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Charles T. Brown, MPA, CPD, LCI is the founder and managing principal of Equitable Cities LLC—a nationally known urban planning, policy, research and multimedia firm working at the intersection of transportation health, and equity. He serves as a senior researcher with the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center (VTC) and adjunct professor at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, both at Rutgers University. He also serves as a 2020 Fellow within the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication in Partnership with The OpEd Project.

With more than 17 years of public and private sector, military, and academic experience, he has gained international attention for helping to create safe, healthy, and livable communities. His recent and notable contributions through research and practice include understanding barriers to biking and walking for women and minorities; analyzing the impact of crime on walking frequency and propensity; centering and prioritizing equity in transportation planning and decision-making; analyzing barriers to accessing parks and open spaces; and, serving as an instructor for the Smart Growth America (SGA), National Transit Institute (NTI), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and CDC's Walkability Action Institute.

He has secured over \$5 million dollars for policy, planning and research projects at Rutgers University, and \$5.3 million in transportation enhancements for major community redevelopment projects during his tenure at the City of Orlando. More recently, he was one of the few national experts invited to advise CDC on the development of a new physical activity tool, and Smart Growth America on the development of an effective tool to create healthy and equitable communities. He also assisted the cities of Jersey City (NJ) and Orlando (FL) in the creation of their first-ever Vision Zero Action Plans and updates to their Bike Master Plans.

He has delivered over a dozen keynote addresses and workshops on the importance of health in all policies, health equity, and transportation equity to local, national and international audiences. He serves as a member of the Global Safety Advisory Board at Lime (micromobility), member of the Board of Directors with America Walks, and member of the Franklin Township Planning Board (NJ). He is also a member of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Pedestrian Safety Committee, Bicycle Transportation Committee, and former member of the Region II Healthy Equity Council. His work has been published in several international journals as well as featured by or quoted in the New York Times, Washington Post, Vice, Bloomberg CityLab and various other national outlets. He is a military veteran and a recipient of the Mississippi Commendation Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.