

TRANSPORTATION JUSTICE PRINCIPLES

Transportation justice ensures that overburdened¹ communities have increased access to transportation, improvements to public health and safety and equity in transportation planning, policies and investment.

ACCESS

- All have access to sustainable, safe, affordable, and efficient transportation options and a complete transit system, regardless of ability, social-economic status, ethnicity/race, age, or gender
- Transportation options and land-use planning provide access to opportunities (*i.e., jobs, schools, affordable housing, etc.*) and goods and services (*i.e., healthy foods, healthcare, parks, etc.*)
- Access to opportunities for residents to participate in meaningful public engagement processes
- Access to financial transparency of transportation revenue and funding (*i.e., financial reports be presented in layman's terms so they are easily understood by the general public*)

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Infrastructure investments, policies, and planning to improve pedestrian and bicycle rider safety
- Transportation projects, planning, investments and policies that reduce air pollution
- Transportation policies, planning and investment lead to the reduction of greenhouse gasses and incorporate climate adaptation strategies into infrastructure investments

EQUITY

- Transportation investments prioritized for overburdened neighborhoods, including fare discounts and special services for economically and socially marginalized groups
- Equitable distribution of transportation benefits, providing high-quality services to all and ensuring that overburdened communities do not bear excessive external costs (*i.e., pollution, accident risk, financial costs, etc.*)
- Means for collecting revenues to support infrastructure improvements and transit operations should not disproportionately burden those with lower incomes

ENSURING TRANSPORTATION JUSTICE IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION

- **MEANINGFUL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROCESS:** Ensuring that the concerns of residents are identified and addressed in the development of policies, programs and projects proposed for each neighborhood. Specific to the San Diego Forward Plan, the final plan will reflect community input regarding project preferences, project phasing and investment prioritization.
- **NETWORK SCENARIO PHASING:** Evaluating a network scenario that plans and develops transit and active transportation projects first prior to freeway expansion.
- **INVESTMENT IN OVERBURDENED COMMUNITIES:** Prioritizing funding and implementation of transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects in overburdened communities.
- **SHIFT INVESTMENT:** Shifting funds to prioritize the development of public transit operations and bike and pedestrian projects prior to freeway expansion.
- **PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH:** Conducting Health Impact Assessments for all network scenarios being considered and move forward with a plan which contains projects that will lead to the reduction of smog-forming pollutants from the transportation sector in the most heavily polluted parts of the region identified by the CalEnviroScreen Model.
- **EFFICIENT & AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS:** Making transit efficient and affordable to riders by having low-fares, faster and more frequent service, real-time information, safe shelters, safe bike/walk routes to transit and connecting transit to affordable housing and major community destinations.

¹ “Overburdened communities” are low-income communities that are heavily impacted by air pollution, live in historically underserved neighborhoods in regards to the need for infrastructure improvements and efficient transit service, and spend a significant percentage of their income on transportation.

We Support Transportation Justice

_____ supports the Transportation Justice Principles
(Name of Organization)

and advocates that SANDAG Board Members and our local representatives implement the steps necessary to ensure Transportation Justice.

Our Commitment to Transportation Justice

Our organization is committed to taking the following actions to ensure that Transportation Justice becomes a reality in the communities we serve and the San Diego region:

Please indicate all actions your organization can do to work in solidarity to achieve transportation justice.

- Gather petition signatures supporting transportation justice *(this will be provided)*
- Transportation Justice material distribution at community events
- Capture transportation justice stories from residents *(audio/video)*
- Organize residents for key meetings and actions
- Do a transportation justice presentation or provide time for a transportation justice team to do a presentation with the communities you work with and serve
- Put information about transportation justice and/or key meetings/actions in your newsletter, website, etc.
- Be present at media events
- Talk to your local representative about transportation justice and the need to implement the steps to ensure transportation justice
- Provide public testimony about transportation justice and the need to implement the steps to ensure transportation justice
- Write a letter of support
- Other: _____

Signature

Date