Transportation Equity in Action

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Let’s get clear on transportation equity
(with some help with the folks at PolicyLink)
Everyone, no matter who, what or how they are, should have access to transportation that works with their budget, commute, personal lifestyle, and preferred mode of transit.
Ensures access to jobs, both as a commuter and also as an employee or contractor of a transportation system or entity.
Ensures all communities in a region are connected. Additionally, all communities have an equal opportunities to be included in planning and development of transportation systems and solutions.
Transportation systems and modes should support public health.
Communities are built to be environmentally sustainable and supportive of transit and clean air and water. Additionally, any taxes levied to support environmental sustainability should be equitably applied.
Let’s see what other cities are doing.
Houston: Post-Harvey Metro Response
Atlanta: MARTA Army
Kansas City: 2017 GO Bond (Sidewalks) and Airport Votes
Seattle: Transportation Equity Program
What could we be doing?
Rethinking fares
Shelters
Real-time indicators that work
Supporting other cities efforts for equity, as well as our own, such as what the Planning Department has proposed.
Sources


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