

# Hwy 252/I-94 Equity & Health Assessment (EHA) Equity and Health Neighborhood Advisors -- Meeting #4

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 | 5:00pm to 7:00pm

North Regional Library - 1315 Lowry Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55411 Zoom

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## Attendees

### EHNA members:

1. John Wexler, Brooklyn Park
2. Tara McCarthy, Brooklyn Center
3. Nahid Khan, Brooklyn Center
4. Darryl Sannes, Brooklyn Center
5. Jim Wynne, Brooklyn Center
6. Sherri Orr, Minneapolis
7. Akia Vang, Minneapolis
8. Michael Svard, Brooklyn Park

### Staff and consultants:

1. Allison Bell, Bellwether Consulting
2. Ayantu Gameda, Bellwether Consulting
3. C Terrence Anderson, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs
4. Dale Gade, SRF Consulting
5. Nissa Tupper, MnDOT
6. Aaron Tag, MnDOT
7. Don Demers, SRF Consulting
8. Jerome Adams, MnDOT

# Notes

## 1. Get started - C Terrence Anderson

C Terrence Anderson welcomed EHNA members back after a pause in meetings over the holidays and to recalibrate the EHA process. During the pause, he met with a few EHNA members during 1 on 1s to discuss any questions or comments they had. That information will be summarized and shared when all meetings are complete.

## 2. Targeted Engagement of Historically Marginalized Communities - Dale Gade

Dale Gade presented a PowerPoint presentation (see attached) about the proposed community engagement plan.

- Equity has not been considered in transportation traditionally
- SDD Public comment period – June/July 2022
- EHA and SDD are separate processes, meeting at the SDD public comment period
- Complete Memo 1 by Feb 18<sup>th</sup>
- Once Memo 1 is complete, do engagement for:
  - Validation
  - Missing data
  - Priority of the data
- EHA is something new. We have to understand the priorities and that we're incorporating that feedback.

### Discussion:

- MnDOT is committed to listening to the feedback. Is MnDOT also committed to making changes to the SDD based on it? Staff need to see the recommendations in order to understand changes, but know we are committed to this process action. The project needs to benefit North Minneapolis, Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park. We also have to look at what happens on local roads in addition to the highway and interstate. This is a big project.
- How does the EHA connect to the project? If there's not a feedback loop, then how do they connect? The EHA and SDD are independent processes that meet at the SDD public comment period. The EHNA is supporting working to identify health and equity priorities and will assess the project alternatives against these priorities. This will be document and provided to MnDOT as public input during the public comment period.

### 3. Equity and Health Baseline Condition Indicators – Brian McLafferty

[Brian McLafferty](#) presented a PowerPoint presentation ([see attached](#)) regarding the creation of Memo 1 and the baseline condition indicators. The indicators focus on population health, determinants of healthy and transportation health pathways. The selected health indicators reveal differences in health conditions along the corridor by neighborhood, race/ethnicity, and income.

Baseline Condition Indicator Follow-Up Questions:

- What stands out to you?
- How do you experience them?
- What's missing?

Discussion:

- What about schools in that area? Reaching out to families and students
- People within the community. Certain communities have different challenges. People on the east side versus the west side of 252 have different perspectives.
- Who is writing the Reports 1 and 2? The consultant team, SRF and Bellwether will write these reports. Report 1 is a documentation of available data and Report 2 is a documentation of community-identified priorities.
- Is there an inverse relationship between wealth and broadband?
- Would like to see population with commutes less than 30 geographically. Would like to see commute mode share by race. Looking at white collar versus blue collar, you may see different commute types and travel patterns.