The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has received a 2022 Transportation Achievement Award in the Planning Category for moveDC: A Unique Approach to Long-Range Transportation Planning. The 25-year transportation plan for the District of Columbia, establishes goals, policies, strategies, and metrics for DDOT to invest in transportation facilities and programs that address the needs of Washingtonians across all eight wards. The Transportation Achievement Awards recognize excellence in the advancement of transportation to meet human needs, by entities concerned with transportation, such as governmental agencies, legislative bodies, consulting firms, industry partners, and other organizations. Awards are presented in five categories: Complete Streets, TSMO, Safety, Planning, and Traffic Engineering.

Over the next 25 years the District is projected to add more than 250,000 residents, 90,000 housing units, and almost 200,000 jobs. However, within a fully developed land area there are few opportunities to expand capacity on existing roads, build new roads, or provide space for vehicle parking. The District faced this challenge head on, ultimately adopting a plan that forgoes a staple element among statewide transportation plans: moveDC contains no roadway element. Instead, DC is looking to expand public transit, walking, and cycling to meet the mobility needs of residents, workers, and visitors.

The plan is centered on seven goals that were chosen to emphasize transportation equity in the District, reflecting the growing awareness of the history of inequitable provision of transportation policy, planning, and project delivery as well as the disproportionate and negative impact this has had on under-resourced communities. The moveDC strategy commits DDOT to advance transportation equity by evaluating its policies, planning, community engagement, and project delivery to ensure public investments in transportation justly benefit all.

To assist in implementing moveDC, DDOT developed a project and program selection scoring tool that rates each project or program against the moveDC goals, ultimately ranking them. In support of moveDC’s equity goal, DDOT has also developed an equity assessment tool which provides an equity rating and is integrated into the project selection tool to support selection of project and programs of that improve equitable outcomes.

Congratulations to DDOT team members Lezlie Rupert, PMP, and Madeline Hairfield. Read more.