

EQUITY CONTEXT

MANCHESTER/SWANSBORO AREA

NEED AREA 9



Transportation investments will improve reliability of transit and other non-car services to increase access and remove barriers to opportunities for communities of concern.

- Path to Equity Policy Guide, Equity Factor 7

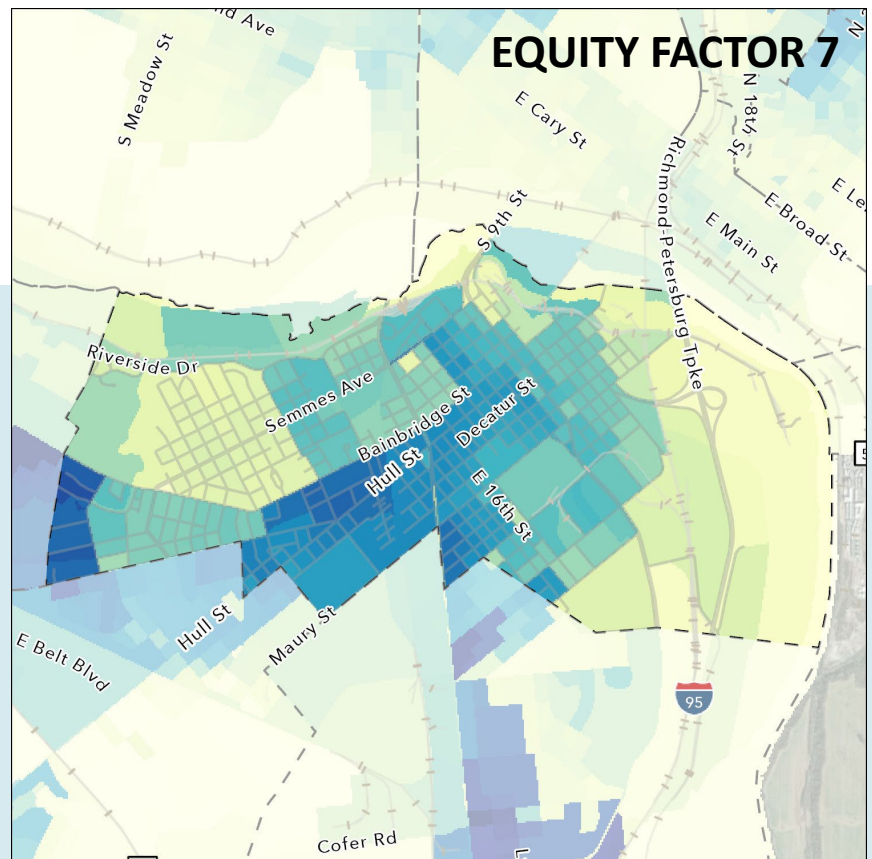
Equity needs in the Manchester and Swansboro areas in Southside include several compounding factors.

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

Roads in these areas are in a **flood risk zone** and **vulnerable** to disruption due to **climate change.**

Transit Reliability

It's hard to **get to** the places you most need to because **transit service** is either **infrequent** or **unreliable**, especially for Communities of Concern.



Areas shown in dark blue are where transit service frequency or reliability issues degrade access for destinations relevant to communities of concern.

It can be challenging to get around via **biking** or **walking** because there may not be direct paths to destinations without walking or riding your bike along **high-speed roads.**

TOP TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

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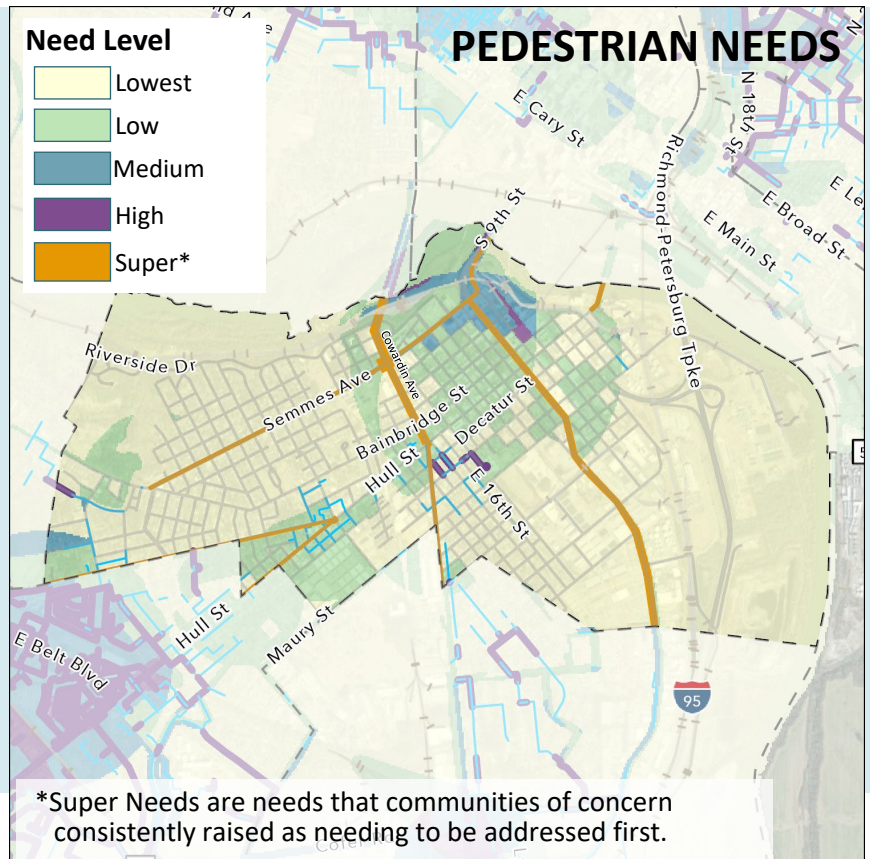
TOP PEDESTRIAN NEEDS

Pedestrian needs are highest:

- Coming off of the Manchester and Mayo Bridges
- Around Old Town Manchester

“Super” needs from public input:

- *Crossing feels unsafe at the intersection of Cowardin Ave and Semmes Ave.*
- *Pedestrian safety and/or speed calming is needed on streets like Semmes Ave, Cowardin Ave, Hull St., and Midlothian Tpke.*
- *Sidewalks are missing along Route 1.*



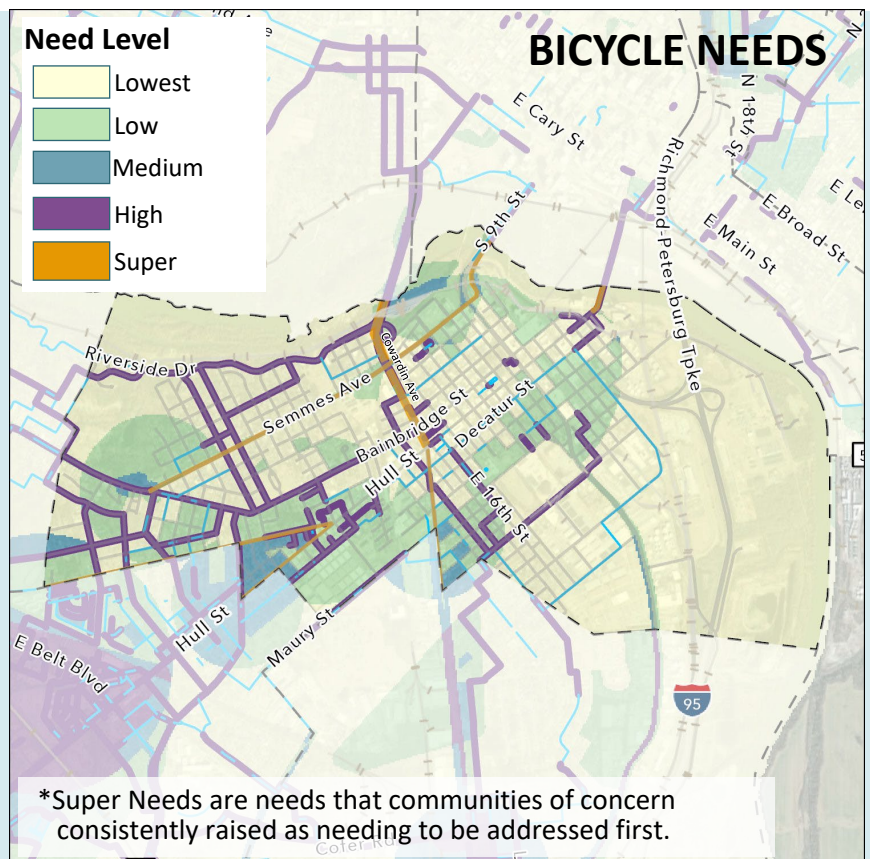
TOP BICYCLE NEEDS

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

- Riverside Dr
- Bainbridge St
- Cowardin Ave

“Super” needs from public input:

- *Biking feels dangerous on streets like Semmes Ave, Cowardin Ave, Hull St, and Midlothian Tpke because of driving speeds.*



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

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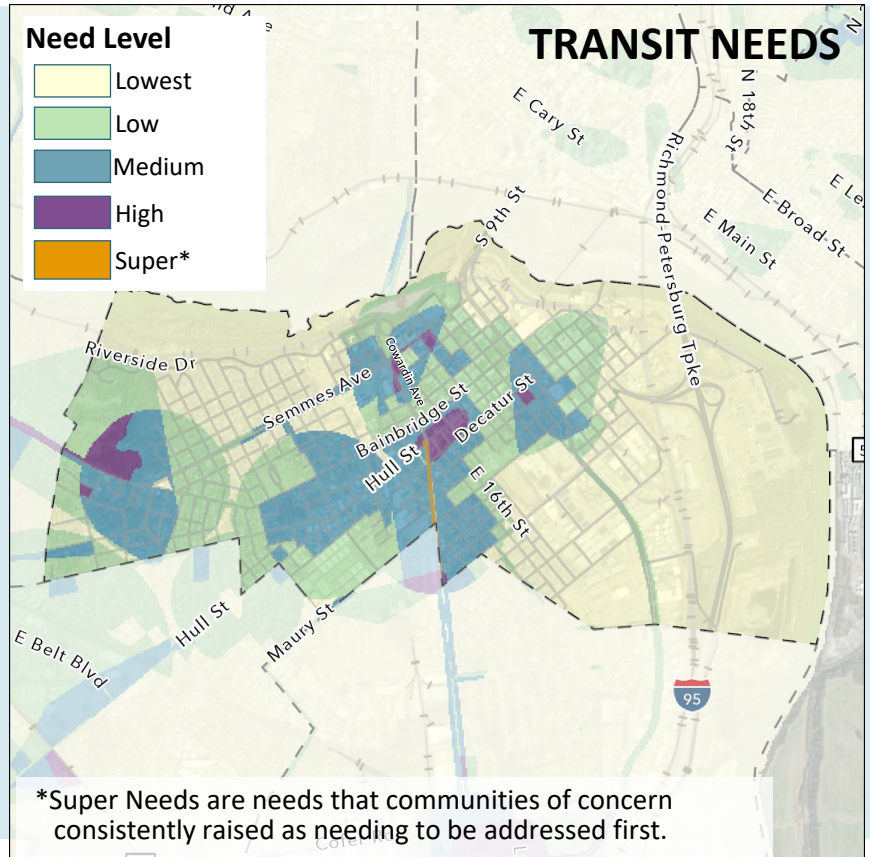
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TOP TRANSIT NEEDS

- Bus stops on US Route 1 (Richmond Highway) lack shelters and benches.
- More frequent transit is needed near Cowardin and Hull Streets.
- Pulse BRT does not serve Southside.
- Themes identified in public comments:
 - Desire for N/S BRT that includes a station in Manchester
 - Buses are often unreliable and/or infrequent
 - Long waits at bus stops
 - No protection from sun/weather at most bus stops



SAFETY/SECURITY NEEDS

- Along roads like Hull St, Semmes Ave, Maury St, and Cowardin Ave, there have been severe pedestrian crashes.

Other high needs include:

- Freight – Several roads in this area are frequently used for freight trips, including Cowardin Ave, Hull St, Maury St, and Commerce Rd.
- Economic Development – Low market value in some areas

