

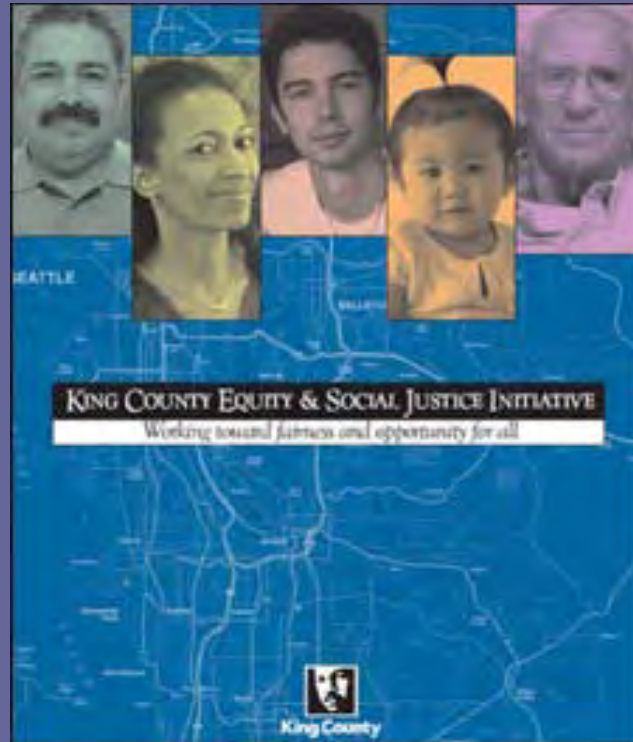
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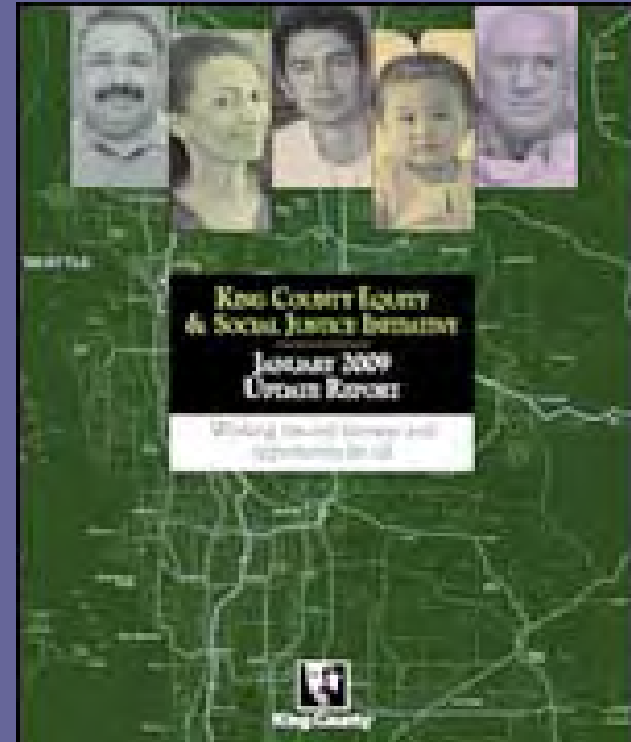
## **King County Equity Impact Review Tool**

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# King County Equity & Social Justice Initiative



Initial Report 2008



Updated 2009

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/equity>

Community  
partnerships

Delivery of  
county services

**Equity &  
Social Justice  
Initiative**

Policy planning and  
decision making

# What *IS* Equity?

**A system of fairness**

Asks: who gains, who loses?

Distributes society's benefits  
and burdens fairly

# Moving policies *UPSTREAM*

Change structures, policies and institutional practices that maintain inequities

Change policies/systems and programs to provide community conditions that support health and well being

Change individual behaviors/treat problems resulting from stress and poor health

Pro-Equity Policies

Affordable Housing

Good Paying Jobs

Access to Healthy Foods & Physical Activity

Incarceration Obesity

Safe Neighborhoods

Quality Education

Address Structural Racism and Privilege

Access to Healthcare

Homelessness

Healthy Environment

Access to Transportation

Low Birth Weight

Untreated Mental Illness

Poor Health Status

**Need action at Societal Level**

**Need action at Community Level**

**Need action at Individual and Family Level**



**eq·ui·ty**

(e-kwə-tē

*noun,*

**im·pact**

im-'pakt

**re·view**

ri-'vyü),

A systematic way of gathering information to inform planning and decision-making about public policies and programs which impact equity.

# **EIR** tool is a **3 stage process**

1. Screening for impacts on determinants of health and equity
2. Determining who is impacted
3. Identifying and prioritizing enhancing/mitigating actions; making recommendations



**Who** takes part in this process?

**TEAM**

Champion on equity

Content expert

Policy or program perspective

Demographic, technical, or analytic expertise

# *Questions to consider:*

Is there a likely or potential impact on equity?

Will the results be valued in the final decision?

Are there sufficient data?

Will the results be timely?

# STAGE ONE:

What are the impacts on equity?

# Stage 1: Overview

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1. Screen proposal for impacts on equity
2. Assess the magnitude of impact
3. Provide rationale for the impact

# What influences equity?

Social factors +

Economic factors +

Environmental factors

= ***Determinants*** of equity

# Racial justice in county practices

Availability of **family wage jobs**/job training

Access to affordable food systems and  
**affordable and healthy foods**

**Access to parks and nature**

## Community economic development

Access to **affordable and culturally appropriate** health and  
human services

**Affordable, quality and health housing**

**Quality education**

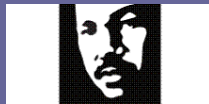
**Healthy physical environment**

## Early childhood development

**Neighborhood social  
cohesion**

**Community and public safety**

Access to all modes of safe and efficient transportation



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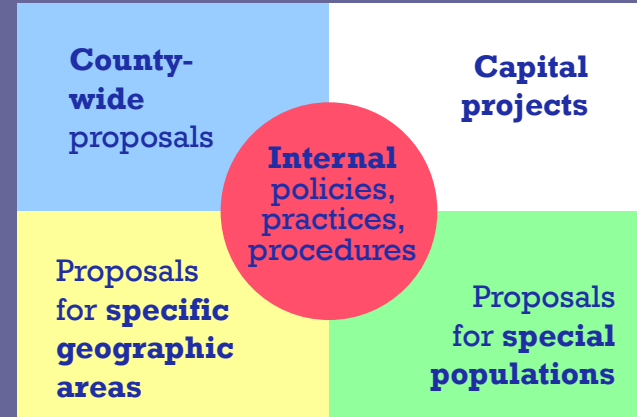
# STAGE TWO:

Who is being impacted?

# Stage 2: Overview

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1. Determine type of proposal



2. Identify and collect data

3. Analyze data



# possible **DATA** SOURCES

**2000  
Census**

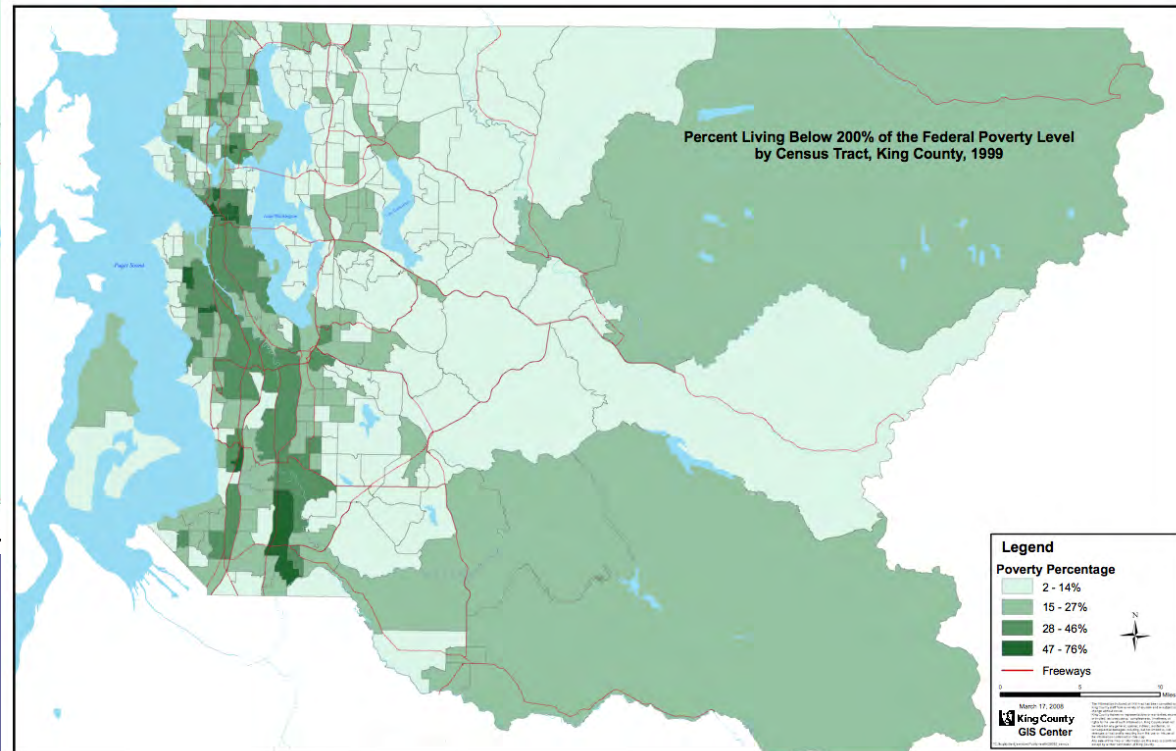
**Dept./  
Div. data**

**Client/  
consumer  
data**

**2008  
Communities  
Count**

# Identify who is impacted: **positively** & **negatively**

Percent Non-White Population  
by Census Tract, King County, 2005



Analysis:

**Who benefits?**

**Who is burdened?**

# Are there differential impacts for...



# STAGE THREE:

Impact review &  
recommendations

# Stage 3: Overview

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Step C: **proposing recommendations** to modify the proposal

Step B: **prioritizing actions** from Step A based on: likely impact on equity, feasibility, resources required

Step A: **identifying impacts** from an equity perspective, proposing enhancement/mitigation actions

# Stage 3.B Worksheet

| (1)<br>Identified actions       | (2)<br>Likely impact      | (3)<br>Needed to increase feasibility?                        | (4)<br>Resources needed to implement?                          |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| Actions identified in Stage 3.A | <b>High</b><br><b>Low</b> | What are potential barriers?<br><br>Any partners to leverage? | Who will implement?<br><br>What costs involved?<br><br>Timing? |

# Parks CIP Planning Workshop addressed:



1. Green Bldg/Sustainable Development Ordinance  
(Energy and Climate Impacts)
2. Equity and Social Justice Initiative – EIR tool
3. Fiscal impacts to Parks Business Plan

## By looking at:

- Demographics trends and data maps
- Greenhouse gas emissions and ecological conditions
- Projects revenue and O&M impacts by facility





Overall:

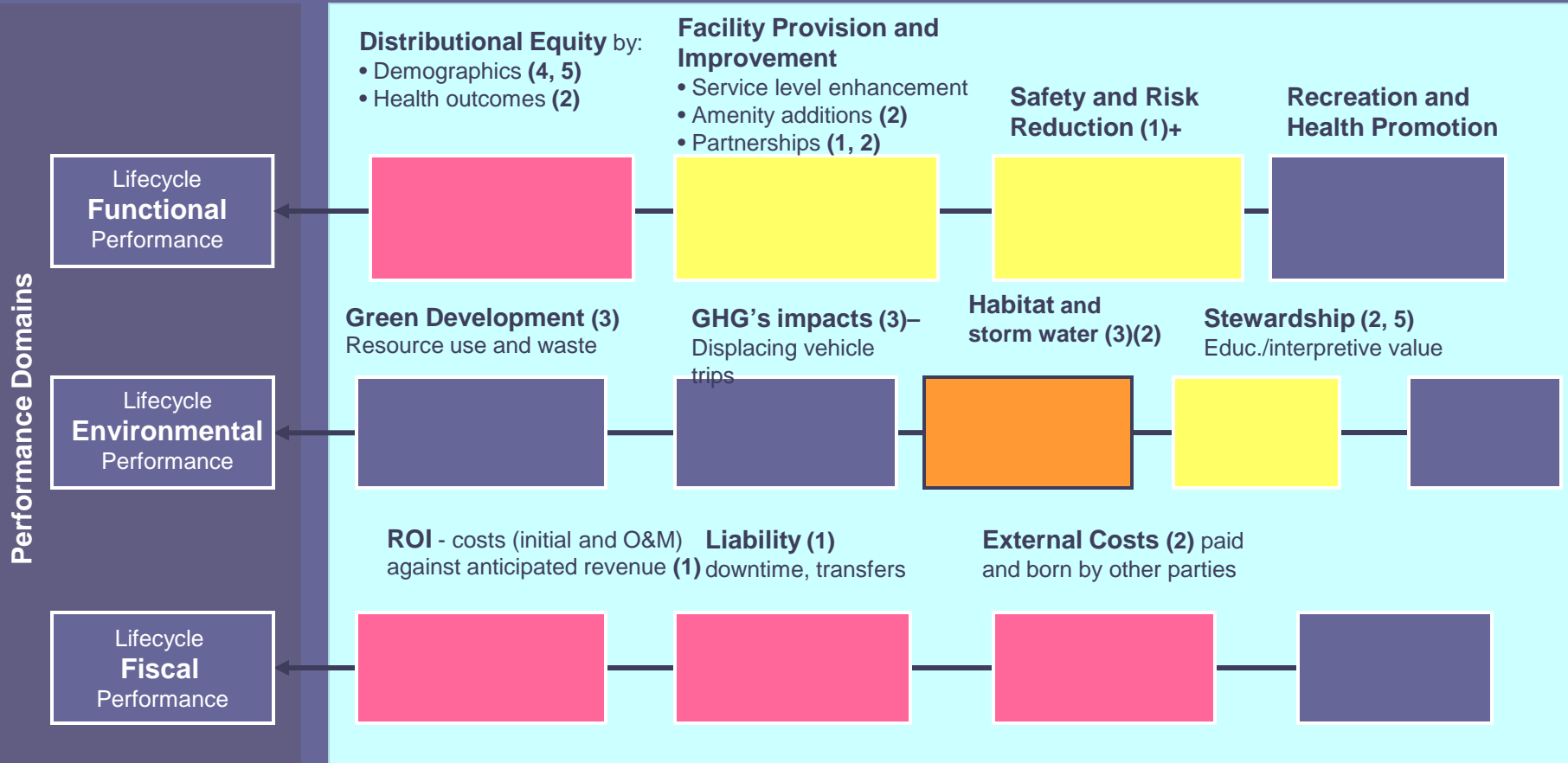


## Project: East Lake Sammamish Trail

Price tag '09: \$1,270,000

'10:

'11:



Anticipated Performance Key:

- █ Likely to be outstanding
- █ Likely to be good
- █ Likely to be pretty weak
- █ Likely to be really lame

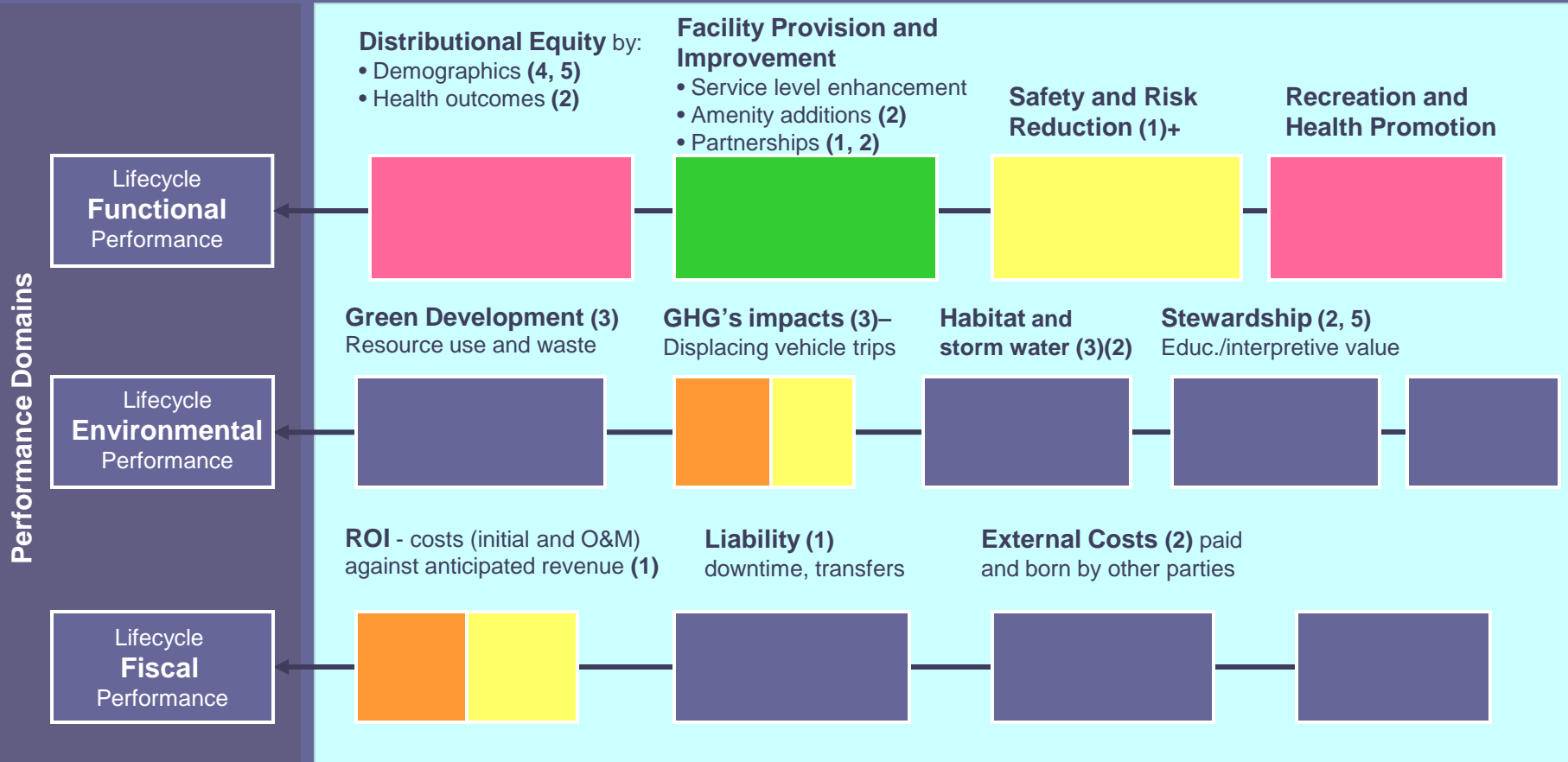


## Project: East Lake Sammamish Trail - North

Price tag '09:

'10:

'11: \$1,060,000



CIP Drivers and Countywide priorities:

1) Parks Business Plan

2) Levy requirements

3) Climate Change and Green Building

4) Equity and Social Justice Initiative

5) Rural Initiative

Anticipated Performance Key:

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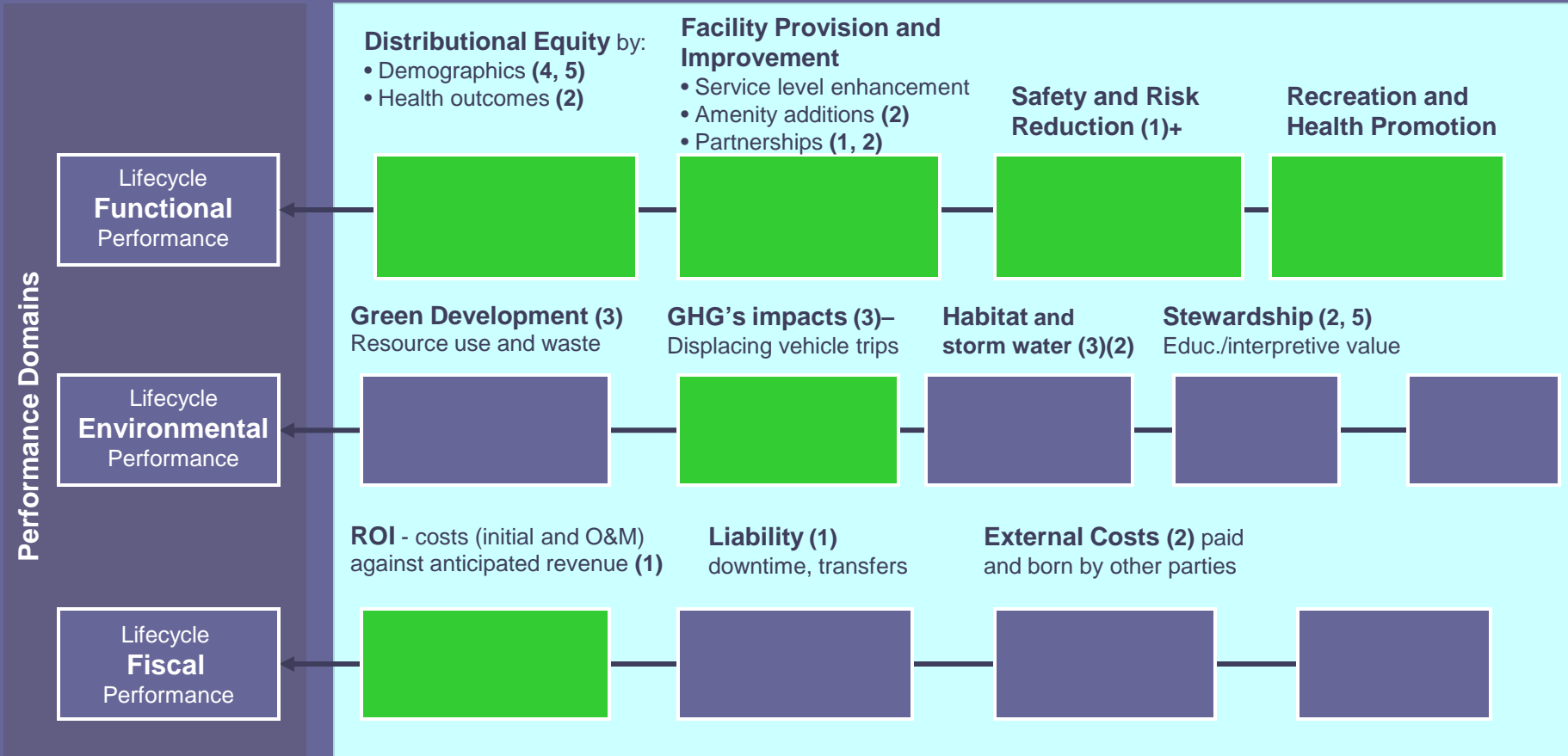
Project: Two Rivers Trail



Price tag '09:

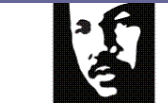
'10: \$ 2,680,000 (partnership w/ Renton)

'11:



Anticipated Performance Key:

- Green: Likely to be outstanding
- Yellow: Likely to be good
- Orange: Likely to be pretty weak
- Pink: Likely to be really lame



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