

Towards Equitable Electric Mobility (TEEM) Community of Practice

BACKGROUND:

The current transportation system presents challenges for racial equity, access, and climate change goals. It is the largest source of air pollution in the United States, with environmental and health implications disproportionately experienced in low-income communities of color. For many, poor access to transportation is a barrier stemming from policies that have discriminated on the basis of race. Today transportation is the second-highest household expense for most people, and a person's commute time is the most critical factor in their chances of escaping poverty.

Innovative programs utilizing electric transportation can address many of these challenges. The formation of partnerships between racial equity advocates and traditional environmental organizations is vital to ensure that such programs are approved, funded, and implemented successfully.

If transportation and electrification programs are designed to work for historically underserved communities, they will work better for all communities and will maximize their environmental and economic benefits.



PURPOSE OF THE TEEM COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE:

We aim to establish a community of advocates to share policy goals, build relationships and develop mutual commitments towards advancing racial equity, electric transportation, and climate change goals. Currently, we are working in four states: Colorado, Illinois, North Carolina, and Virginia. We plan to grow this list in future years.



A COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE IS:

A group of people that share a collective overall view of an issue and yet bring their individual perspectives on any given problem to create a social learning system that goes beyond the sum of its parts. TEEM will provide hands-on support directly to member organizations in states from across the U.S., while also building a community among these teams in which they can learn from and support one another across state lines.

CORE ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

- Co-learning opportunities with experts in mobility equity, electric vehicles, policy advocacy, and campaign development and implementation
- Community building and networking
- State specific strategizing and brainstorming for a TEEM national agenda
- Capacity building funding for equity/environmental justice organizations
- Capacity building and knowledge sharing with mobility and transportation electrification experts
- Co-development of equitable and clean mobility tools, resources, and strategies

TEEM COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE FIRST YEAR COHORT



COLORADO

- Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition
- Conservation Colorado
- Energy Outreach Colorado
- Mile High Connects
- Southwest Energy Efficiency Project



ILLINOIS

- Active Transportation Alliance
- Center for Neighborhood Technology
- Elevate Energy
- Illinois Citizens Utility Board
- Respiratory Health Association



VIRGINIA

- Ceres
- Generation 180
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance
- Virginia Environmental Justice Collaborative
- Virginia Organizing



NORTH CAROLINA

- North Carolina Justice Center
- Sierra Club
- Sol Nation
- Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
- Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance

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