Talking Transition for a Greater Houston

As long as “inclusive community engagement” lacks meaning, discipline, and rigor, we can’t build the equitable and inclusive cities we desire. This panel will explore strategies to empower residents and engage in authentic policy and planning discussions with community members.

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to noon
Location: 332

Daphne Lemelle | Frances Valdez | Michelle Tremillo | Graciana Garces | Andrea Schlesinger
Celebrating Diversity Along Brays Bayou Greenway

Bike along Brays Bayou Greenway and experience the diversity of parks and people that this linear park connects. Participants will stop at Mason Park (nature), Gragg Park (history), Smither Park (art), MacGregor Park (community), and Hermann Park (signature park).

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $98.00
Doreen Stoller | Marissa Llosa | Elizabeth White | Chip Place

Engaging Youth in Evolving Metropolitan Environments

Youth build vibrant communities! Partner with the City of Houston to realize its Texas Children in Nature plan. Participants will learn strategies to engage youth, practical applications through activities with local youth, and actionable steps to inform the strategic plan of the city.

April 25, 12:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $70.00
Lispeth Tibbits-Nutt | Jessica Garrow, AICP | Anna Laybourn, AICP | Corrin Hoegen Wendell, AICP | Monica Tibbits-Nutt, AICP

Big City Planning Directors: Equitable City

Across the country, poverty, housing affordability, and displacement are becoming growing challenges for many communities. Learn how the nation's largest cities are addressing these social equity crises.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Location: 330

Andrew Trueblood | Samuel Assefa | Anita Laremont | Petra Hurtado, PhD | Amy Cotter
Saturday, April 25 | 1:15 p.m.

**Explore the New Northside Bike Network**

Explore the rapidly expanding bike network in Houston’s north side neighborhoods. See new protected bike lanes implemented as part of an innovative county-city partnership and new trails providing access to jobs and greenspace in neighborhoods with limited historic investment.

April 25, 1:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2
Ticket Required

**Cost:** $90.00

Amar Mohite | Lisa Graiff | Tyler Golly | Lauren Grove | Robert Carleton, AICP

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Saturday, April 25 | 2:45 p.m.

**Engagement: Not Always Sunshine and Rainbows**

Engagement results in Austin, Texas, have varied from wildly successful to “needs more work.” Public engagement has been key to the land development code rewrite, transportation plan update, and retrofitting of existing corridors. Panelists will discuss strategies and lessons learned.

April 25, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: General Assembly B

Cheyenne Krause | Annick Beaudet, AICP | Warner Cook | Daniel Brooks

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Saturday, April 25 | 4:15 p.m.

**Human Trafficking: The Basics for Planners**

Learn about the indicators of sex and labor trafficking that planners might encounter. Explore how the responsibilities or resources of the planning department might be used to identify or prevent the incidence of human trafficking.

April 25, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: General Assembly A

Margaret Henderson | Adam Lovelady
Sunday, April 26

OurCounty Los Angeles: Equity in Sustainability

The Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office and community partners used an inclusive process to codevelop the first-ever Countywide Sustainability Plan. Learn about the methods used to elevate the perspectives and priorities of historically marginalized communities for this ambitious effort.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 332

Tamika Butler | Rita Kampalath | Christopher Rhie

Sunday, April 26 | 10:15 a.m.

Avoiding and Defending Against RLUIPA Claims

Planners must understand the unique requirements that apply to the regulation of religious land uses. Learn to identify possible conflicts before they arise, and explore ways to help guide a municipality and religious use to a mutually acceptable solution.

April 26, 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Location: General Assembly C

Hiram Sasser | Ryan Lee | Deborah Lawlor, FAICP

Sunday, April 26 | 12:30 p.m.

Changing the Conversation About Affordable Homes

Does your city lack quality homes for all incomes in all areas? Do NIMBYs thwart affordable home development by voicing opposition to public officials? Learn how to change the conversation about affordable home development, especially in areas of high opportunity.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Location: 351

April Finch | Ashley Allen | Mary Itz, AICP | Fatima Wajahat, AICP | Sasha Marshall
Mobility Planning from the Bottom Up

To be truly equitable and inclusive in disadvantaged communities, planners must center residents’ local expertise at every stage of a planning process. Learn from two participatory design professionals how and why to approach mobility planning from the bottom up.

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: 362

Chelina Odbert | Jerome Chou

Zoning for Equity

Rapid growth in North Texas is applying pressure on housing supply and affordability. This session explores the readiness of traditional zoning codes to address housing affordability demand, including the City of Dallas’s Mixed Income Development Bonus.

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: General Assembly A

Flora Brewer | Pamela Thompson | Andreea Udrea, AICP

Plan4Equity Forum

In the Plan4Equity forum, dive deep into actionable policy guidance crafted through an equity-in-all-policies focus on crossing-cutting topics and areas of planning. Learn how APA entities and others are using the new Planning for Equity Policy Guide and how to apply it in your workspace and planning practice.

April 26, 2:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Location: 332

Yaminah Noonoo | Edna Ledesma | Breanne Rothstein, AICP | April Jackson | AJ Fawver, AICP | Susan Wood, AICP | Elizabeth Tyler, FAICP | Miguel Vazquez, AICP

Parks Equity: Public Parks for All

Access to high-quality parks is essential for all communities, especially those in urbanized areas. This session explores how measuring and visualizing inequities in park access and quality gives cities tools to prioritize investment in parks where they are needed most.

April 26, 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: 310

Lisa Graiff | Charlie McCabe | Laura Marett
How to Harness Census/Election Year Organizing

Presidential elections coincide with the national census just once every 20 years. As states, cities, and nonprofits work to get the word out, how can we harness the momentum of this organizing effort to engage communities more deeply than ever?

April 27, 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
Location: General Assembly C

Mychal Batson | Sue Mobley | Jordy Yager | Nick Jenisch, AICP

Needs Assessment for Equitable Disaster Recovery

After Hurricane Harvey, the City of Houston used a new needs assessment approach to ensure that the housing damage estimates of the most vulnerable communities are included in the results and prioritized in disaster recovery housing programs.

April 27, 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.
Location: 320

Ray Miller | Inaki Sagarzazu | Mary Itz, AICP | Fatima Wajahat, AICP

Elevating the Culture of an Organization

Four women of color who are at the top of their organizations will share how they undertook the daunting task of elevating the culture of their organizations to be more inclusive, diverse and, equity-sensitive.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: 330

Larisa Ortiz | Chandra Frederick, AICP | Purnima Kapur | Maxine Griffith, FAICP | Jeanette Dinwiddie-Moore, FAICP
Monday, April 27 | 11:30 a.m.

**Housing for Educators Through Neighborhood Planning**

Tour Houston's Third Ward, a historically black neighborhood fighting gentrification, followed by a design charrette to engage planners, educators, and local stakeholders in a discussion of housing and business development for local teachers and residents.

April 27, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Food Included

**Cost:** $85.00

Chanelle Frazier | Jason Moreno | Stephania Alvarez | Andret Rayford

Monday, April 27 | 1 p.m.

**Multicultural Placemaking in Gulfton-Sharpstown**

Tour Houston's Gulfton-Sharpstown neighborhoods to experience placemaking initiatives under way in this multicultural mecca often referred to as America's modern-day Ellis Island. Learn how community leaders are reshaping their Right to the City through strategic partnerships and creative placemaking solutions.

April 27, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $60.00

Dian Nostikasari | Lisa Graiff | Luis Guajardo, AICP | Aisha Siddiqui | Anne Whitlock

Monday, April 27 | 1:15 p.m.

**Equity-Driven Park Planning**

Parks are critical for healthy communities. This session highlights the important connections between socioeconomic vulnerability, health equity, and park planning — and it provides a toolkit of strategies for creating transformative plans by reducing barriers to participation.

April 27, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: General Assembly C

Kathleen Coyne, AICP | Scott Dvorak, AICP | Parul Pillai | Marlon Connley | Amy Morris
Food Deserts: A Community-Driven Approach

Food desert conditions are complex and require a multidisciplinary team to adequately address. Working closely with residents of the study area, the Creating Access to Nutrition (CAN) Plan took a comprehensive approach to community engagement, problem-solving, and implementation in north Tulsa, Oklahoma.

April 27, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Location: 361

Regan McManus  |  Jenny Ryan  |  Mark Seibold, AICP

Monday, April 27 | 2:45 p.m.

Public Space for Complex Narratives

What are the implications of increasing demographic multiplicity for public space? This panel will explore planning processes and physical design strategies that planners/designers can use to enable public space that embodies the social complexity of the people they serve.

April 27, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: 330

Maki Kawaguchi  |  Diana Fernandez  |  Justin Moore, AICP  |  Elaine Kim

Using Technology for Healthy Communities Planning

There is evidence linking the quality of the built environment to health outcomes. Using this knowledge, opportunities exist to forward plan and design health and wellness in our communities. This session will demonstrate international and national data-driven approaches to healthy-communities planning.

April 27, 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: General Assembly A

Michael Chang  |  Jill Mead  |  Troy Hayes, AICP  |  Kelly Porter, AICP

Cross-Sector Collaboration: Participate in the Power!

How can cross-sector strategies improve health and equity? Listen as an expert panel representing planning, housing, transportation, public health, city attorneys, and social advocacy grapples with these issues in real time. Active audience participation is encouraged!

April 27, 2:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Location: 342

Umair Shah  |  Tracy McMillan  |  Sujata Srivastava  |  Reanne Estrada  |  Daniel Parolek  |  Gregory Miao  |  Erik Calloway
Monday, April 27 | 4:15 p.m.

Building Energy Equity into Climate Planning

As poverty increases and the need to address climate change is ever-apparent, examine how “energy insecurity” exacerbates socioeconomic planning conditions, and identify approaches aimed at broader participation and engaging people with the most to gain from successful climate planning.

April 27, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: 362

Dana Harmon | Gustavo Sandoval | Belinda Wordlaw, AICP

The Golden Pearl Neighborhood Typology

How do we move the conversation of equity beyond idealism and towards measurable outcomes? Join HousingNOLA for a session about defining, measuring, and tracking equity in New Orleans neighborhoods.

April 27, 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: 361

Andreanecia Morris | Mia Candy | Samantha Romain

Tuesday, April 28

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Screen Time: Digital Engagement in Transportation

Panelists will share their experiences with new solutions in transportation engagement including mobile advertising, 3D visualization, web-based mapping, and online surveying. What is the impact of language and technology access on the effectiveness of these solutions when introducing them in diverse communities?

April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Location: 310

Jefferson Grimes | Susan Howard | Jeremy Wyndham | John Norton, AICP | Nair Barrios, AICP

BETTMAN SESSION: Getting Smarter About Furthering Fair Housing

Under the Fair Housing Act, most American cities have a legal duty to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. This session will explore how cities and regions are crafting new and more effective ways to promote fair and inclusive housing choice.

April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Location: General Assembly C

Brian Connolly | Daniel Pontious | Heidi Aggeler | Donald Elliott, FAICP
Tuesday, April 28 | 10 a.m.

The Future of Resilient Communities Is Female

Join APA's Women and Planning Division and Transportation and Planning Division in a joint workshop capturing Houston's momentum highlighting how women are building the future of sustainable and resilient communities showcasing the transit system, Greater Third Ward, and the Port Authority.

April 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $85.00
Mackenzie Jarvis, AICP | Corrin Hoegen Wendell, AICP | Caroline Dwyer, AICP | Gabriela Juarez, AICP

Tuesday, April 28 | 10:15 a.m.

Scaling Arnstein’s Ladder: Trust and Power

Arnstein's Ladder of Citizen Participation has long guided planners, yet often community development planning efforts remain stuck in tokenism or placation. In this interactive workshop, experiment with strategies to enhance power-sharing and building community trust for stronger outcomes.

April 28, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 332

Angela Joy Donelson, AICP | Anna Darian

The Cultural Renaissance Shaping Destination Crenshaw

Hear about how innovative plans in South Los Angeles are supporting a cultural renaissance in the heart of Black Los Angeles. Learn how public and community partners, including the late Nipsey Hussle, spearheaded the effort for Destination Crenshaw.

April 28, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Location: 361

Kristen Gordon | Lakisha Hull, AICP | Faisal Roble