

Regional Equity Working Group invites new participants

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Community members are invited to participate in the Spokane Regional Equity Working Group. A collaborative citizens group led by the Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) and the Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD), participants discuss regional equity topics ranging from transportation to public health and more.

SRTC first instated the group in January 2024, which was created based on a recommendation from the Equity Planning Framework produced in 2022 by SRTC's Board, Committees and staff.

"Since its founding, participants from across the county have shared important input and feedback about transportation equity that has influenced SRTC's plans, projects and processes," said SRTC Associate Transportation Planner, Michael Redlinger. "These conversations help our agencies understand community needs and priorities and how our work can align with them."

Now, the Equity Working Group is expanding under a partnership between SRHD and SRTC to broaden the group's impact and topics of conversation.

"We are excited to combine forces with SRTC to strengthen equity conversations across our region," said SRHD Health Equity Manager Devyn Bell. "Co-leading this group with SRTC will ensure SRHD's work continues to meet the communities' needs, and that we're incorporating the voices of everyone into our programs. This work aligns well with our strategic plan, and I look forward to better integrating co-creation practices into SRHD's work."

This group is open to anyone. There are no requirements to participate in any number of meetings. The last meeting of 2025 will be in a hybrid format on December 4, from 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm. The agenda includes a discussion on the group's 2025 impact and a look into 2026.

Meeting information and past presentations can be found at <https://srtc.org/ewg>. Interested participants are also encouraged to contact Redlinger at mredlinger@srtc.org or (509) 343-6377.

"We are excited to see the new perspectives that will come to the table in 2026 and the impact that they will have across the region. Important change starts with community conversations, and we are proud to be a part of work fostering them," said Redlinger.

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About the Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC)

SRTC is the lead transportation planning agency for Spokane County. Important planning and funding decisions are made by the Board of Directors, which is comprised of elected officials and local leaders. SRTC provides data, plans, funding, and more. Visit SRTC's [about page](#) to learn more.

About the Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD)

Spokane Regional Health District is a leader and partner in public health by protecting, improving and promoting the health and well-being of all people through evidence-based practices. SRHD is

one of 35 local public health agencies serving Washington state's 39 counties. Visit www.srhd.org for comprehensive, updated information about SRHD and its triumphs in making Spokane a safer and healthier community. Like SRHD on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#) to receive safety and wellness tips.

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