

Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund
Qualified Entity
Low-Income Impact Mitigation Cover Letter

Explain how the QE defines and identifies passengers in low-income communities:

The Columbia County STIF plan definition and identification of low income households:

Columbia County defines low income households as follows: “Areas of High Percentage of Low-Income Households” shall mean geographic areas within Columbia County that are determined to have a high percentage of low-income households.

Pursuant to OAR 732-040-0035(2)(a), it shall be the responsibility of the Advisory Committee to gather data and to seek public input, and to make a determination as to the areas of Columbia County in which high percentages of low-income households exist, and to publish said determination in its Committee minutes and printed public materials.

Utilizing the guidance provided by ODOT, Columbia County has used the 2020 US Census data methodology to determine the percentage of low-income households. Because the County's projects impact all parts of the county the total number of Low Income households will be used. Using the above method the County has determined the following:

There are 13,838 Individuals below the 200% poverty Level;

There are 2.6 persons per household on average in Columbia County;

$13,838 / 2.6 =$ There are approximately 5,322 Households below the 200% poverty level;

$52,117 / 2.6 =$ There are approximately 20,045 Households in the County;

26.6% of the households in the County are below the 200% poverty level.