Successful Partnerships: Strategies for Multi-field and Cross-Sector Collaborations

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Connecting People, Issues, and Organizations for a Region where People and Nature Flourish
CLF’s Key Goals

- Increase Equity – Ensuring Planning for Sustainability Includes Equity
- Balance our Transportation System by Putting People Before Cars
- Collaborate to Build Power and Maximize Impact
Why Cross-Disciplinary Partnerships Matter for Advancing Health Equity?

- The issues are big
- Issues associated with health equity are not isolated
- Systemic change to address health disparities requires all sectors to be involved
Transportation Health Equity Working Group – An Example of a New Health Equity Effort

“transportation equity is fairness in transportation funding and decision-making that results in equal access and well-being for all people.”

T.H.E. Working Group members presented at and attended CLF’s Annual Regional Livability Summit
Most Essential Ingredient for Successful Collaboration....

BUILDING TRUST
“It’s a great place, but that’s not good enough...the seeds of decay that brought down other cities are here.”

– Myron Orfield, national expert on regionalism and equity planning.

Metro Region 2040. A Key Opportunity for Organizing
Successful Collaboration
Ingredient 2: Advocacy from Unusual Suspects
Successful Collaboration
Ingredient 3: Building Capacity to Participate

- Finding resources early
- Identifying overlapping objectives and mapping out roles
- Building simple communication tools and methods to stay connected
Challenges to Successful Cross-Discipline Collaboration

- Managing Conflicts
- Anticipating Problems
- Tension between a Larger Coalition and Smaller Group
- Staff Transitions
- Sustaining Engagement when “my organization’s issue” isn’t on the table
- Lack of Adaptability
- Lack of “Impartial” Convener
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