

Statewide Community Listening Sessions

Caltrans Office on Race and Equity

October 2021



Overview

- Partnership between Caltrans, CTC, and CalSTA in contract with ICF Consulting
- Equity-focused sessions held in early 2022.
 - Geographically focused with priority populations
 - Minimum of 6 virtual sessions
- Outreach:
 - Partnership with community-based organizations
 - Individuals will be directly invited to participate
 - Participants will be limited to create intentional safe space for dialogue

Purpose

- Engage with stakeholders and the public to strengthen understanding of community transportation needs.
- Each session will be designed to:
 - Provide a space to offer personal testimony about California's transportation system
 - Foster better relationships and trust with historically under-resourced communities
 - Document current challenges and opportunities
- Final product: actionable report that will guide executive staff to implement changes across agencies with an equity focus.

Timeline

August: Develop project timeline

September: Update CTC, CalSTA, and Caltrans staff about workplan

October: Develop outreach plan

November – December:

- Hold facilitation training for CTC, CalSTA, and Caltrans
- Schedule listening sessions
- Develop workplan for listening sessions
- Host one-on-one meetings with CBOs
- Conduct marketing & outreach

January – February:

- Conduct listening sessions
- Collect & organize listening session data
- Hold debrief meetings

March – May:

- Develop listening session summary reports
- Complete ADA compliance for each report

Ongoing: *Hold biweekly meetings with ICF and CORE*

Potential Focus Areas

Geographic locations to be considered:

- East Bay (Richmond)
- Kern County (Arvin/Lamont)
- Imperial Valley (Calexico/El Centro)
- Inland Empire (San Bernardino)
- Los Angeles Portside (Wilmington)
- Lake County (Lakeport/ Kelseyville)

Participation encouraged from:

- Black, Indigenous, Communities of Color (BIPOC)
- Youth
- Tribal governments/sovereign nations
- People with disabilities
- People experiencing homelessness; housing advocates
- People formerly incarcerated or system-impacted

Listening Session Format

Facilitators: ICF Consultants and CORE Staff

Attendance: Representatives from Caltrans, CTC, and CalSTA (outlined on next slide). These individuals will attend to listen/observe and demonstrate commitment to this work.*

Platform: Cisco WebEx or similar service. Offer both online and dial-in capabilities.

Draft Agenda (approx. 2.5 hours)

- Welcome and introductions
- Overview: listening session purpose and intended outcomes
- Poll questions to stimulate discussion
- Breakout groups
- Reconvene & Report Back
- Closing & Next Steps

**Number of agency officials in each session may be limited to set the right tone for open dialogue with participants"*

Thank You

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