










Environmental Justice Priorities for the MTS 2020 Ballot Measure

The San Diego Transportation Equity Working Group (SDTEWG), composed of community-based organizations, advocates for a successful 2020 MTS ballot measure that leads with transportation equity which:

- Connects EJ communities to jobs
- Elevates Mass Transit
- Makes it affordable to ride the bus and trolley
- Ensures San Diego meets regional climate goals
- Includes meaningful community engagement

The SDTEWG has identified the below projects as the most impactful proposals to advance equity and environmental justice through Elevate 2020.

Project		Community Ask	Status
	Electrify Bus Fleet	Deploy zero-emission buses in EJ communities over the first two years. Demonstrate intent to procure electric buses as part of Elevate SD communications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not included in draft expenditure plan. • State law calls for full transit fleet electrification by 2040.
	Blue Line Express	Fund the planning, environmental, engineering, and a portion of the capital for an additional track that allows Express and 24-Hr. Service, additional frequency enhancements, and rail -grade separations. Region-wide benefits serving 57,000 daily riders in the San Diego-Tijuana region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not included in draft expenditure plan. • Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MTS and SANDAG for this project in progress as of March 2020. • Elevate SD funding for Blue Line Express environmental and engineering is verbally committed, but not in writing. • No funding committed for capital.
	Youth Opportunity Passes (YOP)	No-cost transit passes for all 24 years old and under in order to ensure generations of lifelong transit riders and encourage significant mode shift.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YOP for 18 years old and under included in draft expenditure plan. • YOP for ages 19 - 24 not included.
	Bathrooms	Provide clean, accessible bathrooms open throughout the service windows at all major transit stations (2,000 offs/ons a day).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not included in draft expenditure plan. • MTS Board requested an analysis of bathrooms need at transit stops. • Verbal commitment for bathrooms at 'new' stations, which fails to service existing riders.
	Anti-Displacement	Significant transit investments are known to spur displacement. Allocate a portion of Elevate SD 2020's City Grant Program to fund anti-displacement efforts to protect vulnerable communities living near transit corridors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not included in draft expenditure plan. • Included in MTS communications about Elevate SD City Grant Program.

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	Purple Line	Fund the planning, environmental, engineering, and a portion of the capital for the Purple Line as rail, which will connect EJ communities with highest transit riding propensity to Kearny Mesa.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not included in draft expenditure plan. • MOU between MTS and SANDAG in progress as of March 2020. • Verbal commitment for environmental and engineering, but not in writing. • No funding committed for capital.
	24-Hour Service	Provide 24-Hr., late-night, and early morning service on high ridership lines to connect workers to jobs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included in draft expenditure plan for several routes.
	Increase Frequency	Increase bus and trolley service on popular lines, especially overcrowded ones. This would make waiting at transit stops safer by minimizing wait time. Prioritize Orange Line frequency enhancements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included in draft expenditure plan. • Elevate SD communications include Rapid conversions for 9 popular bus lines. • Frequency enhancements have been made to the Blue Line.
	Taxis drivers as part of Mobility on Demand (MoD)	Meaningfully Involve taxi drivers in the MoD process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxi drivers have not been engaged in the development of the MoD strategies.

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