# Interagency Equity Coordination



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## **CTC Equity Advisory Roundtable**



#### • Purpose

 Identify inequities in transportation, recommend solutions to mitigate disparate impacts, and elevate diverse and valuable perspectives in the transportation process

### Goals

• Support safe, affordable, reliable, efficient, and dignified transportation for under-resourced communities throughout California

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### • Scope

- Incorporate best practices for meaningful engagement into the Commission's meetings and guidelines;
- Improve pathways for communities to participate in and influence transportation planning and decision-making processes;
- Support the development of Community Listening Sessions in partnership with Caltrans and CalSTA; and
- Support the development of an Equity Advisory Committee

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### Topics

- Suggestions for topics to feature at public meetings of the Commission, including Joint Meetings
- Proposed revisions to the Commission's planning and programming guides
- Recommendations for how the Commission may implement its Racial Equity Statement (<u>https://catc.ca.gov/about/racial-equity-statement</u>).



## Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CA

- Response to Governor's Executive Orders on Climate Change (EO N-19-19 and EO N-79-20)
  - Transportation is the largest contributor to statewide greenhouse gas emissions
- Holistic framework to leverage the more than \$5 billion in annual state transportation spending with state climate, health, and social equity goals
  - Suite of proposed actions in seven strategy areas regarding state transportation planning, programming, and mitigation activities
  - Balanced approach that considers the needs of all areas of the state
- Final plan adopted July 2021



## Strategy Area 3: Elevate Community Voices in Ho Plan and Fund Transportation Pro

- S3.1 Establish Transportation Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Committee(s)
  - Create more transparent transportation planning processes
  - Coordinate across state agencies to develop standards and practices for meaningful engagement
  - The scope, structure, and responsibilities will build off and be informed by the CTC's Equity Advisory Roundtable and Caltrans' Statewide Community Listening Sessions
  - Provide technical assistance resources to those most impacted by projects, including disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities
- Coordination between: CalSTA, Caltrans, CTC, CARB, HCD, SGC



# Caltrans Implementation of S3.1

- Collaborative, joint effort between all three agencies
- The EAC will inform, advise, and prioritize programs and projects in reducing harms to underserved, low-income, and BIPOC communities
  - Programs: SHOPP, ITIP, TIRCP, SCCP, ATP, LPP, TCEP
  - Equity Index Pilot 1.0 and future updates
  - Reconnecting Communities Program Guidance
  - Incentivize anti-displacement strategies







### **More Information**

#### https://catc.ca.gov/programs/equity-andpublic-engagement

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