

## **Mobilizing Justice**

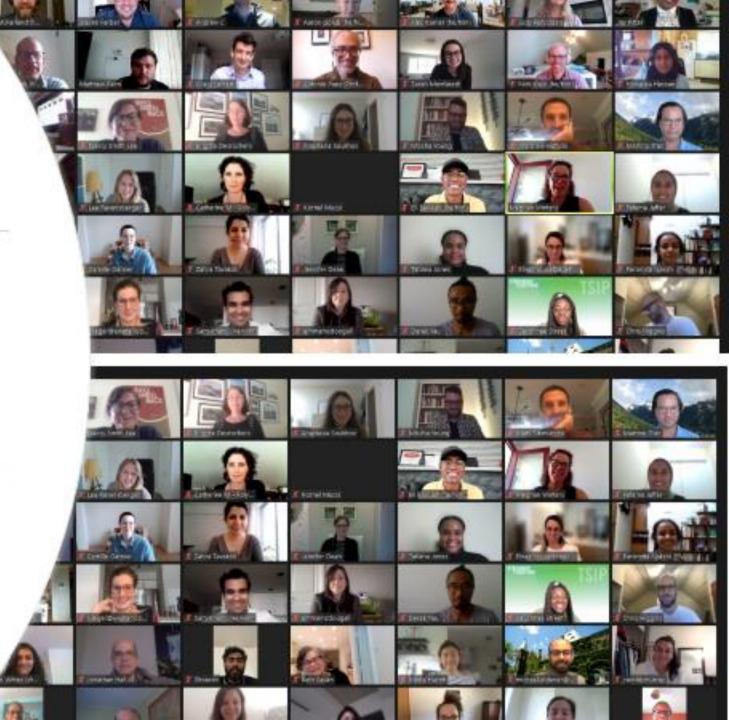
Towards Evidence-Based Transportation Equity Policy December 10, 2021 @mobilizingjust1



#### Mobilizing Justice (MJ) – A 5 Year Partnership

#### Mobilizing Justice is a

multidisciplinary and multi-sector partnership that will build sustainable connections for research and knowledge exchange to solve transportation inequities in Canadian cities and mobilize findings into action.



### An Intersectoral Partnership

#### **Municipal and Government Partners**







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## **1-National Survey**

- 20,000 Canadians on lowincomes
- Questions on aspirations, barriers, constraints, wellbeing, activity participation, suppressed travel, travel satisfaction, excess travel, etc.

Sometimes people are not able to do the things they want to do. In the past 12 months, which of the following were you not able to do when you wanted to?

#### Statements in row:

- 1. I did not go see a doctor or medical professional when I wanted to.
- 2. I did not go to religious services when I wanted to.
- 3. I did not go to a court appointment when I wanted to.
- 4. I did not go to get help with food, clothing, or shelter when I wanted to.

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- 5. I did not go to a community meeting when I wanted to.
- 6. I did not go to the grocery store when I wanted to.

Statements in column:

1. Yes

2. No

### National Survey—Data to Mobilize Action

## **Survey Shows Women Paying 'Pink**

**By ERIN DURKIN** 

On 74% of subway riders have been late to work due to delays in last 3 months, survey shows

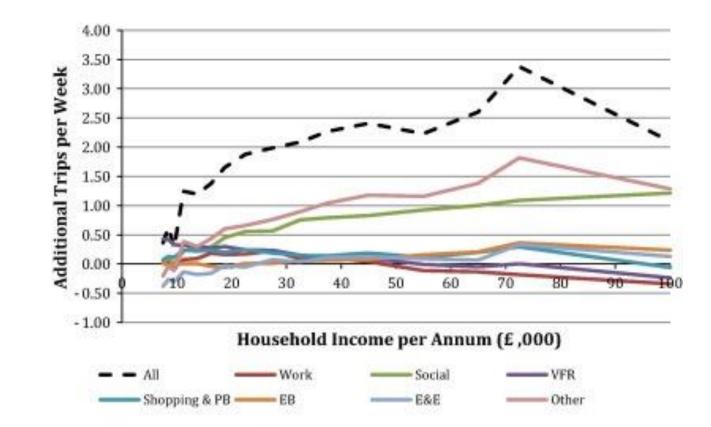
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Transportation issues shouldn't prevent anyone from getting to or from a doctor's appointment. But they do just that for an estimated 3.6 million Americans. Some o NEW YORK DAILY NEW individuals don't have cars or access to public transportation. Others can't afford t Ubers.



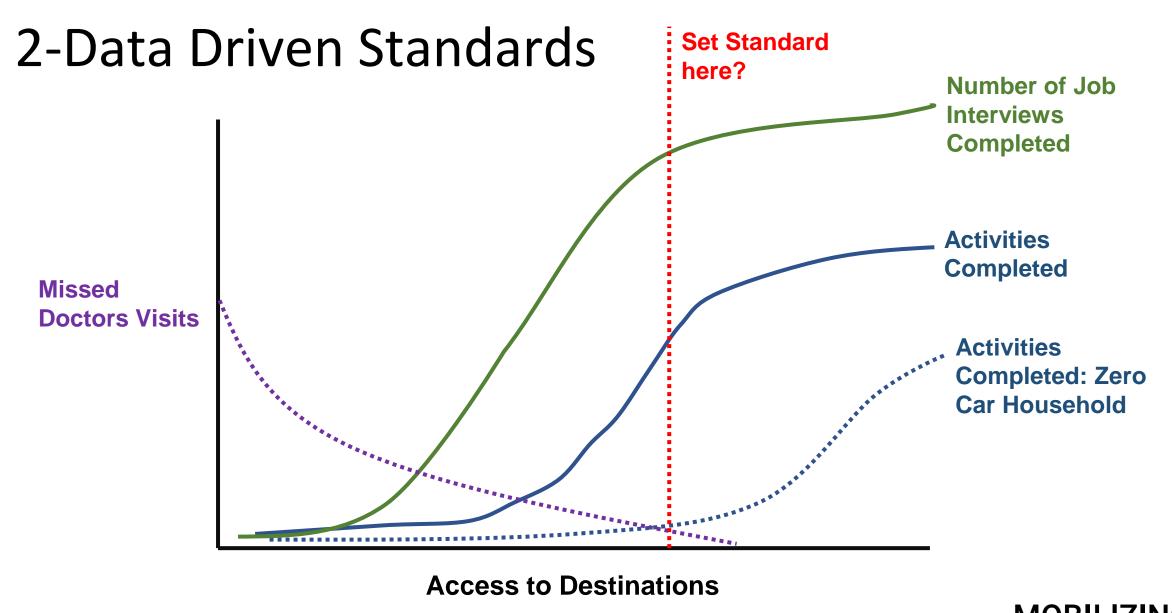
#### National Survey—Revisiting Concepts

- Suppressed Travel
  - The trips people do not make due to a lack of transportation.
- Excess Travel
  - The travel people have to make that they do not want to make (cant afford to live closer to work).



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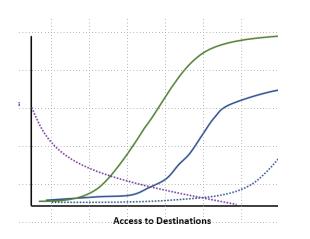
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#### 2-Data Driven Standards

**Our Analysis** 



Each additional 10,000 destinations reachable by transit correlates with 3 fewer missed appointments Increases accessibility by 10,000s jobs, on average, for 100,000 study area residents

**Your Project** 

Data

Ontario Line

Social Impacts in Business Cases



300,000 fewer missed appoints in study area (saving \$2.1 billion)



### From Theory to Specific Standards

- **Simple Equality**—the city ensures everyone is 400m from a bus stop. The federal government ensures every household has a car.
- Sufficientarianism—the city ensures everyone has enough transit accessibility to meet basic needs (10k destinations in 30 min?)
- Prioritarianism—the city prioritizes investments benefiting those with the least income and accessibility.
- Capabilities Approach—distribute resources such that everyone has equal capabilities, taking into account their needs.
  - 15 minute distances to key amenities, but amenities defined differently for different populations, plus minimum paratransit service standards, plus...



#### **3-Pilots**

- Experiments testing how new tech and policies impact transport poverty, including:
  - Innovative policies (e.g., congestion pricing, bus-only lanes)
  - New technologies (e.g., on-demand bus service, e-scooters, etc.)



#### Transforming what pilots measure

#### What pilots need to document to measure equity impacts

Change in spending on transportation

Changes in satisfaction

Improvements in perceived safety

Suppressed travel unlocked

#### **Traditional pilot metrics:**

Speed, ridership, wait times

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**Basic demographics** 

Changes in activity participation

Fewer missed appointments

Improved sense of community

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### An example of a pilot 'going deep' on equity



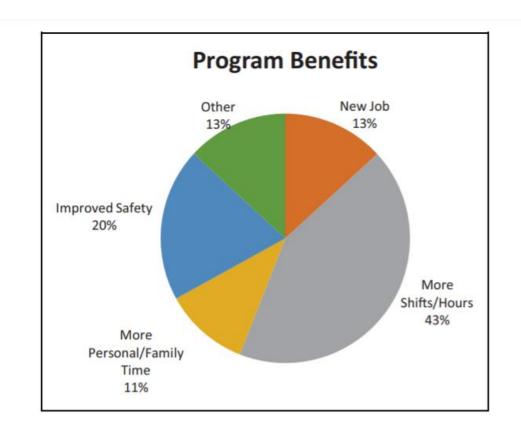


Figure 1. Self-reported benefits of participating in PTSA's (2017) "Late Shift" Program.



## **Cross-Cutting Themes**

- T1: Prioritizing Populations
  - How do we define transport poverty within a Canadian context?
  - What are the needs and barriers of specific population groups?
- T2: Transportation Modes
  - What barriers exist by mode, and how do people adapt or overcome them?
  - How should standards be tailored for motorized, active, and emerging modes?
- T3: Equitable Community Planning and Engagement
  - How should equity be incorporated into practice throughout the planning process?
  - How are transport investments linked to gentrification and displacement?
  - What are the professional barriers to achieving equity goals?



## Our Timeline

2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	National Survey Data Collected	National Survey Archived-StatsCar		
		First Iteration of Standards	Second Iteration of Standards	Open source tools & trainings
First Rour	nd of Pilots Second	Round of Pilots Third	d Round of Pilots	
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# Thank You

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