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Environmental considerations for the RIC 2050 Metropolitan Plan include two main elements: environmental justice and natural environmental constraints.

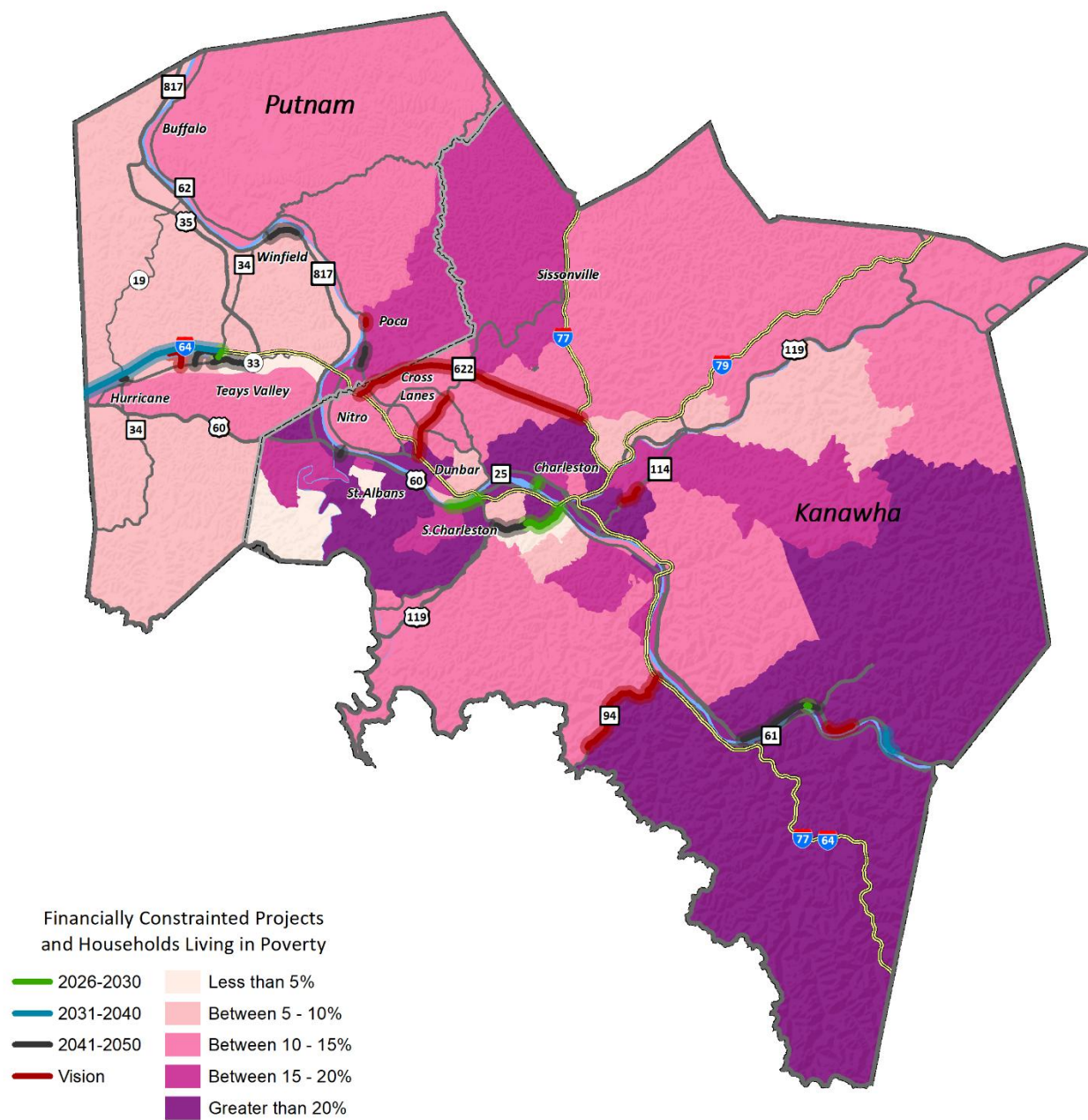
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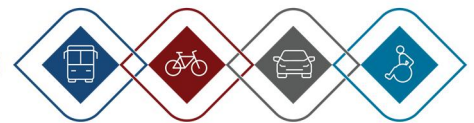
Title covers environmental Justice considerations VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and prohibits discrimination in any program receiving federal assistance. The goal of environmental justice in the long-range transportation planning process is to ensure that all project recommendations are fairly distributed to all individuals regardless of race, national origin, or income. In addition to direct impacts, legislation requires that all disadvantaged populations have access to participate in public outreach. The Transportation Planning Process Key Issues, published by the Federal Highway Administration states that, "Title VI/Environmental justice in transportation programs is addressed through:

- Avoiding, minimizing, or mitigating disproportionately adverse human and environmental effects, including social and economic impacts on minority and low-income populations.
- Ensuring the full and fair participation in the transportation decision-making process by all potentially impacted communities.
- Preventing the denial of or reduction in delay in receiving the benefits by minority and low-income populations.¹

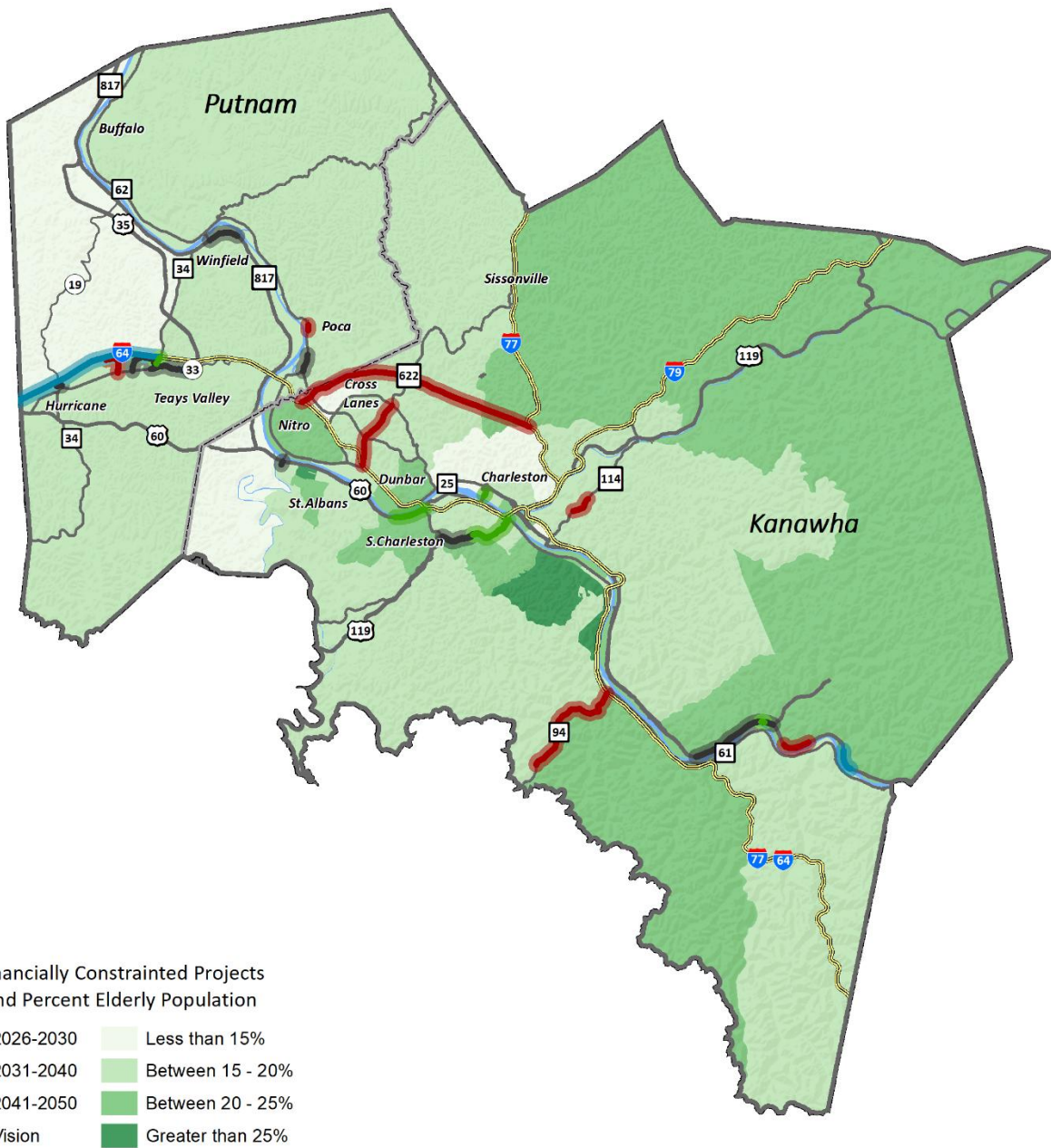
The following section of the document overlay the fiscally constrained project list with the environmental justice maps documented in Chapter 2.

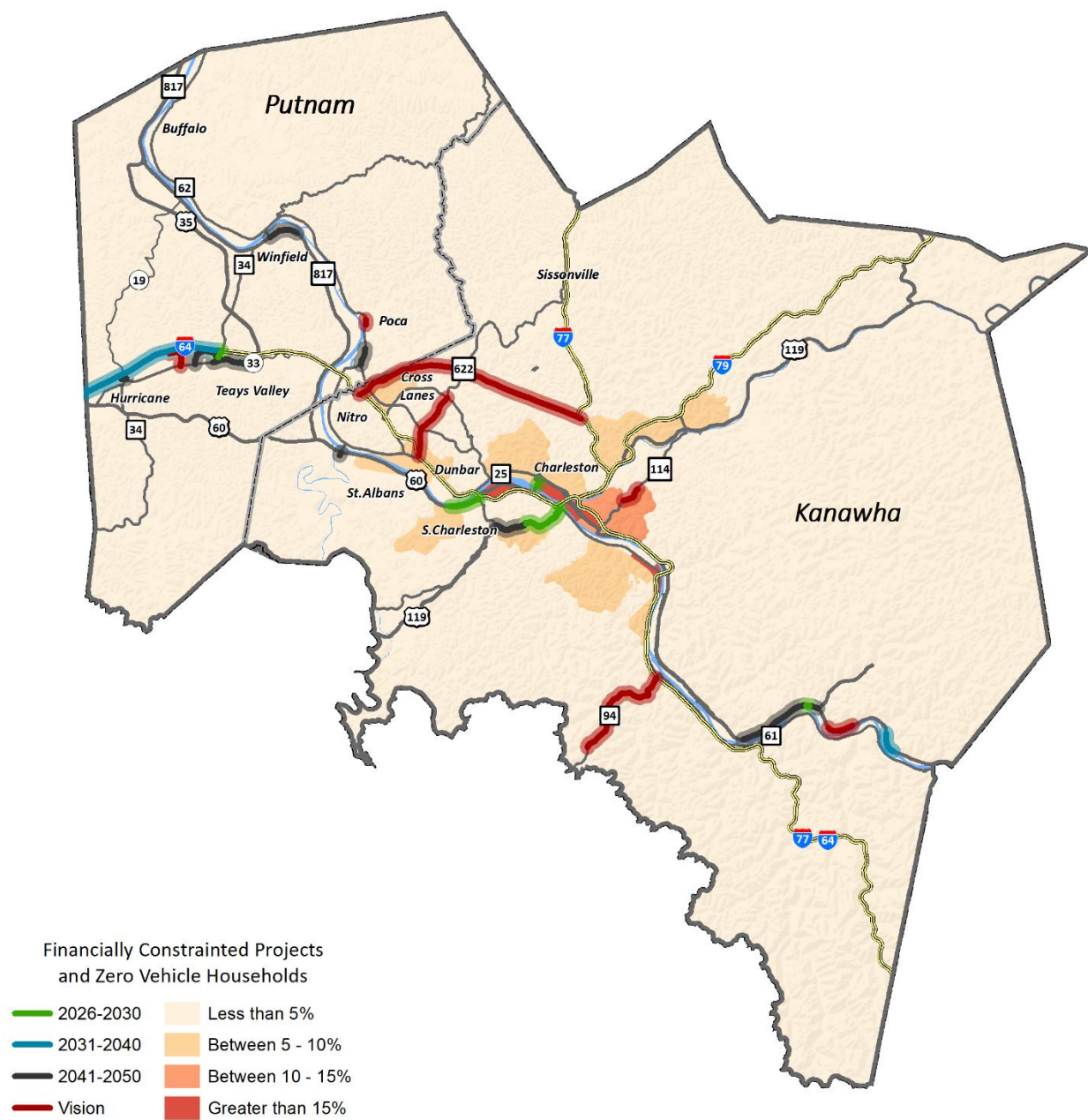
¹ The Transportation Planning Process Key Issues: A Briefing Book for Transportation Decisionmakers, Officials, and Staff A Publication of the Transportation Planning Capacity Building Program, FHWA, FTA

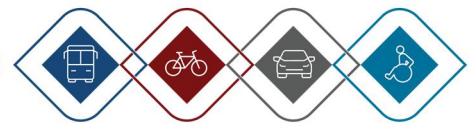




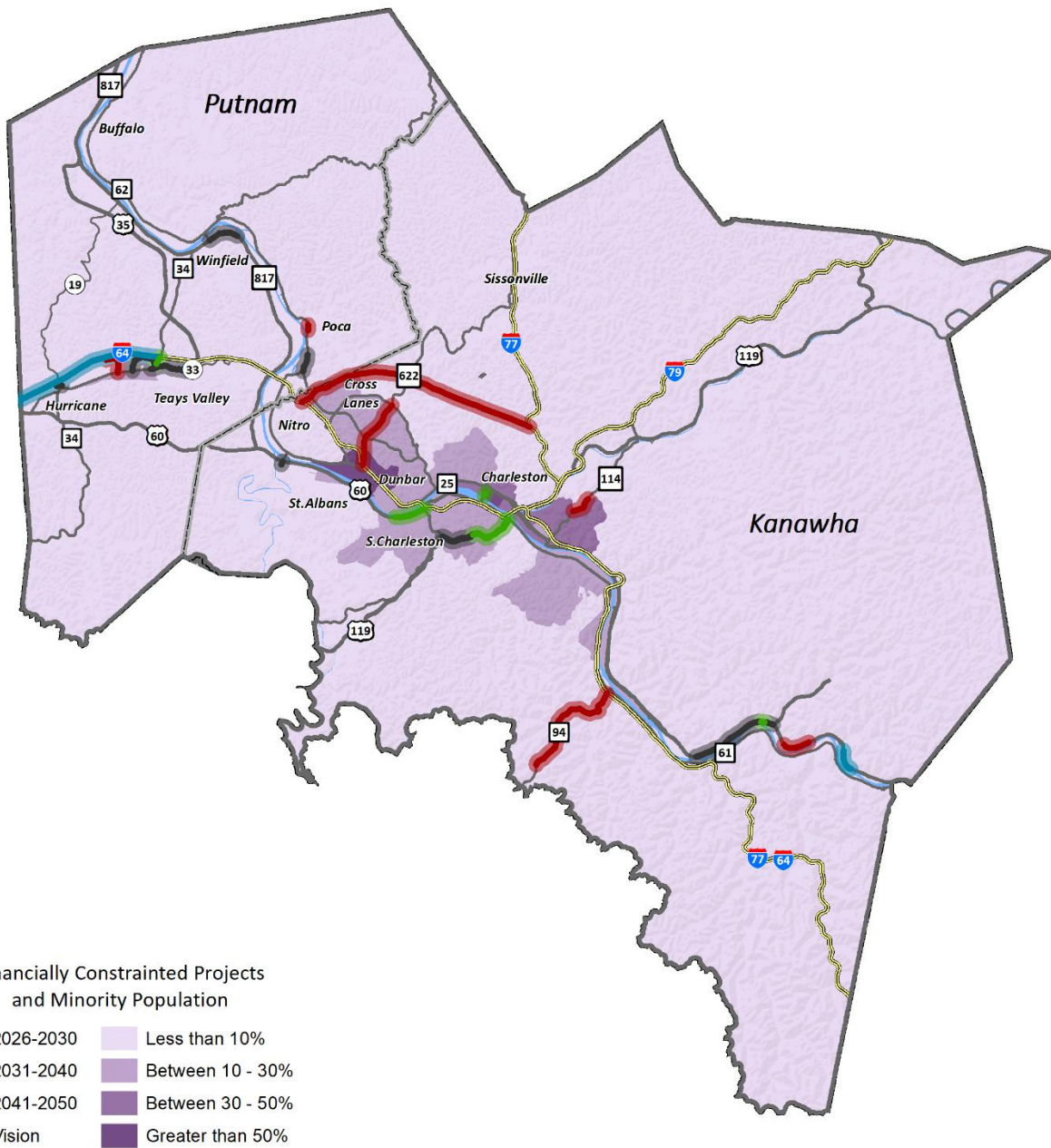
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Natural Environmental Impacts

While the long-range transportation plan does not cover each recommendation to the depth that a National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process would, the table on the following pages highlights the potential impacts to historic features, floodplains, wetlands, and cultural habitats. As each project is advanced through the STIP process, a more in-depth analysis of environmental impacts will need to be completed.

ES Endangered Species

F Floodplain

H Historic

W Wetland

ID	FACILITY	POTENTIAL CONFLICTS
KC-1	3 rd Street Underpass	F, H, W
KC-4	US 119 (Corridor G)	F, H, W
KC-5	US 119 (Corridor G)	W
KC-6	US 119 (Corridor G)	
KC-7	WV 94 (Lens Creek Road)	F, W
KC-8A	US 60 (Dupont Avenue)	F, H, W
KC-8C	US 60	F, W
KC-8D	US 60	H, W
KC-9	WV 114 (Greenbrier Street)	F
KC-U1	Institute Connector, All Phases	F
KC-U2	Northern Connector, All Phases	F, W
PC-2	WV 817	F, H, W
PC-3	Interstate 64	W
PC-4	Hurricane Improvements	H, W
PC-6A	Teays Valley Road (CR 33)	F, W
PC-8A	WV 62	F, W
PC-8B	WV 62	F, W
PC-U1	Interstate 64	F, W
RSA-1	Patrick Street	F, W
RSA-2	WV 34	W
RSA-3	US 60 (Dupont Avenue)	W
SH-1	MacCorkle Avenue	F, W



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ID	FACILITY	POTENTIAL CONFLICTS
TV-4	Mt. Vernon Road (CR 34)	W
TV-5	Sleepy Hollow Road	W