

Being Black and Brown in public: **How safety, harassment and** **policing shape mobility**

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Policed, harassed, and excluded: Addressing transportation safety needs among vulnerable populations

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How does safety, harassment,
and policing affect **black** and
brown mobility?

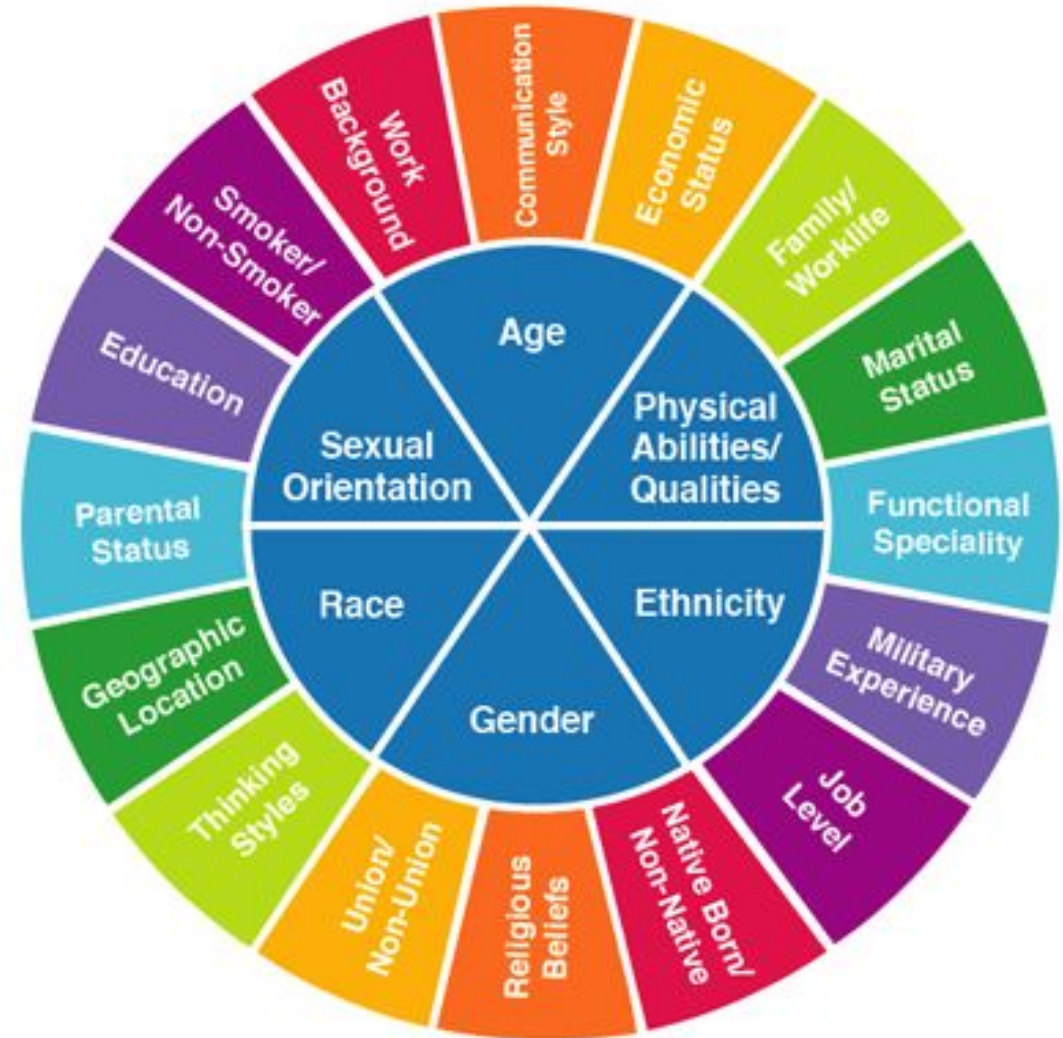


Equity

- Equity involves trying to understand and give **people** what they need to enjoy full, healthy lives.
- Equity is the presence of justice and fairness within the procedures, processes, and distribution of resources by institutions or systems.
- Facing equity issues requires an understanding of the underlying or root causes of inequalities and oppression within our society.

Consideration of Social Identities

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*Transportation continues to be
weaponized as a tool of oppression
within society.*



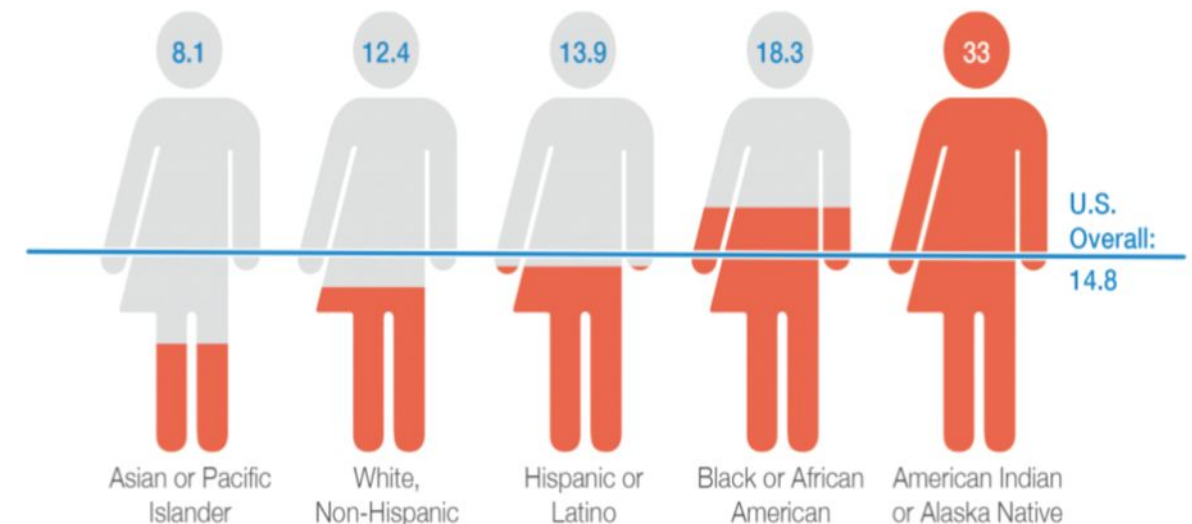
Safety: Walking while Black and Brown

People of color

“Between 2008 and 2017, Black/African-Americans were **72% more likely** to have been struck and killed by drivers while walking.”

People of color are disproportionately represented in fatal crashes involving people walking.

Relative pedestrian danger by race and ethnicity, 2008-2017



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BY DESIGN



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National Complete
Streets Coalition

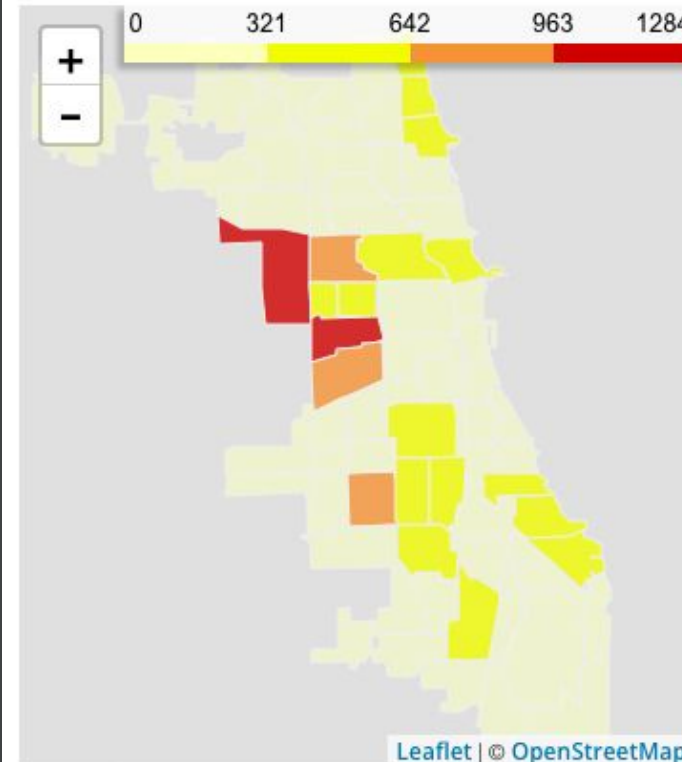
Policing: Biking while Black and Brown

City of Chicago

- Top 10 communities = 7 AA and 3 Latino.
- Not a single majority-white area ranked in the top 10.
- More than twice as many citations were given to AA.

Cycling infractions

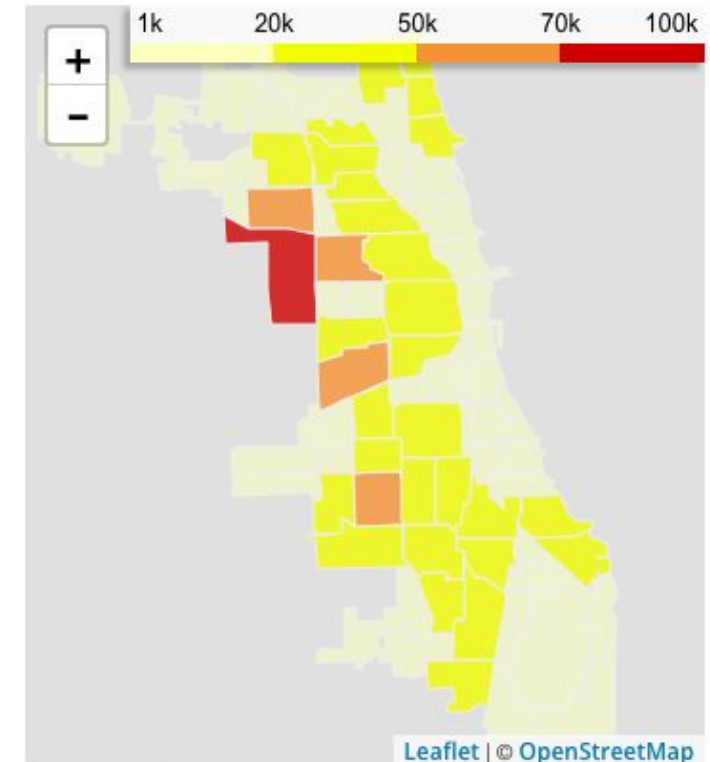
Jan. 4, 2008-Sept. 22, 2016, by community area



Source: Chicago Police Department

Nonwhite population

2010-14, by community area



Sources: U.S. census data analyzed by Rob Paral and Associates

Harassment: Existing while Trans

Transgender people

- At least 20 transgender people have been killed
- Often profiled by police as engaging in sex work
- Receives little to no attention in research

Arrested for Walking While Trans: An Interview with Monica Jones



By Chase Strangio, Deputy Director for Transgender Justice, ACLU LGBT & HIV Project
APRIL 2, 2014 | 11:19 AM

TAGS: Criminal Law Reform, Transgender Rights, LGBT Rights, Reproductive Freedom, Women's Rights, HIV



In Phoenix, Arizona, you can be arrested for repeatedly stopping and engaging a passerby in conversation. This may, under Phoenix law, be evidence that you are "manifesting" an intent to engage in prostitution. Of course, this could also be evidence that you are lost or canvassing for a political group or simply talking about the weather. The difference between "innocent" and "criminal" behavior





Vehicle-Pedestrian Crashes in Communities of Concern





Understanding Barriers to Biking Among Blacks & Latinos



Understanding Barriers to Biking Among Black & Latino Women



Camden Bikeshare Feasibility and Pilot Demonstration Project



Analyzing Pedestrian Safety at Bus Stops



Impact of Crime on Walking Frequency and Propensity



PFB Focus Groups in 10 Big Jump Cities Project



City of Baltimore: Bikeshare Equity and Access



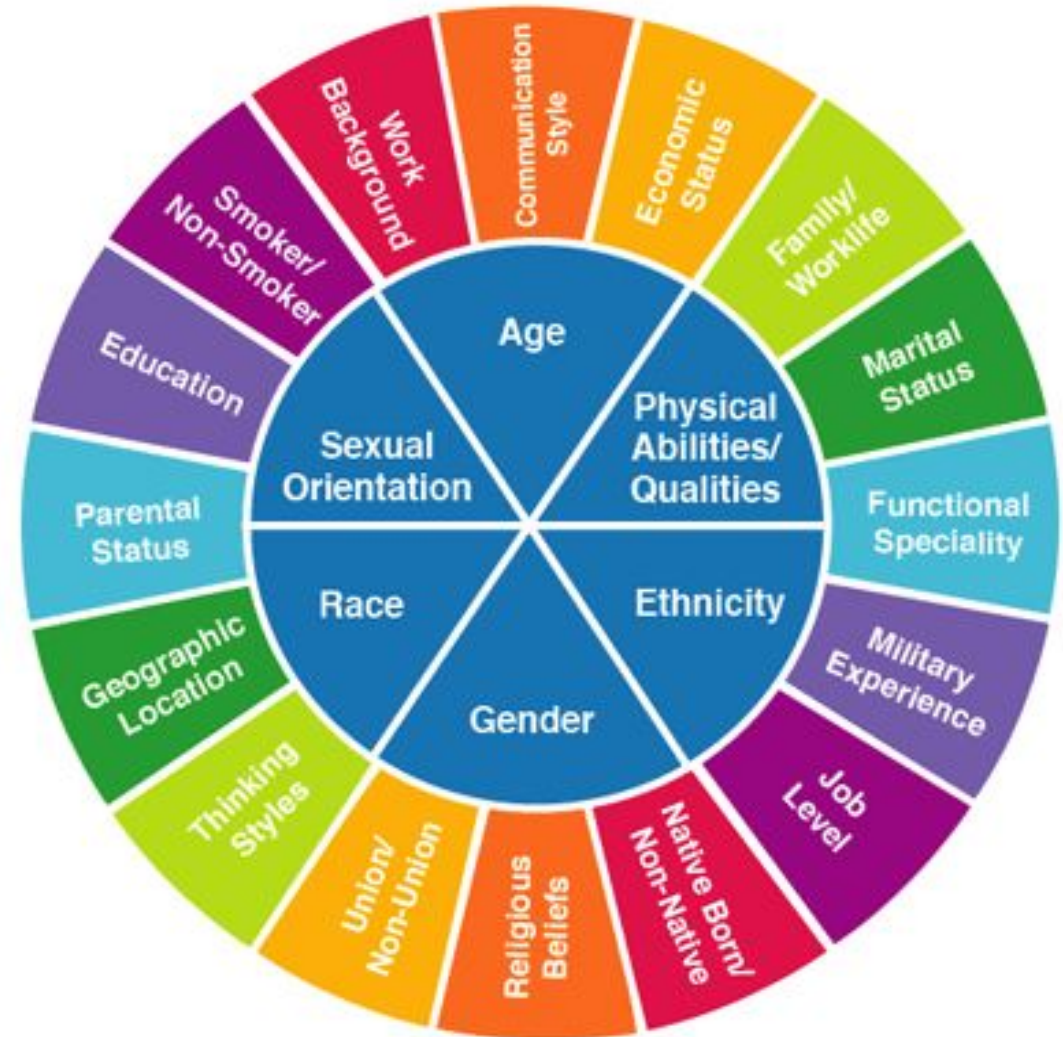
Race, Place and Public Space: Biking while Black in NYC



City of Louisville (KY): Reimagining Broadway Avenue

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Equity Actions: The Time is Now!

- ACTION #1: INSTITUTIONALIZE COMMITMENT TO EQUITY THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF A CITYWIDE RACIAL EQUITY ACTION PLAN (*RACIAL/ETHNIC EQUITY*)

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- ACTION #2: FOSTER MORE EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF DIVERSE LANGUAGES IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE, COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING, AND PLANNING PROCESSES (*LANGUAGE EQUITY/ACCESS*)

Equity Actions: The Time is Now!

- ACTION #3: PRIORITIZE STREET AND BIKEWAY INVESTMENTS, AND MAINTENANCE IN COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN (COC'S) *(RACIAL & SPATIAL EQUITY)*

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- ACTION #4: SAFEGUARD AGAINST DISCRIMINATORY ENFORCEMENT (*RACIAL/ETHNIC EQUITY*)

Equity Actions: The Time is Now!

- ACTION #5: ENSURE THE FULL AND FAIR PARTICIPATION OF LOW-INCOME AND MINORITY COMMUNITIES IN THE TRANSPORTATION DECISION-MAKING PROCESS (*PROCESS EQUITY*)

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- **ACTION #6: DOCUMENT AND INCREASE MOBILITY AND ACCESS FOR THE ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITY**
(ABILITY EQUITY)

Equity Actions: The Time is Now!

- ACTION #7: EVALUATE AND MITIGATE THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF IMPROVED MOBILITY AND ACCESS ON LOW-INCOME AND MINORITY COMMUNITIES (*INCOME EQUITY*)

Equity Actions: The Time is Now!

- ACTION #8: ENGAGE WITH WOMEN TO DEEPEN UNDERSTANDING OF BEHAVIOR AND USAGE DIFFERENCES TO IMPROVE OVERALL ACCESS AND MOBILITY (*GENDER EQUITY*)

Equity Actions: The Time is Now!

- **ACTION #9: MAP THE CORRELATION BETWEEN CRIME AND TRAFFIC VIOLENCE THROUGH CLUSTER DATA ANALYSIS**

Equity Actions: The Time is Now!

- ACTION #10: ENGAGE WITH FOREIGN-BORN POPULATIONS TO DEEPEN UNDERSTANDING OF BEHAVIOR AND USAGE DIFFERENCES TO IMPROVE OVERALL ACCESS AND MOBILITY (*CULTURAL EQUITY*)

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- **ACTION #11: ENCOURAGE LAW ENFORCEMENT TO DOCUMENT THE RACE/ETHNICITY OF ALL USERS INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC STOPS AND ACCIDENTS**

Equity Actions: The Time is Now!

- ACTION #12: INCREASE INVESTMENTS IN PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE (*MODAL EQUITY*)

BONUS Equity Actions: The Time is Now!

- ACTION #13: GO TO THE **STREETS** AND LISTEN TO THE **PEOPLE**



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THANK YOU

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