

## **East West Gateway's Equity Advisory Group (EAG)**

The EAG is a diverse group of regional stakeholders and community leaders whose purpose is to work collaboratively with the ICF Team and East West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG), build community awareness and trust, aid in ongoing engagement for the Long-Range Plan update, and advise on issues associated with equitable transportation.

### **COMPOSITION AND PURPOSE**

The group is comprised of 15-25 individuals who represent the diverse interests and communities across the St. Louis region. It includes two representatives from EWG's Board of Directors, a designee of each member of the Board's Executive Advisory Committee, civic and community organizations, business representatives, and regional stakeholders. Members of this group will have an early opportunity to review and provide feedback on regional priorities and values that will inform the region's transportation guiding principles. These guiding principles are the driving force behind transportation investments and decision-making in the region over the next several decades. In addition, this group will provide input on the region's transportation equity investment analysis and will be tasked with promoting participation in public meetings and open houses and helping identify opportunities for pop-up events and speaking engagements at local meetings of other civic and community groups and neighborhood associations.

### **IDENTIFICATION OF MEMBERS**

Working collaboratively with the ICF Project Team, EWG Board and staff, and other designated representatives, a list of potential EAG members will be comprised. Others to be considered for membership include, but are not limited to, representatives of civic and community-based organizations such as:

- NAACP – Illinois & Missouri
- Urban League
- International Institute of St. Louis
- Metropolitan Congregations United
- United Congregations of Metro East
- St. Louis Clergy Coalition
- League of Women Voters
- The Municipal League of Metro St. Louis
- Southwestern IL Council of Mayors
- United Way of Greater St. Louis
- Beyond Housing
- St. Patrick's Center
- St. Louis Public Schools
- Paraquad
- OATS
- Mideast Area Agency on Aging
- Illinois Area Agency on Aging - AgeSmart Community Resources
- AARP
- Greater St. Louis, Inc.
- Asian American Chamber of Commerce
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Bosnian Chamber of Commerce
- Metro, St. Clair County Transit, Madison County Transit

### **MEETING REQUIREMENTS**

This group is anticipated to meet at least three times over the course of the project with the first meeting taking place in late February/early March 2022.