

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



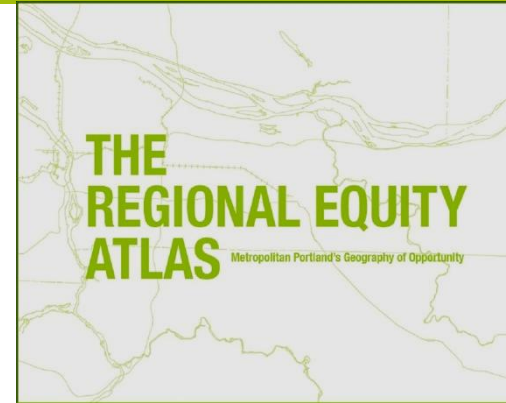
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CLF's Key Goals

- **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



T.H.E. Working Group members presented at and attended CLF's Annual Regional Livability Summit

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

**Most Essential Ingredient for Successful
Collaboration....**

BUILDING TRUST

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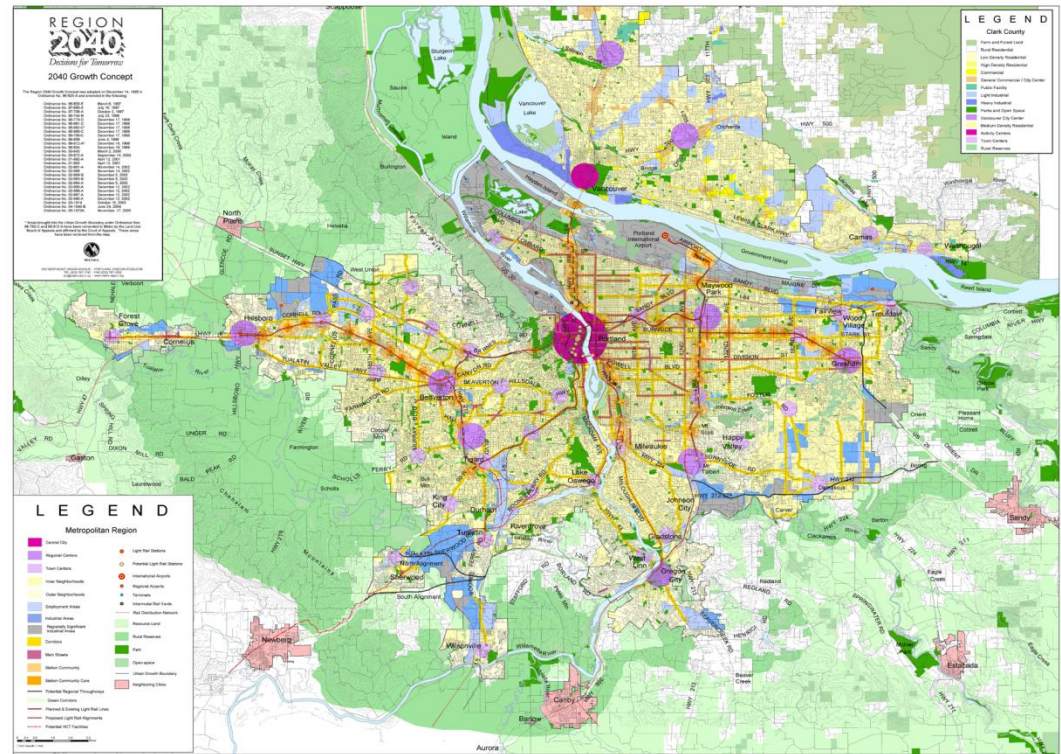
Ingredient 1. A Place to Focus



“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.
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for Organizing**



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Ingredient 2: Advocacy from Unusual Suspects



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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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