

## King County Metro (Metro) Equity Cabinet Meeting #5

July 15, 2019, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Tukwila Community Center - 12424 42nd Ave S, Tukwila, WA 98168

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### Action Items

Action Item	Assigned to...
Consider which data suggestions from the Equity Cabinet can be incorporated into the travel trends research.	Metro
Invite Puget Sound Regional Council's new equity manager to an Equity Cabinet meeting.	Tony To
Meet with sub-committees to develop recommendations in advance of August 14, 2019 meeting.	All
See if the White Center Community Development Association is available to host the August Equity Cabinet Meeting	Sili Savusa

### A. Opening Meeting, Warm-up Exercise, Review Agenda

Paulina Lopez and Tony To, Equity Cabinet Co-Chairs, welcomed meeting participants (see Attachment A). Paulina shared the purposes of the meeting, which included:

- Review goal of the Equity Cabinet
- Review additional data requested from the Demographic and Travel Trends analysis
- Develop Best Practices in five topic areas using sub-committees
- Map out an example process for how sub-committees develop recommendations
- Discuss sub-committee approach to developing recommendations and identify sub-committee structure

Paulina reviewed that the purpose of the Equity Cabinet is to represent members' communities to help Metro create a Mobility Framework. The Framework will act as an equity lens to update Metro's policies, which are intended to lead to more equitable and sustainable investments and services.

Paulina then provided an overview of the timeline for Equity Cabinet participation:

- July through September: Equity Cabinet develops Mobility Framework
- Late 2019: King County Metro adopts Mobility Framework
- Late 2019 through June 2020: Begin policy updates with interested members of the Equity Cabinet

### B. Demographic Trends and Travel Trends Data

Mary Bourguignon opened the presentation by reviewing the five themes that encapsulate the guiding principles:

1. Investments: Invest where needs are greatest; ensure safety; align our investments with equity, sustainability, and financial responsibility

2. Surrounding Land Use: Address climate crisis and environmental justice; encourage dense, affordable housing near transit; improve access to mobility.
3. Innovation: Innovate equitably and sustainably; provide fast, reliable, integrated mobility services
4. Workforce: Support our workforce
5. Engagement: Engage deliberately and transparently

Based on feedback from the Equity Cabinet, Aaron Gooze (Fehr and Peers) presented additional information on travel trends. The updated data can help identify “where needs are the greatest” per the draft guiding principles. See Attachment B for presentation slides.

Equity Cabinet members presented the following comments about the presentation.

- It’s important to differentiate “access” versus “use.” Many low-income people don’t “use” transit because it’s not “accessible” (as opposed to not using it because of a personal preference).
- It’s important that this work not pit the need for employment over the need for education.
- The Puget Sound Regional Council’s new equity manager should be invited to an upcoming Equity Cabinet meeting.

Equity Cabinet members made the following suggestions on areas for further research

- How zoning and density relate to travel trends?
- How does race relate to travel trends?
- How does future land use and growth affect travel trends?
- How does current and future trends in teleworking affect travel trends?

Metro will determine which of these suggestions can be incorporated into the travel trends analysis.

### C. **Best Practices for Centering Equity and Sustainability Presentation**

Emily Yasukochi, Nelson\Nygaard, provided a presentation on the consultant team’s approach to researching best practices for centering equity in transit planning. For each of the five themes, the consultant team identified potential best practices drawing from related case studies around the nation, particularly from urban and regional transit systems. The consultant team also developed research questions for each theme that the sub-committee can address in their work.

Jennifer Wieland, Nelson\Nygaard, provided guidance for how to take travel trends and best practices and turn them into recommendations. She encouraged Equity Cabinet members to focus on high level recommendations, focusing changes to help implement the guiding principles. Jennifer then reviewed the next steps following this meeting:

- July 15 through August 13: Sub-committees meet

- August 14: Sub-committees come together to exchange information and refine recommendations.
- September 11: Workshop to finalize recommendations.

Equity Cabinet members presented the following questions and comments about the presentation.

Equity Cabinet Question: What is the difference between “Transit-Oriented Development” and “Transit-Oriented Communities”?

Answer: Transit-oriented developments are usually single projects. A transit-oriented community is more holistic and considers the land use, housing types, and employment opportunities that foster a community that can rely on transit.

Equity Cabinet Question: Is there family housing in Denver’s Mariposa transit-oriented development project, which is a “best practice” example?

Answers: Yes, family housing is an important component of the Mariposa project.

Equity Cabinet Question: Can you explain the research question “*how are transit agencies (and cities) preparing for a future that looks very different? What are they doing to get ready for autonomy?*” The “different future” is not clear and the term “autonomy” is exclusive to transportation professionals and is not clear to everyday people.

Answers: The “different future” refers to new technology that will change how people and goods move around (e.g. drone technology). “Autonomy” refers to autonomous vehicles.

Equity Cabinet Question: What is paratransit?

Answers: Paratransit is the term used in North America for special transportation services for people with disabilities, often provided as a supplement to fixed-route bus and rail systems by public transit agencies. In Seattle, paratransit is referred to as ACCESS.

Equity Cabinet Comment: There are some concerns with dividing up the principles into themes, which can create silos and prevent crosscutting analyses.

#### D. Discussion on Sub-committee Structure

Equity Cabinet members then self-selected sub-committees to participate in ahead of the August 14 meeting. Below are the committee assignments.

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*Note: De'Sean Quinn, King County Metro, volunteered Jessica Ramirez and Jeff Smith for the workforce committee in their absence.*

**E. Next Meeting Date**

The next Cabinet meeting will occur on August 14, 2019. Sili offered to see if a meeting room was available at the White Center Community Development Association.

**Attachment A: Participants in Attendance**

**Equity Cabinet Members**

<b>Name (alphabetical)</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
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Chalisa Thompson	Highline College
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Leda Chahim	Community Leader
Linwood Robinson	King County Transit Advisory Commission
Michelle Benetua	Seattle Parks Foundation
Niesha Brooks	Community Leader/City of Tukwila
Pah-tu Pitt	Community Leader
Paulina Lopez (Co-Chair)	Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition/Technical Advisory Group
Rachel Miyazaki	Rooted in Rights
Rita Green	NAACP Youth Coalition
Sarneshea Evans	Friends of Waterfront Seattle
Sili Savusa	White Center Community Development Association
Tamieko Cook	Amalgamated Transit Union
Tony To (Co-Chair)	Homesight

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