

Core Values

The Moving Maine Network is a statewide multi-sector collaborative working to improve access to transportation for all, with a focus on people who experience barriers. As we build the Network and work to increase coordination, spur innovation, and inform policy change, we are committed to grounding our actions in the following core values:

Place Equity & Inclusion First

We believe inclusive and equitable approaches are critical to improving transportation access. We strive to make our meetings and communications will be accessible and welcoming to older adults, people with disabilities, people with lower incomes, LGBTQ+, black, indigenous, and other communities of color, and other historically and currently underserved communities.

Center People with Lived Experience

We believe engaging and involving people with lived experience of transportation barriers is critical to the success of our work. This will involve looking at the inequitable effects of policies and services on historically and currently underserved communities and working to make positive change.

Connect, Share & Collaborate

We believe building infrastructure for relationships and idea-sharing amongst stakeholders generates solutions and action. Through open coordination among members and open sharing with the public, we support peer-to-peer education and awareness of community-centered solutions. By building partnerships across sectors and perspectives, we catalyze opportunities to take action on solutions for better transportation access.

Focus on Coordination & Efficiency

We believe that better coordination among transportation providers, non-transportation sectors – including public, private, and business sector entities – and transportation users is an essential element for ensuring Maine's transportation options efficiently and effectively meet the needs of people throughout the state.



Embrace Mobility as Fundamental to Health and Well-Being

We believe transportation access is a key ingredient to thriving communities and quality of life for individuals. We maintain a holistic perspective on transportation challenges in Maine by seeking to understand the daily needs and challenges, pre-existing assets, and long-term goals of families and individuals who use transportation.

Balance Sustainability, Innovation & Access

We believe that advancing environmental priorities and technological innovation can be done while centering equity for underserved populations. We seek to integrate equity considerations into championing efforts like expanded use of electric vehicles, technology for online trip planning, and alternatives to transportation like expanded access to broadband and telehealth. We also acknowledge the need to consider expanded access to more traditional means of transportation for those with fewer alternatives or means.

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