

# Memorandum

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## **Summary:**

Charles T. Brown, a national thought leader and leading voice in encouraging social equity in transportation, will provide an overview of transportation equity.

## **Background:**

Charles T. Brown is the founder and managing principal of Equitable Cities LLC—a nationally known urban planning, policy and research firm working at the intersection of transportation, health, and equity. He serves as a senior researcher with the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center and adjunct professor at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, both at Rutgers University. He also serves as a 2020 Fellow within the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication in Partnership with The OpEd Project.

With more than 15 years of public and private sector, military, and academic experience, he has gained international attention for helping to create safe, healthy and livable communities. His recent and notable contributions through research and practice include understanding the barriers to biking and walking for women and minorities, analyzing the impact of crime on walking frequency and propensity, centering and prioritizing equity in transportation planning and decision-making, analyzing barriers to accessing parks and open spaces, and serving as an instructor for the Smart Growth America, National Transit Institute, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Highway Administration, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Walkability Action Institute. He holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Central Florida.