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The creation of a Task Force on Electric Micromobility will be instrumental to ensuring that the State of Oregon successfully leverages new transportation technologies to achieve broad state goals related to equity, safety, climate, and health. Research to date suggests both that micromobility services and modes present an opportunity to bridge historic transportation gaps and inequities; at the same time, however, they may also replicate systemic and historic inequities if not introduced and governed in thoughtful ways. Research also suggests that, in programs and services currently in operation, gaps may exist in understanding how well micromobility services deliver on stated goals due to a dearth of data and evaluation. A Task Force comprised of diverse organizational representatives with a range of perspectives can help to identify gaps, problem areas, and opportunities to help align electric micromobility with overarching state goals. While electric micromobility has now been around for several years, it remains flexible and relatively new. The time is therefore ripe to implement a Task Force to offer guidance proactively rather than reactively in the future.