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CalSTA's Equity Alignment with the Justice40 Initiative

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Justice40 Overview



- Created by Biden-Harris Administration to confront and address decades of underinvestment in disadvantaged communities
- Whole-of-government effort to ensure federal agencies work with states and local communities to deliver at least 40 percent of the overall benefits from federal investments in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, overburdened, and underserved





Newsom Administration Equity Efforts

Renewing the California Dream for a new generation



California for All

The California Dream — the idea that every person can achieve a better life, regardless of where they start out — is central to who we are as Californians. Even in a time of economic growth and record employment, too many Californians are experiencing the squeeze of stagnant wages and the rising price of building-block necessities such as housing, health care, education, and child care. We can and must reanimate the California Dream, building a California for All.







Newsom Administration Equity Efforts

• Executive Order N-16-22, signed September 13, 2022

- EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA
- Directs state agencies and departments to take additional actions to embed equity analysis and considerations in mission, policies and practices
 - Will help expand opportunity for all Californians by addressing disparities for historically underserved and marginalized communities
 - Supports equitable investment of federal infrastructure funding
 - Promotes a more inclusive and diverse state workforce
 - Establishes the state's first Racial Equity Commission



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Defining California's Disadvantaged Communities

- SB 535 and AB 1550 "priority populations"
 - CalEPA designation of disadvantaged communities using CalEnviroScreen 4.0
- CalSTA and departmental funding programs that use the priority populations definition
 - Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program
 - Port and Freight Infrastructure Program
 - Active Transportation Program
 - Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants
 - Low Carbon Transit Operations Program
 - Trade Corridor Enhancement Program
 - Solutions for Congested Corridors Program
 - Local Partnership Competitive Program





California Transportation Commission Preparation for Justice40

- Increase focus on equity in funding programs specifically subject to Justice40 provisions such as:
 - Active Transportation Program
 - Local Transportation Infrastructure Climate Adaptation Program
- Integrated Equity Supplement into SB 1 Funding Program Guidelines (2022)
- Added equity language into the 2022 State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP)

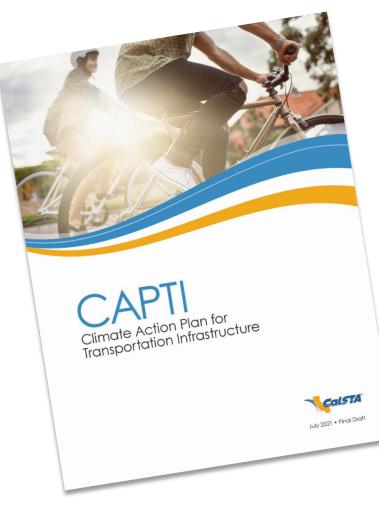
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 These efforts align with Justice40 goals to help ensure that at least 40 percent of the overall benefits from investments in climate and clean energy will benefit disadvantaged or marginalized communities



CalSTA & Departmental Equity-Supported Actions



- Public Racial Equity Statements (CalSTA, Caltrans, CTC)
- Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure
- Highways to Boulevards Program
- Interagency Equity Advisory Committee (CalSTA, Caltrans, CTC)
- Transportation Equity Listening Sessions



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CalSTA & Departmental Equity-Supported Actions

- Caltrans Office of Race and Equity
 - Caltrans Equity Index
 - Caltrans Race and Equity Action Plan
- Participation in Strategic Growth Council Racial Equity Resource Hub
- Participation in Capitol Collaborative on Race and Equity (CalSTA, Caltrans, CTC, HSRA, DMV, CHP, OTS, NMVB)



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Ongoing Actions

- CalSTA and all departments working to embed equity in everyday business practices
 - Training, recruitment, culture, diverse and inclusive workforce



- Prioritizing equity in public outreach, communications, and public documents such as guidelines, plans, and policies
- Support projects that align with Justice40 goals in discretionary applications (INFRA, RAISE, MEGA, etc.)







Thank You

