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It would be helpful if Ecology worked with community and environmental groups, high school classes, STEM programs and the Reach museum to ENCOURAGE real-time monitoring.

Tri-Cities, monitoring equipment is upwind of the most populated neighborhoods. By not measuring air near the Pasco rail yard, Big Pasco Industrial Park, the airport, Road 68, Burden Blvd., Queensgate/Duportail, Hwy 240 and George Washington Way (where there a near daily and severe traffic backups occur) you are ignoring traffic and shipping as major contributors.

Having real-time data would give the residents leverage to demand ride sharing incentives, and expand bus routes and frequency to large workplaces or major shopping hubs. Currently there is no service to Big Pasco, and using the bus to get to major shopping locations is a waste of time if one has access to a personal vehicle.

At a minimum AQ monitors should be installed in central Richland, near 68/Broadmoor, and near 395/Railyard. Installing a monitor at Ochoa MS and working with teachers to educate the students who are almost all LatinX and many first generation would give them understanding and power to become advocates for their own health and well-being. Isn't that the crux of HEAL?