



Transportation Equity Program: Updates and Committee

Seattle Freight Advisory Board

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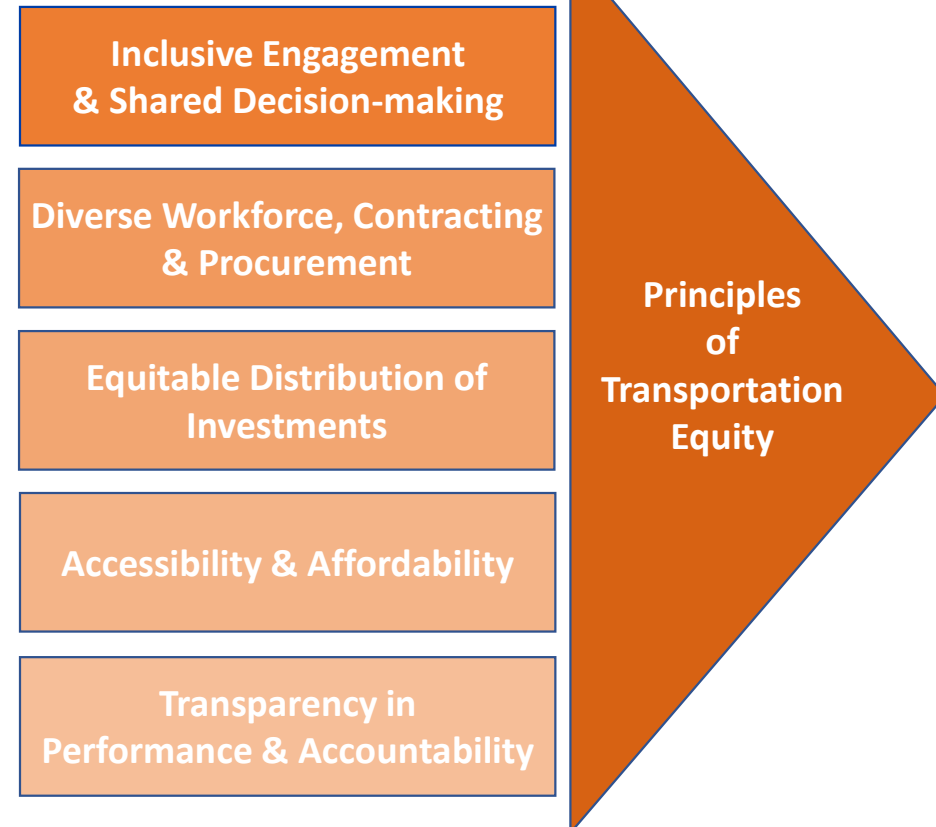
Definition & Principles

Transportation Equity Caucus defines transportation equity as:

“the fair and just treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of transportation regulations, policies, planning and investments.”

Government Alliance for Race & Equity:

“Process and Outcomes”



Context

Race & Social Justice Initiative (RSJI): Citywide & Departmental Framework

Transportation Equity: Citywide & Departmental Commitment

- SDOT: Office of Equity and Inclusion & Transportation Equity Program
- Mayor: Executive Order 2017-13
- City Council: Resolution 31773

“...support the creation of a group or committee comprised of those affected by barriers to safe, environmentally sustainable, accessible, and affordable transportation options to provide guidance on the program’s development and strategies” Section 2A2

“...prioritize affordability and co-create additional transportation equity goals, strategies, indicators, and measures in partnership with community members and stakeholders, as well as the Mayor, City Council, and City of Seattle departmental agency and equity leads.” Section 2C3



Transportation Equity Program

- Provide safe, affordable, accessible & environmentally sustainable transportation options
- Affordability programming, policy advisement, and community engagement

ORCA LIFT Partnership (Low-income Access to Transit)

SDOT, the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, King County Metro & Public Health of Seattle-King County

- Income-qualifying participants
- Pre-loaded ORCA LIFT cards when they enroll
- Transit vouchers
- Regional Reduced Rate Permit

Ambassador Program

SDOT, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, and community-based organizations

- Affordable transportation information
- Pre-loaded ORCA LIFT cards when they enroll
- Transit vouchers
- Regional Reduced Rate Permit
- Mobility Fairs

Car Tab Rebate

SDOT, Seattle Department of Human Services, Washington State Department of Licensing

- Income-qualifying participants
- Paid Car Tab Fee with a \$20 rebate



Transportation Equity Program Updates

- Hired Annya Pintak, Strategic Advisor and Program Coordinator
- Additional partnerships
 - Seattle Human Services Department “Community Connectors”
 - Partnership with Department of Veterans Affairs and Seattle Housing Authority
- ORCA Opportunity Program
 - Launched in September 2018, the program provides free, 12-month, transit passes for high school students at Seattle Public Schools (SPS); increasing access to school, activities and employment for youth. In partnership with SPS, serving 16,400 Seattle Public high school students
 - ORCA card outreach and distribution is complete
- Youth ORCA low-income access
 - Build on the success of the Youth ORCA program, continue to provide free 12-month transit passes to 500 income-eligible middle school students at Seattle Public Schools.



Transportation Equity Committee

Transportation Equity Committee (TEC) will:

- Consist of 8-10 compensated committee members
- Meet monthly for 1-yr to engage with one another and SDOT TEP staff in facilitated conversations & activities
- Develop a set of recommendations for SDOT to consider within a Transportation Equity Agenda

Overarching goals of the TEC:

- Develop leadership capacity and a deeper understanding of transportation and SDOT's work
- Build community trust and partnerships through transparency and accountability
- Learn and share understanding of transportation equity values and priorities

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Application Guide



Discussion

- How do you see the work of the Transportation Equity Committee (TEC) supporting the modal advisory board work?
- What would be most helpful in terms of a set of recommendations for SDOT to consider as part of a framework for setting and achieving transportation equity goals and outcomes (i.e. suggested principles, prioritization, strategies)?
- Beyond strategic periodic updates, do you have other suggestions for learning about/interfacing with the TEC's work?



Anticipated Next Steps

Anticipated Date	Activity/Action
Oct. – Dec. 2018	Finalize Transportation Equity Committee (TEC) Process
Dec. 2018 – Jan. 2019	Launch public communications about Transportation Equity Committee (TEC); Applications open; Learning Session for TEC applicants;
Jan. - Feb. 2019	TEC selection committee convenes; TEC selection & notification (end of month)
Mar. – Dec. 2019	TEC engagement
Dec. 2019 – Jan. 2020	TEC finalize recommendations for Transportation Equity Agenda



Questions?

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