



Transportation Equity Working Definition

Metropolitan Council – Transportation Committee

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MINNESOTA GO

Planning Minnesota's
Transportation Future

Minnesota's multimodal transportation system maximizes the health of people, the environment and our economy

Minnesota GO 50-year Vision

What are we trying to achieve?

Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan

How are we going to achieve it?

Modal and System Plans

What does that mean for each type of transportation?

< Considered by the State Highway Investment Plan >



Greater
Minnesota
Transit
Investment Plan



Pedestrian
Plan



Bicycle
Plan



State
Highway
Investment
Plan



Freight
System
Plan



Aviation
Plan



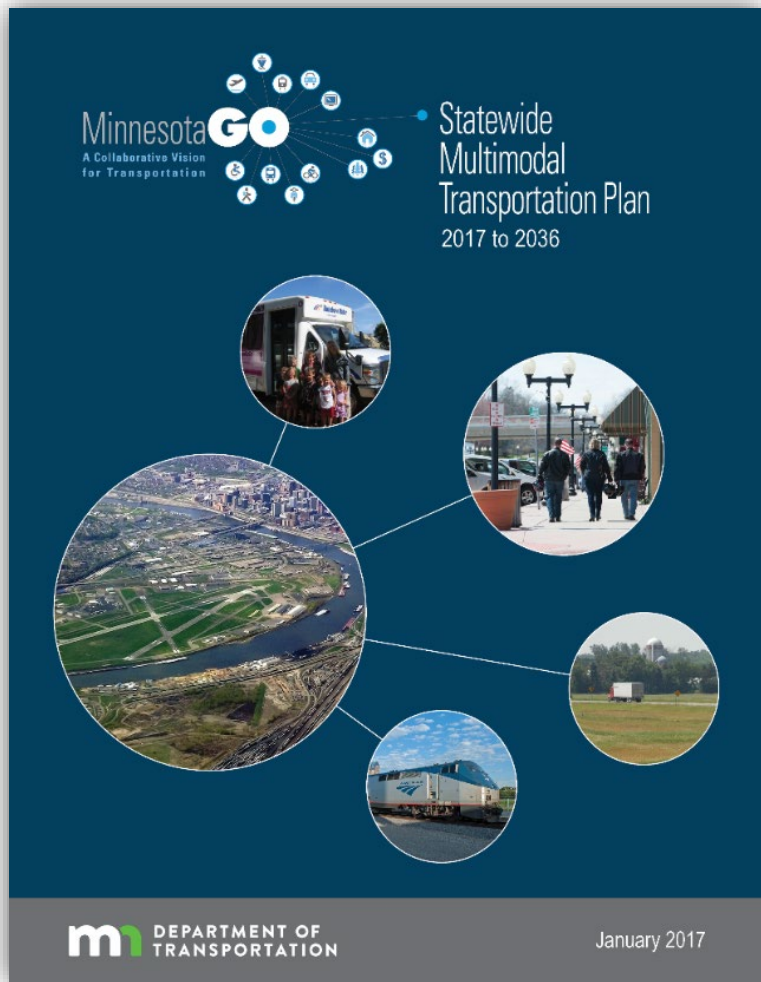
Rail
Plan



Ports &
Waterways
Plan

< Considered by the Freight System Plan >

Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan



- Overarching objectives, strategies and performance measures for all modes
- Last adopted January 2017
- Next update due early 2022

SMTTP Focus Areas/Work Groups



Aging Infrastructure



Climate Change



Economy and
Employment



Equity



Safety



Transportation
Options

EQUITY

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



Advancing Transportation Equity Initiative



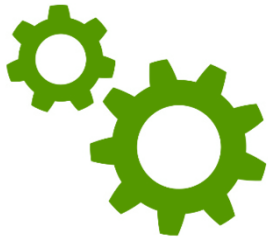
Research
Projects



Community
Conversations



Equitable
contracting and
engagement



Programs and
Process Review



Performance
Measures



Updated
Plans

Lessons Learned

- Need to identify a definition and/or target populations
- Acknowledge history of inequities within current planning context
- Equitable engagement is necessary but not sufficient
- Statewide solutions to advance equity can help address broader transportation challenges and vice versa
- Need to move beyond research to implementation

Considering Equity



What does
transportation
equity look
like?

Transportation Equity *Working* Definition

Transportation equity ensures the benefits and burdens of transportation spending, services, and systems are fair, which historically have not been fair, and people—especially Black, Indigenous and People of Color—are empowered in transportation decision making

Questions to Think About

- What stands out to you when reviewing this transportation equity definition?
- What does equitable transportation mean to you?
- What do transportation agencies need to do to create an equitable transportation future?

Some Initial Takeaways

- What does fair mean and who gets to define it?
- How are we defining or and thinking about empowerment?
- Acknowledging harm and injustice is good but what are we going to do to address inequities?
- What is the thought process behind calling out specific community groups such as BIPOC communities?

Definition Input Process

- Public/stakeholder and internal engagement through summer
- Equity Work Group will refine definition based on input received
- SMTP/MnSHIP Policy Advisory Committee review in October
- SLT/ELT review in October/November
- Include in draft SMTP early 2022

Additional engagement opportunities...

Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan



EQUITY

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

LANGUAGE BARRIERS, LACK OF INFO AND LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE, OR TO UNDERSTAND ITS IMPACTS.



MEANING THERE IS LITTLE REPRESENTATION IN PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING.

NOT TO MENTION THE SEVERE HEALTH RISKS OF LIVING NEAR BUSY ROADS, BUS TERMINALS AND NOISY AIRPORTS.



91% OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES SUFFER FROM AIR POLLUTION ABOVE RISK GUIDELINES.

POLICY, DESIGN AND OPERATIONS IN THINGS LIKE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION HAVE LED TO INEQUITIES FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND PEOPLE OF COLOR



FOR EXAMPLE, CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSTATES IN THE 1950'S DISPLACED HOMES, BUSINESSES AND CHURCHES



AND REDUCED HOUSING IN THESE AREAS.

AND TRANSPORTATION CAN ALSO SUPPORT THE HEALTH OF PEOPLE, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THE ECONOMY.



TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ENSURES THE BENEFITS AND BURDENS OF TRANSPORTATION SPENDING, SERVICES, AND SYSTEMS ARE FAIR, WHICH HISTORICALLY HAVE NOT BEEN FAIR, AND PEOPLE—ESPECIALLY BLACK, INDIGENOUS AND PEOPLE OF COLOR—ARE EMPOWERED IN TRANSPORTATION DECISION MAKING.



THIS MOSTLY TOOK PLACE IN COMMUNITIES WHERE LOANS WERE DENIED OR HOUSING WAS RESTRICTED BY DEED, LEADING TO MUCH LOWER PROPERTY VALUES.



THIS DISPROPORTIONATELY EFFECTED POC.

FAVORING HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT OVER PUBLIC TRANSPORT LASTED FOR YEARS.



THIS ENCOURAGED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FURTHER FROM KEY DESTINATIONS, FOSTERING SEGREGATION AND INCOME INEQUALITY.

HOW DO YOU ENVISION A MORE EQUITABLE FUTURE?

Let's Talk Transportation

6 TRANSPORTATION STORIES

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Thank you!

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