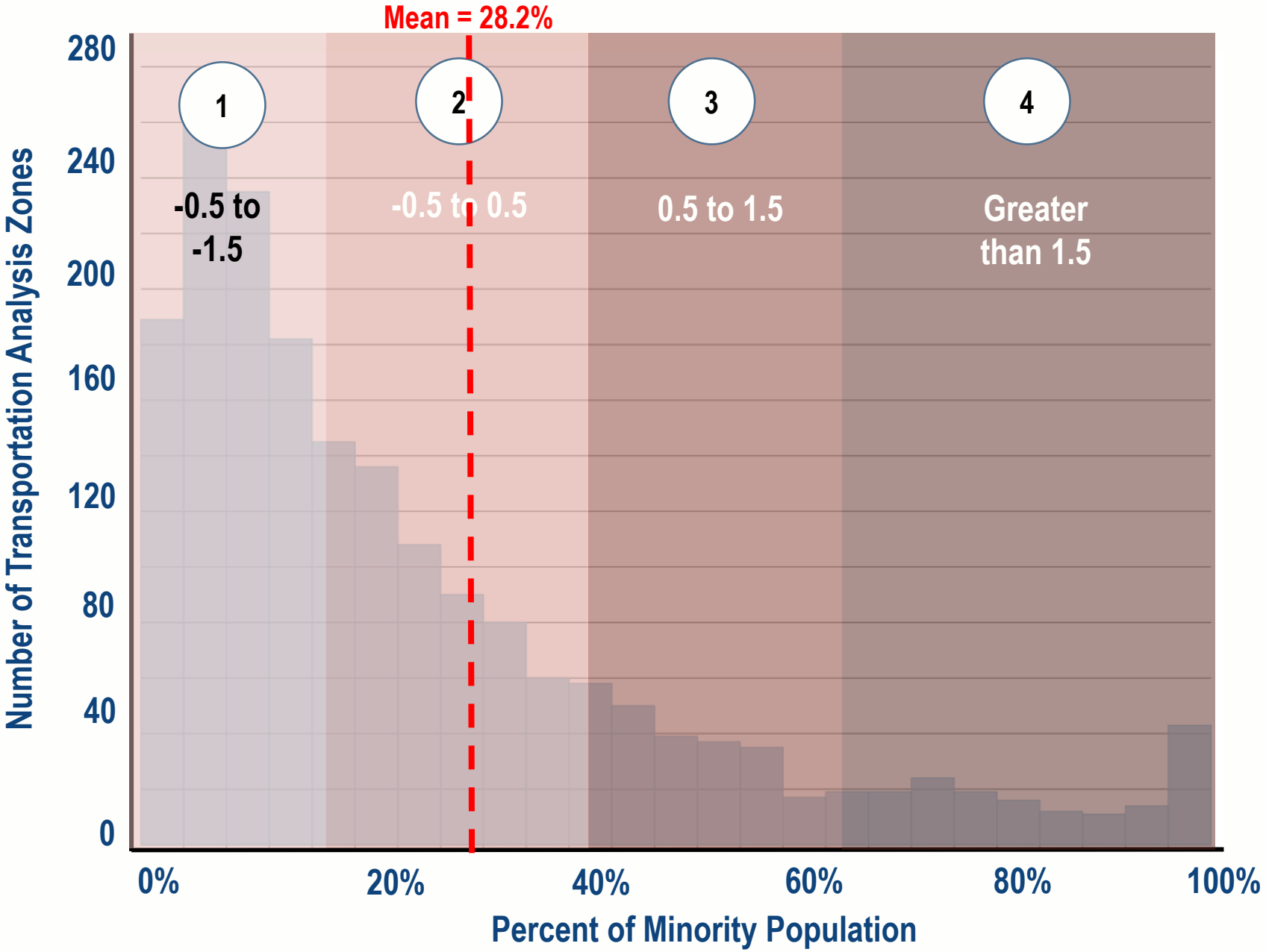

Step 1: Create Equity Index

For Each Project

Demographic Group	Base Index Points	Population Weight	Maximum Index Points
Minority population	1 through 4	x2	8
Low-income population		x1	4
People with LEP		x1	4
People with disabilities		x0.5	2
Elderly population		x0.5	2
Youth population		x0.5	2
HIGHEST POSSIBLE EQUITY INDEX			**22**

Step 2

Score Project

Step 2: Score Project

Identify Project's Equity Multiplier

Project's Equity Index	Project's Equity Multiplier
1 to 5	1.25
6 to 10	1.50
11 to 15	1.75
16 or greater	2.00

Step 2: Score Project

Distribution of Equity Multipliers
(Projects programmed in federal fiscal years 2017–21)

Equity Multiplier	Number of Projects
1.25	2
1.50	26
1.75	7
2.00	1

Step 2: Score Project

Hypothetical Project Scores for Safety Criteria

Criteria	Base Score	Multiplier	Final Score
Crash severity value (EPDO)	**2**	**1.5**	**3**
Fatality/serious injury crash rate	1	None	1
Improves safety for all road users	1	None	1
Improves pedestrian safety	**3**	**1.5**	**4.5**
Improves bicyclist safety	**2**	**1.5**	**3**
	9		**12.5**

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