

# EMCTC Policy & Bylaws work

## Mission statement

**Proposed for adoption Feb. 14:** The East Multnomah County Transportation Committee collaborates at the regional level to champion policies supporting a safe and equitable multimodal transportation system that enhances economic opportunities and serves the needs of all who live in East Multnomah County.

## Policy priorities

### Safety policy statement

EMCTC is committed to significantly reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries in East Multnomah County. We must ensure our streets are safe for all residents to travel, especially for those who walk, use bicycles, take transit or use mobility devices. We will prioritize funding for projects that reflect this stance.

To support this policy, EMCTC will:

- Evaluate projects and topics for safety by asking, “Does this project make streets safer for our residents?”
- Endorse Vision Zero concepts which include:
  - Review of speed limits on arterials and collectors in East Multnomah County to increase safety
  - Understanding the safe systems approach which includes safe road users, safe vehicles, safe speeds, safe roads, and post crash care.
- Recognize the racial disparity in safety outcomes and address the disparity when evaluating safety projects and programs

### Equity policy statement

EMCTC is committed to improving the lives of residents of East Multnomah County, where there is a greater proportion of low income, Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) than in the rest of the county. This includes supporting access to jobs, economic opportunities, and education. We will prioritize funding for projects that reflect this stance.

To support this policy, EMCTC will:

- Address equity outcomes. As an example, areas of East Multnomah County show how disinvestment in transportation has led to poorer outcomes for BIPOC. East Multnomah County does not have jobs and economic opportunities comparable to other areas in the metropolitan region, and residents must travel longer distances by bus, bike or on foot.

- Focus on public health outcomes seen in the traffic crash and fatalities data and how it relates to historic disinvestment in these areas.
- Evaluate and strive to ensure that investments supported by EMCTC are designed and implemented so as not to displace current residents or business owners.
- Evaluate all projects and topics by asking, “Will this increase or decrease success in terms of safety, economic opportunity or access for our BIPOC and low income residents?”

#### Proposed approach for Tolling policy statement

EMCTC recognizes that tolling and mobility pricing influence all transportation discussions around the region. EMCTC is committed to staying informed and providing input to regional discussions based on how these initiatives impact the safety, equity, and economic opportunities of East Multnomah County residents.

To support this approach, EMCTC will:

- Discuss tolling and pricing monthly with the goal of articulating a policy statement in Summer 2022.
- Develop more understanding on this topic, including best practices on tolling and mobility pricing implementation around the world.
- Understand the various pricing options and evaluate them through the lens of equity, safety, and economic opportunity.
- Be prepared to advocate for those initiatives that benefit East Multnomah County residents.