A REGIONAL PLAN THAT PRIORITIZES ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
When transportation promotes environmental justice, everyone benefits
Demonstrate environmental justice (EJ) communities are a priority by identifying projects that will improve their access to public transportation by 2025. These primarily low-income communities of color face the most pollution in the San Diego region and rely most on transit. The projects should include a Safe Routes To Transit strategy and an early action project Mobility Hub at Euclid Transit Center.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PASSES
Invest in young people
Provide no-cost transit passes for all youth, ages 24 and under, to build generations of lifelong transit riders and connect youth to school, work, internships, and early career opportunities.

BUS SERVICE EVERY 10 MINUTES
Set the stage for a new transit era
Make bus service reliable and affordable now - we can’t wait. Buses are one of the most cost-effective ways to get us where we need to go while cutting climate pollution. We need immediate solutions while big infrastructure projects are built.

BLUE LINE EXPRESS
The Blue Line should be the region’s biggest move
Build a 24-hour Express Blue Line. The Blue Line already has the highest ridership and is one of the best-performing transit lines in the region. However, it is overcrowded, has limited frequency, delayed connections, and no 24-hour service.

San Diego’s 10 Transit Lifelines

Our transportation system should feed our livelihoods, reduce air pollution, and thread our communities together.

The 10 Transit Lifelines represent the priorities that residents at the frontlines of the climate crisis in Barrio Logan, City Heights, and National City have identified through a community-driven process led by the San Diego Transportation Equity Working Group. Though identified by residents who live south of the I-8 freeway, the 10 lifelines reflect a vision to advance affordable and frequent transit solutions that will benefit all San Diegans. Most are solutions that can be implemented immediately while big infrastructure projects are built out.
24-HOUR SERVICE
Connect late-night and early-morning workers
By 2025, provide 24-hour service on popular transit routes to connect workers to their destinations. Participants in San Diego MTS’ community engagement efforts ranked this as their highest priority.

AN ALL-ELECTRIC BUS FLEET BY 2030
Good air quality is essential for public health
Accelerate the electrification of buses, because our communities cannot afford to wait until 2040 to breathe cleaner air and reduce climate pollution.

RESTROOM ACCESS
Dignity and hygiene are fundamental
Create a plan to make restrooms available to the public and provide MTS with funding for a clean and accessible restroom network with access at all major transit stations.

THE PURPLE LINE
Connect our communities to boost economic prosperity
Fund the planning and construction of the Purple Line as a rail line that connects EJ communities in central City Heights and South Bay to Sorrento Valley.

ANTI-DISPLACEMENT STRATEGIES
We are here to stay!
Protect low-income communities of color living near transit corridors from gentrification with proactive strategies that include building affordable housing while preserving naturally occurring affordable housing, community ownership, and tenant protections. We need comprehensive solutions!

EMERGENCY-READY TRANSIT SYSTEM
Protect residents living near hazardous sites during disasters
Provide transit for environmental justice communities to evacuate during emergencies. EJ communities are more vulnerable to climate disasters and more likely to live near industries, military operations and other dangerous activities that may have accidents that cause fires, leak toxins, and other crises.

OUR PARTNERS
The San Diego Transportation Equity Working Group was established in 2018 by community-based organizations in an effort to elevate transportation and environmental justice opportunities in South San Diego for years to come. The core organizations are Center on Policy Initiatives, City Heights Community Development, Environmental Health Coalition, Mid-City CAN, and San Diego 350. Supporting organizations include Casa Familiar and the Urban Collaborative Project.

Learn more at EnvironmentalHealthCoalition.org/TransitJustice