

Transportation Equity Allied Movement Coalition (TEAMC) Statement of Principles

Transportation connects people to places, and is a major determinant of access to opportunity and economic mobility as well as health outcomes. It powerfully shapes both the location and the nature of development and land-use, and it reflects the stark and historic inequities impacting low-income communities of color, especially youth, seniors, and people with disabilities. Transportation creates both benefits (like access to opportunity) and burdens (like exposure to toxic emissions and greenhouse gas pollution).

Transportation justice recognizes that these benefits and burdens do not fall equally on all. Transportation justice entails an affordable, accessible, sustainable, clean, and efficient transportation system that provides economic opportunity and shared prosperity, mobility and safety, and other benefits, especially to our most vulnerable residents.

Through these TEAMC Transportation Justice Principles, we seek to advance a broad and bold agenda that transforms our transportation system in San Mateo County.¹

1. **Increase use and access of affordable, safe, and healthy transportation choices** to homes, jobs, schools, and other destinations by:
 - Enhancing and expanding existing transportation services and amenities
 - Leveraging new technologies and innovative approaches
2. **Prioritize transportation funding and other investments for populations in greatest need**, including:
 - Improving mobility and access for low-income communities of color, youth, seniors, and people with disabilities.
 - Improving safety for people walking and biking, especially at or near major transit stops and in areas with high numbers of serious or fatal collisions - without criminalizing people of color and low income communities.
3. **Broaden the region's economic prosperity and avoid ongoing displacement of low and moderate income families** by:
 - Creating economic opportunities for communities experiencing longstanding unemployment and poverty, including living wage jobs within the transportation sector.
 - Protecting the existing affordable housing stock and providing sufficient new affordable housing options near transit, jobs, and essential services.
4. **Advance climate protection and environmental justice**, including:
 - Providing sufficient funding for climate adaptation and ensuring projects and programs significantly reduce carbon emissions
 - Increasing access to health-promoting activities and reducing exposure to air pollution for communities suffering from high chronic disease rates.
5. **Ensure meaningful community engagement in transportation decision making** so that projects and policies reflect the needs of those most affected and ultimately result in better projects and programs.

¹ Drawn from California Justice Principles drafted by CA Bike Coalition

What is TEAMC?

TEAMC is a countywide coalition in San Mateo County that brings together diverse voices to advance community-supported transportation solutions that promote greater access to opportunity, social equity, public health and safety, and environmental protection. TEAMC engages and empowers those most impacted by the existing transportation system and those historically underrepresented in transportation decision making to advocate for a system that better serves their needs and those of future generations. This includes low-income families, people of color, youth, seniors, immigrants, people with disabilities, transit users, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

Organizations who have formally endorsed TEAMC principles, as of April 2018:

Acterra

Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1574

American Federation of Teachers Local 3267

Belle Haven Action

Citizens Environmental Council of Burlingame

Friends of Caltrain

GatePath

Housing Leadership Council

Menlo Spark

Pacifica Prevention Partnership

Pacifica School District

Parents For Safe Routes

Peninsula Interfaith Climate Action

Puente de la Costa Sur

Redwood City 2020

San Mateo County Labor Council

San Mateo County Working Families Alliance

San Mateo County Pride Center

Sequoia High Teen Resource Center

Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition

Social Action Committee of the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

Sustainable San Mateo

TransForm

Urban Habitat

Youth Leadership Institute

Youth United in Community Action