



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE BRIEFING

Environmental Justice Task Force  
Meeting  
January 14, 2020  
Vancouver, WA

# BARRIERS TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Access

Apathy/Burden

Communication

Potential for Influence

Representation

Process

Resources

Sovereignty

Trust

Types of Knowledge

# WORKTIME – BARRIERS TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**Using the Barrier to Public Participation document as your guide:**

1. Rank the top 3 most prevalent barriers you see.
2. Are there other barriers that you've seen that are not in this document?

# EXISTING EVALUATION TOOLS AND METRICS

We found examples in international, federal, state, and local government policy.

The subcommittee is also looking within community for examples.

## Examples:

- Transportation Research Board Public Involvement Effectiveness Measurement Toolkit (+report and webinar)
- King County/Seattle Foundation Communities of Opportunity baseline measurement and evaluation toolkit
- Communities of Opportunity Preliminary Partner Engagement Report and performance measures
- National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) public involvement evaluation tools
- Measuring the Effectiveness of Public Involvement in Transportation Planning and Project Delivery
- Public Health Seattle King County Duwamish Program Focus Group materials
- Bang the Table Public Participation Evaluation Frameworks
- US Forest Service publication on public participation in environmental decision-making
- Canadian policy on formally responding to stakeholder feedback

# DISCUSSION TIME – METRICS

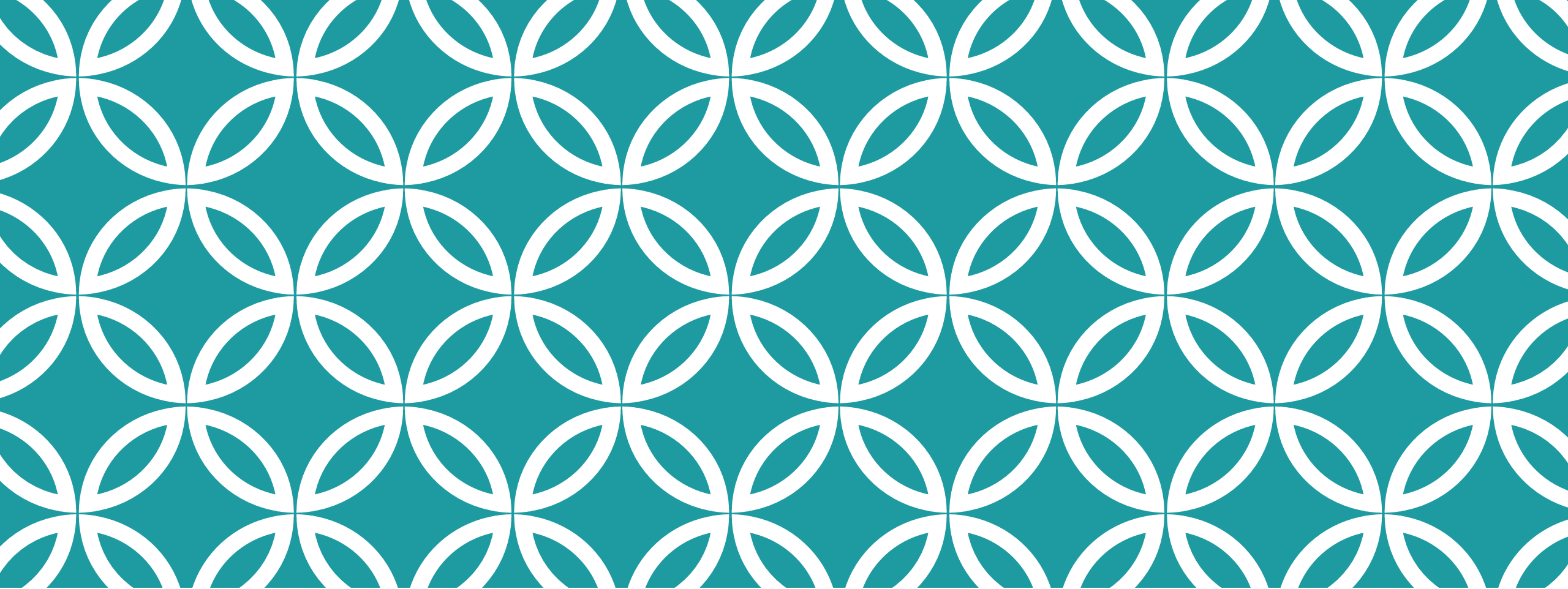
## Discuss with 1-2 people near you:

- Has your organization or agency evaluated how it does community engagement?
- **If so**, what did that work look like (e.g. a formal evaluation) & what did you learn?
- **If not**, what could this kind of evaluation look like for your work?

# DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:** *The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.*
- **State of California:** *The fair treatment of people of all races, cultures and income with respect to the development, adoption, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.*
- **Wikipedia:** *the "fair" distribution of environmental benefits and burdens*





**MORE DISCUSSION? QUESTIONS?**

