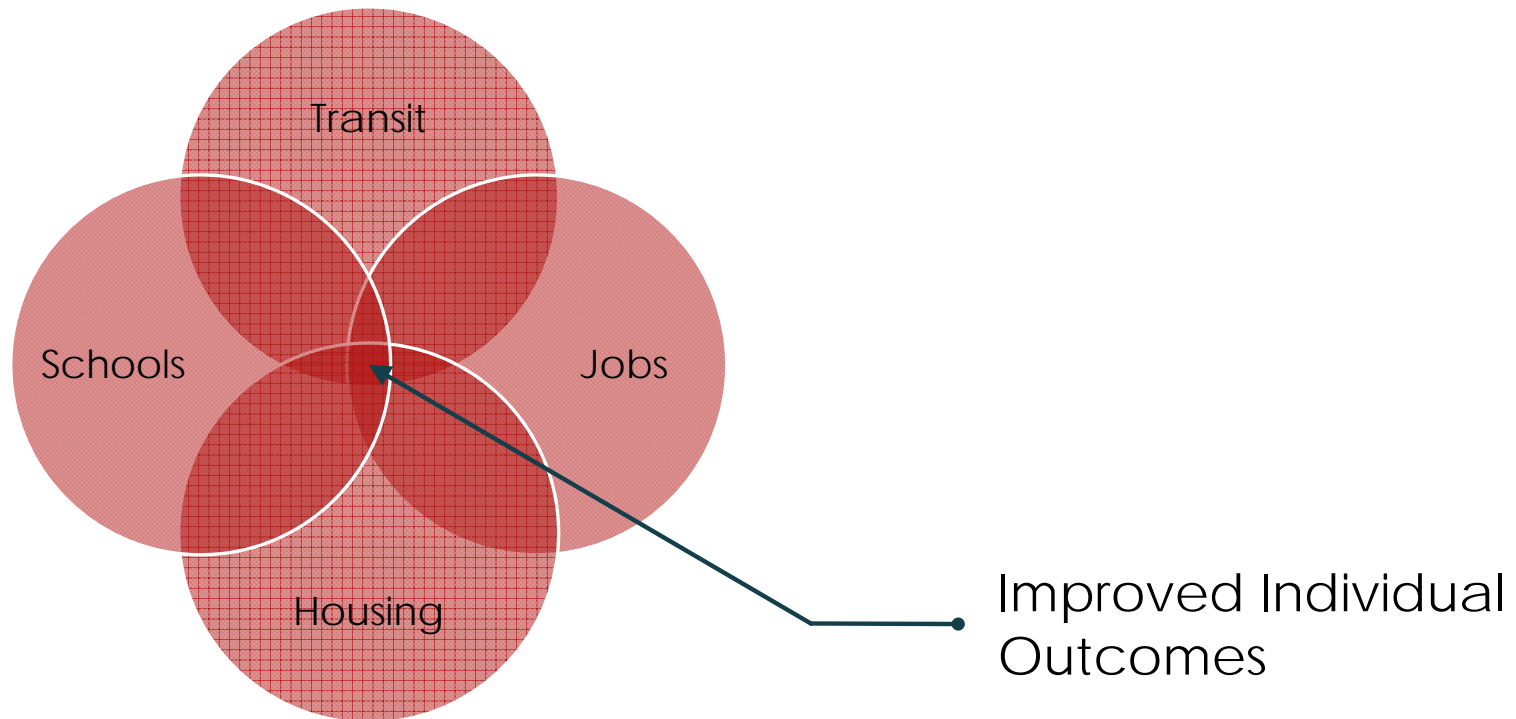


Transit's Critical Role in the Tampa Regional Assessment of Fair Housing

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Neighborhoods of Choice



Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)

- ▶ The Fair Housing Act of 1968 (FHA) prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other real estate-related transactions.
- ▶ FHA also requires that programs and activities relating to housing and urban development further fair housing and equal opportunity.
- ▶ AFFH Rule published July 2015 requires:
 - Fair housing planning process to meet AFFH requirements;
 - Preparation of Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH).

Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)

- ▶ Analyze fair housing issues:
 - Integration and segregation patterns
 - Racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty
 - **Disparities in access to opportunity**
 - Disproportionate housing needs
 - Publicly supported housing
 - Disability and access
 - Fair housing enforcement, outreach capacity, and resources.
- ▶ Define goals to:
 - Overcome barriers to fair housing choice;
 - Ensure access to opportunities for all regardless of protected characteristics.



AFFH & Transportation

- ▶ Transportation connects disadvantaged communities to opportunities.
- ▶ Goal: align transportation investments to improve access to opportunity.
 - ▶ Affordable housing
 - ▶ Job centers
 - ▶ Schools

Disparities in Access to Transportation

- ▶ HUD provides some data.
- ▶ AFH requires use of local data and local knowledge.
- ▶ HUD-provided data:
 - Transit trips
 - Cost of transportation & proximity to public transportation.
- ▶ HUD maps:
 - Transit trips/race& ethnicity; national origin; familial status
 - Low transportation cost – race/ethnicity; national origin; and familial status.



How Can HART Help?

- ▶ Community engagement.
- ▶ Share data on past and projected investments in transportation, ridership, budgets and spending in low-opportunity neighborhoods.
- ▶ Review programs, policies, or funding mechanisms that affect disparities in access to transit.
- ▶ Work with the City, County, and THA and other stakeholders on goals and strategies to improve access to transit.
- ▶ Include partners in future transit plans and investment decisions.

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