

Towards Equitable Electric Mobility Platform

The [Towards Equitable Electric Mobility \(TEEM\)](#) Community of Practice is a collaborative initiative between Forth and The Greenlining Institute, aimed at advancing racial and environmental justice through equitable electric mobility. TEEM includes over 30 organizations across five states: Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, North Carolina, and Virginia. Since its launch, TEEM has cultivated a peer learning and advocacy approach that prioritizes the intersections of mobility equity, community building, and transportation electrification. The [TEEM Platform](#) synthesizes three years of collective learnings and best practices for federal and state programs to integrate equity and sustainability into transportation systems.



EQUITY AND JUSTICE

To meet Justice40 requirements, transportation investments must ensure that a minimum of 40% of the benefits associated with these investments reach underserved communities and benefit them in ways that are both measurable and enduring. Agencies must make robust investments in outreach, public education, community engagement, and shared decision-making to ensure that communities understand the investments and have the support of a broad set of stakeholders before they break ground.



EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

President Biden announced new efforts aimed at accelerating the U.S. towards the goal of carbon neutrality by 2050, including reducing emissions by 52% by 2030. Our transportation investments must explicitly cut carbon emissions by electrifying all modes of transportation and increasing access to practical alternatives to driving alone.



AFFORDABLE ACCESS FOR ALL

Every person should be able to get where they need to go, efficiently and affordably. Yet the lowest income and rural households bear the highest relative transportation costs and many still struggle to get to work and school. Our nation's transportation investments must provide reliable options for people that don't require driving and that improve affordability of sustainable mobility options.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Underserved communities, youth, elderly and other vulnerable populations are disproportionately harmed by our transportation system. Transportation investments need to substantively and rapidly decrease harm from car crashes and air pollution. As we transition to a low-carbon transportation system, investments in the supply chain must direct benefits to impacted communities and workers, and avoid causing or exacerbating harm.



WEALTH BUILDING

Our nation has a moral and fiscal responsibility to provide a just transition in which a healthy economy and environment co-exist. Key to the just transition is ensuring that underserved communities are not exploited, but instead are able to thrive and build wealth. Government contracts, investments and jobs should be allocated through a transparent, accountable and equitable process. These investments should create wealth building opportunities and retain good-paying, family-sustaining jobs with strong labor protections. They should also mitigate racial, urban-rural divide and economic inequities whenever possible.

To learn more about TEEM and how to incorporate equity into your transportation policy or program planning, please email Isa Gaillard, Senior Program Manager for Capacity Building at The Greenlining Institute and Alexa Diaz, Senior Policy Manager at Forth.

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