

# Anti-Displacement and Community Stability

*Helping communities stay together*

Transportation improvements can make life better for community members of all incomes, abilities and backgrounds. However, investments have sometimes resulted in the displacement of nearby families and businesses due to construction and/or rising property values. In the Portland area, the negative economic, social and psychological impacts of displacement have been borne disproportionately by communities of color and low-income communities.

The Anti-Displacement and Community Stability program builds on the approach that Metro, local partners and community members pioneered to prevent displacement along the planned Southwest Corridor MAX light rail project. The program would bring neighbors and business owners together to identify strategies to prevent displacement and encourage equitable development in corridors where major investments are planned.

The program would also establish a regional coalition of community leaders to provide expertise, facilitate shared learning among communities, and allocate funds to implement local strategies. Community members who live and work in each corridor would advise Metro and its partners through corridor-based implementation committees and/or focus groups.

## Proposed investments

The scope of this program's investments in each corridor would be identified with and by community based on the needs, proposed Get Moving investments and previous anti-displacement and community organizing work in each. Program resources will be directed to these action areas through community-based decision-making:

- Housing advocacy (tenant engagement, anti-displacement services)
- Equitable Housing (investments to support development of affordable housing, such as community planning and site identification, to prepare for leveraging other affordable housing resources including the Get Moving Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund, and other public/private resources )
- Business Stabilization (business support services, lending and capital access)
- Workforce Stabilization (job training, career coaching for local residents)
- Capacity Building/Leadership Training (cohort-based, intergenerational leadership training led by community-based organizations, in partnership with Metro and other agencies)
- Community Investment and Placemaking (sub-grants to invest in neighborhoods and placemaking)

## Outcomes

- **Advance racial equity.** Engagement and community-led strategic planning focused on communities of color, facilitated by trusted community-based organizations.
- **Invest in long-term community stability.** Prevent displacement and expand access to affordable home ownership.
- **Leverage investments in affordable housing.** Increased access to affordable housing near transit. Expanded access to housing information, particularly for those with limited English proficiency.
- **Drive an equitable economic recovery.** Stabilize businesses and support workers.

## Considerations for implementation/practice

- Align funding from other regional investment programs
- Focus on community-led implementation of programs and practices
- Consider contracting equity standards during program implementation