



Our Transportation Equity Principles & Vision

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We at Zeitgeist believe that everyone **regardless of age, ability, income, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, nationality, religion, or place of residence** has a right to:

1.

Transportation Infrastructure

that supports healthy, clean, safe, attractive, and connected neighborhoods and environments, including protected, accessible, and well-maintained *in all seasons*: sidewalks, multimodal paths and trails, bus shelters, bike parking, and pedestrian-privileged crosswalks.

2.

A Range of Mobility Options

that are accessible, affordable, and safe, e.g. free of discrimination, harassment, microaggressions, and threats to physical and emotional well-being.

3.

A Public Transit System

that reliably, efficiently, affordably, and safely connects people to life's necessities, goods, and services year-round: home, work, school, essential service centers, healthcare centers, places of worship, recreation centers, parks and green spaces, etc.

4.

Information About Transportation Routes & Options

that is legible, accessible, regularly updated, culturally reflective, and made widely available across community platforms, including digital and analog.

We believe that Transportation Equity begins with understanding present barriers to the above and the reasons for these barriers rooted in historic injustice.



We also believe that Transportation Equity requires everyone of all ages, abilities, income levels, races, gender identities, sexual orientations, ethnicities, nationalities, religions, and places of residence **advocating for structural change to provide for healthier living opportunities for all.**



Our Team at Zeitgeist is committed to uplifting transportation equity issues and solutions across Duluth. We envision:

- 1. No Community Getting Left Behind** with demographic considerations of age, ability, income, race, and place of residence being incorporated into all master transportation plans; along with a just transition for communities dependent on current highway-centered transportation systems to a more public, accessible, and cleaner multimodal transportation network.

2.

Dedicated & Sustainable Public Funding for Transportation

along with the rapid transition of our transit and school bus systems to non-polluting, renewable-energy powered systems.

3.

Living Wages, Benefits, Safe Working Conditions & Union Rights

for transit workers, including those who manufacture transit equipment and work in school bus systems.

We also support and envision access to family-sustaining transit jobs and training opportunities for people from underserved communities.

4.

Street & Neighborhood Design

incorporating accessible, environmentally-friendly multimodal transportation options to reduce single occupancy vehicles and allow communities to connect and thrive.



If you support the above, if you'd like to provide us with feedback, and/or if you'd like to add your organization's statement to the above, please reach out at americorps@zeitgeiststarts.com.



This document is composed by members of the Community Development Team at Zeitgeist in collaboration with members of our Transportation Equity Committee and informed by the Labor Network for Sustainability's Transit Equity Day Principles: www.labor4sustainability.org/transit-equity-2022.

It is subject to change based on our progressing understanding of the issues and feedback from our community.