

Transportation Justice Victories: What We Have Accomplished With People Power

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Through the process of advocating for a [Regional Transportation Plan](#) that prioritizes affordable and accessible public transit, biking and walking, our communities grew stronger and more united.

Doing much of this advocacy work in partnership with [City Heights CDC](#) and [MAAC Project](#), we organized community support in unprecedented ways. We brought the concept of [transportation justice](#) to our neighbors, to community meetings, to City Council and SANDAG. We [led bike rallies](#) to celebrate a future where pedestrians have [safe places to ride bikes and walk](#). We taught each other the importance of having transportation alternatives to improve our quality of life and encouraged each other to [get involved in the planning process](#) and build [healthy neighborhoods](#).

We accomplished the following by raising our voices and spreading hope for the past two years.

- **A Transit Pilot Project on the 94 Freeway.** \$31 million will go toward a pilot project to assess the feasibility of using the existing median for public transit on the 94 Freeway. SANDAG stated that results of the demonstration project would be shared with the Federal Transit Administration for potential use nationwide.



- **A Golden Hill/Sherman Heights Bus Stop.** Golden Hill and Sherman Heights residents will get a much-needed bus stop, a \$66-million investment, near the 94 Freeway and have better north-south transit access to communities from Otay Mesa to Escondido.



- **94 Freeway Environmental Impact Report (EIR).** SANDAG had proposed two alternatives to add lanes to the 94 Freeway to increase car capacity, which would increase [climate change](#) and [air pollution](#). We were able to successfully halt the process and incorporate two community-supported alternatives which put transit before freeways to be analyzed in an Environmental Impact Report.