

## EQUITY WORKING GROUP

### JANUARY MEETING NOTES

**Location:** 421 W Riverside Ave, Suite #500  
**Date:** January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**Time:** 4:15 – 5:15 pm  
**SRTC Staff:** Michael Redlinger, Savannah Hayward, Angel Jackson

Michael welcomed the group and gave participants a brief introduction. He addressed the group, explaining that this first meeting would be less formal and more focused on introducing folks to each other, the purpose of the group, and the agency.

He then opened the floor for time for each member to provide a brief personal introduction. In attendance were:

- Michael Redlinger, SRTC
- Savannah Hayward, SRTC
- Caleb Yoder
- Paul Kropp
- Dennis Swennumson
- Angel Jackson, SRTC
- Thomas Baldwin
- Eric Lowe
- Allison Zimmerman
- Tara Limon

After providing the group with a brief overview of SRTC and assisting with the definitions of MPO (metropolitan planning organization), Title VI, environmental justice and the related compliance requirements, Michael explained the importance of the Equity Working Group and its ability to impact several aspects of residential livelihoods. He explained the TIP and long-range planning products such as Horizon 2045. He briefly commented on where public documents are housed on the SRTC website.

Michael and Savannah provided participants a potential timeline of activities they would like to include in further conversations but stressed that the Equity Working Group was created to have input from the community participants. They emphasized that the goal of SRTC staff in attendance is to help guide working group conversations. The Equity Working Group is a forum to discuss agency activities and transportation planning issues the community deems to be a priority.

There was a round of questions and comments posed by the new Equity Working Group participants to SRTC staff that included:

- SRTC website information on the working group will be updated before the next meeting.
- Having an agenda provided for future meetings will assist with the momentum of the conversations.
- Possibility of setting up additional ways for group participants to communicate less formally in between and before meetings – ie. Slack or a text message group
- The group mentioned that they appreciated having the meetings in a hybrid format to allow all to participate regardless of location or personal schedules. They would prefer the physical meeting location to continue at the SRTC office and for recurring meetings to be held bimonthly.

Savannah explained that the website's new look will include input from a consultant and will have more user-friendly navigation. She encouraged participants to continue to check the site often for postings and links to (current and historical) committee and Board meetings. She asked participants to come to the March meeting prepared to provide comments on the website and potential improvements.

Michael reiterated that participants can always connect with each other and SRTC staff via email. Savannah informed the group that a survey/poll would be sent soon to confirm the time & date of future meetings – both for those in attendance and for those who may not have been able to attend the January meeting.

The meeting closed with a thought-provoking question to the group to remind them of their impact and leadership needed in each meeting. Savannah and Michael asked that, as participants become more familiar with the agency and its work, they consider what they would like to see brought to the group and what conversations are a priority for them.