EQUITY IN SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

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Equity in Surface Transportation

Introduction

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What is transportation equity?

- A transportation system that works for everyone
- Transportation policy & investment decisions affect:
  - Access to health care
  - Access to economic opportunities (jobs)
  - Access to affordable housing
Demographic Change (2010-2040)
Twin Cities Region

- By 2040
  - Add 783,000 residents (3.63 million)
  - More racially and ethnically diverse
    - Population of color will more than double (1.5 million)
    - Two out of five residents will be persons of color (41%)
  - Older adult population will more than double (0.8 million)
    - One out of five residents older adults (22%)
  - Population under age 25 will grow 14% (1.1 million)
Transportation Equity

- Economic levels
- Race & ethnicity
- Cultural
- Gender
- Disabilities
- Age – young vs seniors
- Spatial – urban vs suburban
- Others – language
Types of Bias

- **Individual**
  - Internalized – “What I think”
  - Interpersonal – “How I act toward others”

- **System**
  - Institutional – Policies and practices affecting outcomes within an institution
  - Structural – Patterns and practices affecting outcomes across institutions

*Today’s Focus*
Panel Introductions & Presentations

Question
Equity: What does it mean to your work in Surface Transportation?

Panelists
Ryan O’Connor - Ramsey County
Michelle Fure - Metropolitan Council
Jon Roseler - MN Department of Health
Charles Brown - Rutgers University
What does equity mean in surface transportation?

Your Questions and Perspectives