

AGENDA – May 26, 2021



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5	Update on Community Listening Sessions Development	Laura Pennebaker Avital Barnea Amar Cid

Community Listening Sessions



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Avital Barnea, California State Transportation Agency

Laura Pennebaker, California Transportation Commission

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Our Commitment



- Our three agencies have publicly committed to promoting racial equity, inclusion, and diversity toward a cleaner, safer, more accessible and more connected transportation future.
- We will work with stakeholders and the public to better understand the impacts of past infrastructure decisions as well as current community transportation needs and challenges to ensure that our programs, policies, and practices create opportunities for Californians, especially those from underserved communities, to thrive in all aspects of life.

Our Commitment



- Caltrans recognizes our leadership role and unique responsibility in State government to eliminate barriers and provide more equitable transportation for all Californians.
- This understanding is the foundation for intentional decision-making that recognizes past, stops current, and prevents future harms from our actions.

Our Commitment



- Caltrans The Strategic Plan
 - Equity is woven into all aspects of the plan: Value, Strategies, and Goals.
 - Commitment to Improve and expand community partnerships
 - Commit to equity-focused actions that make advancements in the areas of People, Programs and Projects, Partnerships, and Planet, as referenced in *Caltrans' Equity Statement*.
 - Advance Equity and Livability In All Communities:
 - Collaborative Engagement, Community Health, Vibrant Communities, and Investment

Community Listening Sessions



- Each session will be designed to provide a safe space to offer personal testimony on experiences as they relate to California's transportation system.
 - Foster better relationships and trust
 - Understand the history and personal stories of transportation impacts from our communities
 - Document current opportunities, needs and challenges



Community Listening Sessions



- Executive staff attendance and participation from all three agencies
- Contract award estimated for June 2021
- Kick off Fall 2021
- This effort will lead to the production of an actionable report that will guide executive staff on a pathway to implement lasting equity-oriented change.



Community Listening Sessions



- Minimum of 6 sessions
 - Virtual/In person
 - Localized/targeted participants
 - Partnership with Community Based Organizations
 - Resources for support
- Report and findings utilized across agencies work
 - Equity Index



Feedback and Discussion



How could we design sessions to ensure that a targeted representation of neighborhood, community-level, and Native American experiences and perspectives will be heard?



Feedback and Discussion



What type of stakeholders should we partner with for support and how do we best utilize their expertise in these listening sessions?



Feedback and Discussion



How should we approach advertising and soliciting participants for these sessions?



Feedback and Discussion



How would this Equity Roundtable attribute success to the listening sessions?



Next Steps

- Capture feedback provided today through meeting minutes.
- Our agencies will analyze and provide an update on at a future Roundtable Meeting.
- Additional opportunities to further develop the Listening Sessions with Agency Staff and consultant team.



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