

## Transportation Equity Interview Guide

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) will use the following questions to guide our conversation about equity and how it is affected by transportation. MnDOT is having these conversations with community partners and representatives that represent or work with all kinds of groups in Northwest Minnesota (MnDOT District 2) that have been negatively impacted by transportation policies, are experiencing known inequities, or that have unique transportation needs. We're using the term "community" to describe groups of people, not geographic places.

Below are, broadly, the types of questions we would like to cover in our conversation, though we will likely ask follow up questions to get a more complete sense of peoples' experiences.

If any of these questions are better answered by someone else in your organization, or if you need more time to collect some of this information, please feel free to let us know during our meeting. Please also let us know if you would like to include others from your organization in this conversation.

- 1) Broadly speaking, what are some challenges facing the community or communities you serve/ represent?
- 2) Which transportation modes are most often used by the community to carry out day-to-day activities? (Including attending work, school, health care appointments, social, and cultural activities?)
- 3) Which modes are most critical and what challenges do they encounter in accessing these modes? What, if any, locations are particularly difficult to get to?
- 4) How well are non-motorized modes and public transportation in this area meeting (or not meeting) the needs of the community?
- 5) What, if any, safety concern does the community have with regard to transportation?
- 6) Can you describe a transportation project or program that impacted the community your organization serves/ represent and how the community was involved in the decision-making?
- 7) What, if any, examples do you have of when the community has been successful in advocating on issues important to them?