Advancing Transportation Equity

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Minneapolis’s Transportation Vision

Minnesota’s multimodal transportation system maximizes the health of people, the environment and our economy
What does transportation equity look like?

Community Conversations

In-depth interviews in Greater Minnesota

Early learnings:

• Inadequate transportation creates barriers
• Capacity of transit does not meet demand
• Relationships are key to engagement
• No one definition for equity
Equity means meeting every learner with what they need to be successful. It’s not the same as equality. **We have to get to know people better to understand their needs**, so we can address them ... Equity also means **helping people navigate systems**.

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**Defining Equity**

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**Research Roadmap**

Review of practices and recommendations for research

Select recommendations:

- Focus on structural inequities
- Act beyond transportation agency’s traditional responsibilities
- Ensure inclusive public engagement and interagency collaboration
- Develop measurement and evaluation framework with an equity lens
MnDOT’s Advancing Transportation Equity Initiative

- Performance Measurement
- Programs and Process Review
- Metro area scoping and engagement
- Gender-Based Lens to CAV

Why Equity Matters

- Rooted in trust, collaboration, and transparency
- Supports inclusive workplaces
- Improves opportunities for people underserved by our system
- Challenges complex social factors influencing health and well being
Thank you!

https://www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/program/advancing-transportation-equity/

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