

# EQUITY CONTEXT

## DOWNTOWN, INCLUDING GILPIN

### NEED AREA 4



*Transportation investments will focus on improving climate resiliency for the most impacted communities.*

- Path to Equity Policy Guide, Equity Factor 10

Equity needs in the greater Downtown area include several compounding factors.

Some Downtown neighborhoods have high concentrations of Communities of Concern, including **renters, low-income households, BIPOC individuals, and BIPOC renters.**

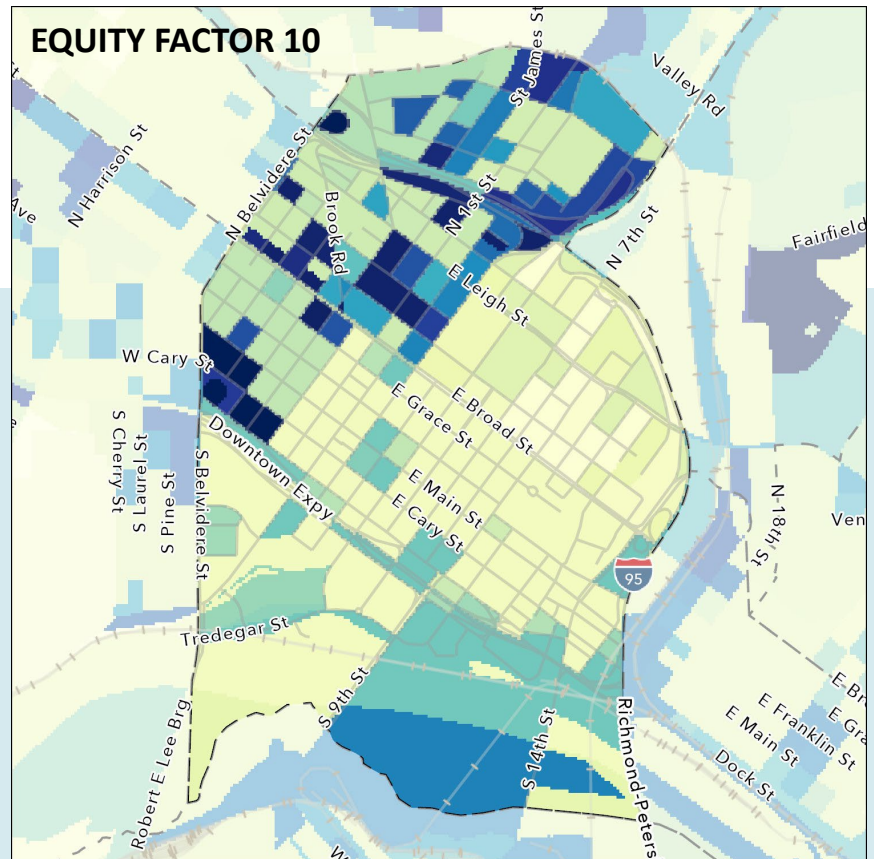
Certain neighborhoods in Downtown, such as **Gilpin and Jackson Ward**, were **redlined** and dissected by the construction of the interstate **highways.**

Still today, these areas have high concentrations of **low-income BIPOC** populations and low rates of **BIPOC home ownership.**

It's sometimes hard to **walk** or **bike** in these areas because it feels **unsafe** to do so.

### Climate Resiliency

Roads in this area, especially around Jackson Ward, Monroe Ward, and Gilpin, are in a flood risk zone and **vulnerable to disruption due to climate change**, and there is a high density of Communities of Concern.



Areas shown in darker greens and blues are more prone to flooding and vulnerability to climate change. These areas also have high densities of residents in communities of concern.

# TOP TRANSPORTATION NEEDS DOWNTOWN, INCLUDING GILPIN NEED AREA 4

## TOP PEDESTRIAN NEEDS

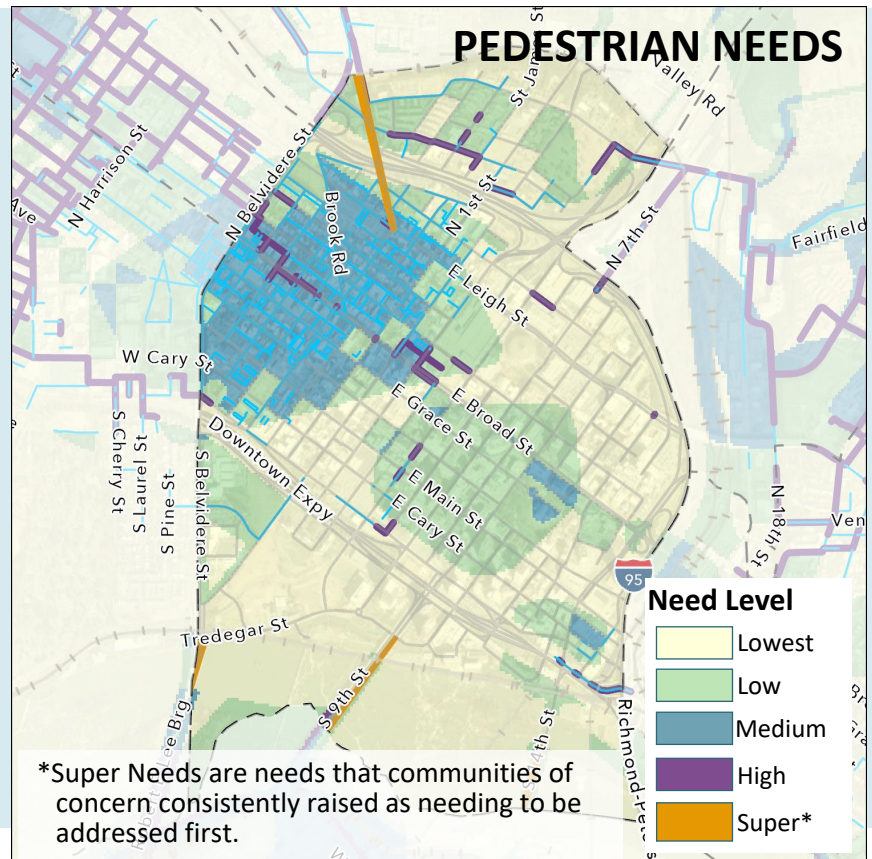
Walk trips from Communities of Concern use these streets the most:

- Charity Street in Gilpin
- 4th St, Hospital St over to Fairfield
- Entire street network in Jackson Ward and western Monroe Ward

“Super” Need from public input:

- *Walking along Chamberlayne feels unsafe. Cars speed, and it is not friendly for people with disabilities.*

Pedestrian needs here are generally lower than several other areas of Richmond.



## TOP BICYCLE NEEDS

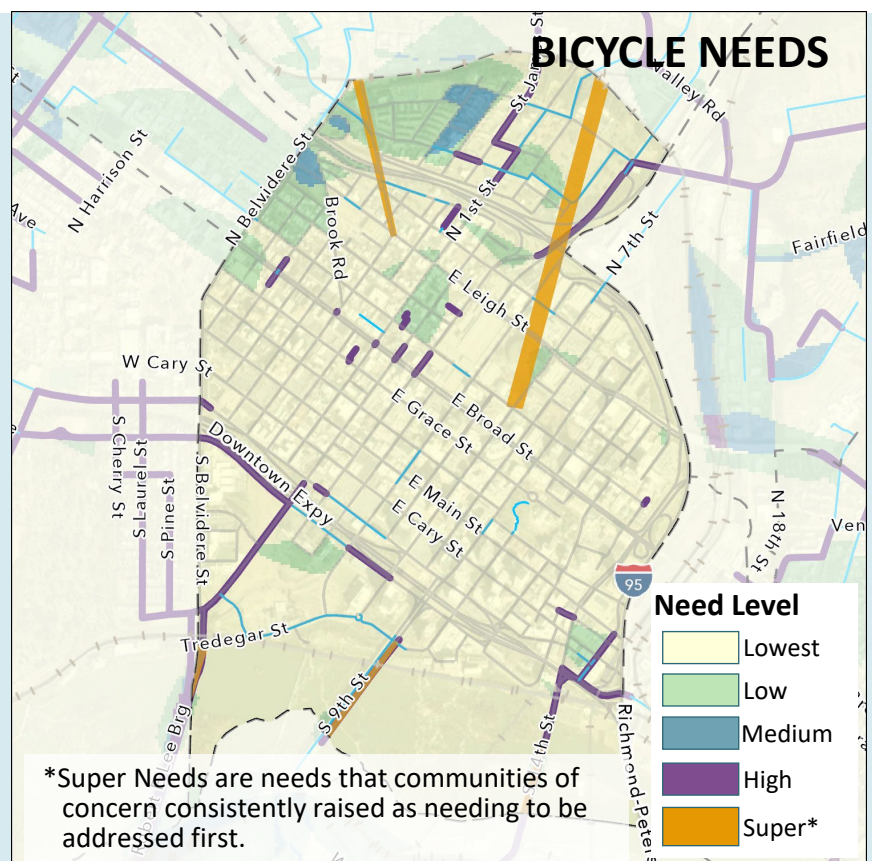
Bike trips from Communities of Concern use these streets the most:

- Byrd St, 2nd St south of Downtown Expy
- 5th St, Hospital St over to Fairfield
- 1st St to St James St in Gilpin
- All 3 bridges over James River
- 14th St bridge to Dock St

“Super” Needs from public input:

- *Riding a bike from Northside to Downtown feels unsafe.*
- *Riding a bike on Chamberlayne feels unsafe because of speeding vehicles.*

Bicycle needs here are generally lower than several other areas of Richmond.



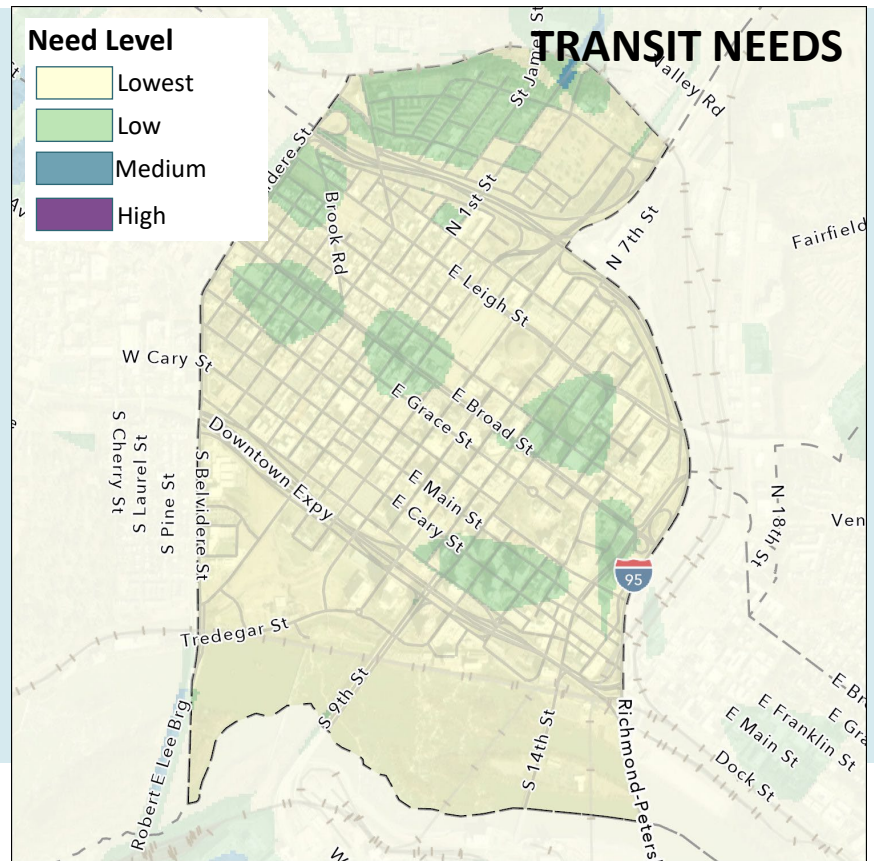
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## TOP TRANSIT NEEDS

Transit needs in this area are the lowest in the entire City.

Themes from public input:

- It's difficult to transfer from Pulse to local bus service, sometimes required to cross busy Broad Street. Why can't all buses use the Pulse stations?
- Bus stops feel unsafe, too exposed to sun/weather
- Bus ride takes too long, does not run on time



## LAND USE NEEDS

- Many areas in Downtown have an abundance of surface parking lots.

Other high needs include:

- Safety/Security – Even though it's walkable, some areas feel unsafe due to high crime.
- Maintenance – Poor pavement and sidewalk condition, especially in Jackson Ward and Gilpin.
- Technology – High portions of Gilpin residents are unbanked and lack reliable access to internet.
- Sustainability - High flood risk in some areas.

