

## Communication from Public

**Name:** MoveLA  
**Date Submitted:** 08/19/2022 09:44 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1536-S2  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Letter in support of STAP by MoveLA



5/12/2022

VIA E-MAIL

Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council File: 20-1536

Dear Councilmembers,

On behalf of Move LA, we ask the City Council to please vote **YES** on advancing the **Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program** and the contract with Tranzito-Vector to help develop Los Angeles bus shelters as the backbone of our city's zero-emissions mobility future.

Since 2007, Move LA's mission has been to build a broad constituency of leaders in the business, labor, and environmental sectors to fight for the development of a clean public transportation system and affordable housing that will benefit the entire county of Los Angeles. We advocate for clean, diverse, and fiscally-responsible solutions that allow people of all ages and incomes to work, live, and thrive here.

Unfortunately, for too many Angelenos, bus shelters have been woefully inadequate or simply non-existent. Over the past 20 years, there have been only 660 new bus shelters installed for the more than 800,000 daily transit riders. Most bus shelters lack basic amenities, such as shade, seating, or real-time route information.

Lack of shade is an issue of equity and climate justice in disadvantaged communities. Communities of color and low-income riders are disproportionately exposed to excessive heat caused by rising temperatures. These conditions are exacerbated by the heat-island effect of pavement and borne out by the scarcity of shade in cities and counties throughout California. In fact, during a three-day California heatwave in 2006, where over 600 people died and resulted in over 16,000 emergency room visits, 90% of those affected lived in areas below the Federal Poverty Threshold.

Move LA is sponsoring legislation in Sacramento, Assembly Bill 1975, because we believe we must prioritize shade as an essential need for low-income transit riders and people of color who are on the frontlines of climate change. It is also why Move LA support the STAP and the contract being proposed by the City of Los Angeles because it will:

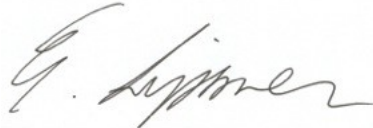
- Install **5X** the total shelters compared to the previous contract
- **Result in 75%** of bus riders in every district with a shelter
- **Ensure 100%** of bus stops will have real-time departures and city information.

Tranzito Vector can transform our bus shelters into the critical public infrastructure that we need because their vision focuses on providing not just the essentials – shelter, shade, safety, and comfort, but also real-time route information, amenities that help address the first and last mile transportation gap, and a collaborative approach with the City and community that allows the STAP program to evolve.

Tranzito has a history of operating active transportation projects in Los Angeles, and the addition of seasoned transportation firm Fehr & Peers to their team ensures that this program will be successful.

As the City of Los Angeles continues to move towards expanding our mass transit, we must continue to be a leader and provide the most effective pathway to ensuring Los Angeles is at the forefront of mass transit systems with the bus shelter as our future mobility hub.

We encourage approval of this contract so Los Angeles can start building the multi-modal transportation system Angelenos deserve.

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Eli Lipmen  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Breathe Southern California  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Letter in support of STAP by Breathe Southern California



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April 7, 2022

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President and Councilmembers,

Breathe Southern California writes in support of Tranzito-Vector's vision for the **Sidewalk Transit and Amenities Program (STAP)**. We are asking the City Council to please vote **YES** on this contract and improve bus shelters throughout Los Angeles, especially given the plan's commitment to addressing the climate crisis and the region's poor air quality. Breathe Southern California is a nonprofit organization that promotes clean air and healthy lungs through research, education, advocacy, and technology. For several decades, we have been a leader in air quality improvement efforts in California.

Given the worsening climate crisis and the increasing number of extreme heat days Angelenos will endure, immediate upgrades and expansion of transit infrastructure is crucial. Tranzito-Vector's plan looks beyond simply ad revenue potential and has built a team of designers that considers community needs and characteristics. Furthermore, we are encouraged by the commitment being made by Tranzito-Vector to combating the climate crisis and improving our region's air quality.

Tranzito-Vector's plan includes several upgrades to transit infrastructure with sustainability in mind, including utilizing solar power and docking stations for scooters. Additionally, in our meeting, we were encouraged by the ability of Tranzito's shelters to incorporate air quality sensors and their commitment to work with us to advocate for the City of Los Angeles to include air quality monitoring sensors, which can alert to residents the real-time air quality. With our transportation system contributing the largest amount of greenhouse gas towards climate change, only through increasing mass transit options can we hit our City and State's goals of decarbonization. Improving our infrastructure is a key component towards incentivizing the transition away from fossil fuels and to sustainable transit options.

We strongly encourage approval of this contract so Los Angeles can continue moving towards decarbonization and becoming a more sustainable city. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at [RDhillon@breathesocal.org](mailto:RDhillon@breathesocal.org) or at (323) 935-8050 x233. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raj Dhillon".

Raj Dhillon  
Senior Manager, Advocacy & Public Policy

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Los Angeles Walks  
**Date Submitted:** 08/19/2022 09:48 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Letter in support of STAP by Los Angeles Walks.



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May 10, 2022

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Council File: 20-1536**

Dear LA City Councilmembers,

We are writing in support of Tranzito Vector's vision for the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program. Los Angeles bus shelters are the backbone of our city's zero-emissions mobility future and too often our communities lack basic amenities like shade and seating, critical infrastructure that provide transit riders comfort and dignity.

Over the past 20 years, there have been only 660 new bus shelters installed for the more than 200,000 daily transit riders. Most bus shelters lack basic amenities, such as shade, seating, or real-time route information. And so, a contract that can provide our transit riders with not just the essentials – shelter, shade, safety, and comfort, but also real-time route information, amenities that help address the first and last mile transportation gap, and a collaborative approach with the City and community that allows the STAP program to evolve.

As the City of Los Angeles continues to move towards expanding our mass transit, we must continue to be a leader and provide the most effective pathway to ensuring Los Angeles is at the forefront of mass transit systems with the bus shelter as our future mobility and community hub.

We encourage approval of this contract so that Los Angeles can start building the much awaited multi-modal transportation system all Angelenos deserve.

Sincerely,

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John Yi  
Executive Director  
Los Angeles Walks

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alliance for a Better Community  
**Date Submitted:** 08/19/2022 09:49 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Letter in support of STAP from Alliance for a Better Community.



**August 3, 2022**

**Gil Cedillo, Paul Krekorian, Bob Blumenfield, Nithya Raman, Paul Koretz, Nury Martinez, Monica Rodriguez, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Curren D. Price, Mike Bonin, John Lee, Mitch O'Farrell, Kevin de León, Joe Buscaino**

RE: Council File: 20-1536 - SUPPORT

Dear Council President and Councilmembers,

The Alliance for a Better Community (ABC) supports StreetsLA's vision for the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program, which would provide bus shelters to Angelenos who use our public transit system. Access to safe and reliable public transportation is a hallmark to a thriving community as it gives way for Angelenos to access education, work, and be civically engaged, among other social opportunities.

ABC promotes the economic prosperity of the Latino/a community and the Los Angeles region, inclusive of an improved quality of life for Latinos in education, economic development, health and civic participation. For over 20 years, ABC has worked to advance equity and ensure it is at the forefront with data-driven, community centered policy-making where programs and services address and eliminate barriers Latino/as face such as public transportation.

According to LA Metro's research for the Fareless System Initiative, 75% of Metro's customers are Latino or African American, with the average median household income for bus riders only \$17,975. Most bus shelters lack basic amenities like shade, seating, or real-time route information. During record breaking heat waves Angelenos are currently experiencing, we urge the City to no longer delay in installing new shelters. for our members who are riding the buses now. Additionally, we ask that the Los Angeles City Council work to ensure these installations are responsive to Los Angeles communities with the highest needs and are maximized for public benefit with the following:

- Distribution of the most robust shelters are in low-income, high ridership areas.

**Robert M. Sainz - Chair**  
Executive Director  
New Ways to Work

**Rosie Arroyo - Vice Chair**  
Senior Program Officer  
California Community Foundation  
(CCF)

**Audrey Dow - Vice Chair**  
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**Refugio Lopez - Treasurer**  
Vice President,  
Head of U.S. Money Movement  
ADP

**Juan De La Cruz**  
President of The White Memorial  
Charitable Foundation  
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**Mercedes Cruz, J.D.**  
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**Michael Méndez, Ph.D**  
Assistant Professor  
University of California, Irvine

- Shelters act as a reliable point of internet connectivity, aiding in closing the digital divide, and serving as a multi-pronged community asset.
- Shelters are used to promote static and electronic ads, PSAs, messages from local nonprofits, and are used to promote local small businesses.
- Community residents and community based organizations (CBOs) are engaged on this issue in developing plans by creating an advisory group.

The current plan by StreetsLA is a good first step toward correcting the inequity within our bus system. We are encouraged to see a commitment to:

- Install 5X the total shelters compared to the previous contract;
- Provide 75% of bus riders in every district a shelter;
- Ensure 100% of bus stops will have real-time departures and city information; and
- Utilize solar power for the majority of the new bus shelters.

With climate change increasing the number of extreme heat days Angelenos will endure, immediate upgrades to transit infrastructure are crucial. Please continue making smart investments in our city's transit infrastructure that increase the quality of life for everyday bus riders.

Sincerely,



Vanessa Aramayo  
Executive Director  
Alliance for a Better Community

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC)  
**Date Submitted:** 08/19/2022 09:51 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Letter in support of STAP from the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC)



## Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition

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June 1, 2022

Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: Council File: 20-1536

Dear Councilmembers,

The Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) is writing in support of Tranzito Vector's vision for the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program. We are asking the City Council to please vote YES on this contract and help develop Los Angeles bus shelters as the backbone of our city's zero-emissions mobility future.

For too many Angelenos, bus shelters have been woefully inadequate or simply non-existent. Over the past 20 years, there have been only 660 new bus shelters installed for the more than 200,000 daily transit riders. Most bus shelters lack basic amenities, such as shade, seating, or real-time route information.

Tranzito Vector will transform our bus shelters into the backbone of our smart city future. Their vision focuses on providing not just the essentials – shelter, shade, safety, and comfort, but also real-time route information, amenities that help address the first and last mile transportation gap, and a collaborative approach with the City and community that allows the STAP program to evolve.

We are also encouraged Tranzito has a background in operating active transportation projects in Los Angeles, and has added transportation firm Fehr & Peers to their team. This offers us comfort that the bus shelters will be cited and designed in a manner that benefits all Angelenos and the environment.

Tranzito Vector's contract with the City of Los Angeles will:

- Install 5X the total shelters compared to the previous contract (660)
- 3,450 shelters: 659 Base (digital signs), 2,241 Eco (1,304 solar-powered), 100 Icon (large format static ads), 450 Shelters (shade only)
- 339 other furniture: 202 kiosks, 93 scooter docks, 44 delivery lockers
- 75% new shelters in every district.
- 100% of bus stops will have real-time departures and city information.

As the City of Los Angeles moves towards expanding sustainable transit, we must continue to invest in resources that ensure that public transit receives equitable improvements necessary to not only reduce congestion, but also ensure the City meets its climate change goals. With our bus stops serving as transportation hubs, LACBC believes that the multimodal approach will draw more Angelenos to feel comfortable making the choice of transit over private automobiles.

We strongly encourage approval of this contract so Los Angeles can start building the multi-modal transportation system Angelenos deserve.

Sincerely,

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Eli Akira Kaufman  
Executive Director  
Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Faith for SAFER Streets  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Faith for SAFER Streets letter in support of STAP



*StreetsAreForEveryone.org/faith*

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1 August 2022

Los Angeles City Hall  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council File: 20-1536

Dear Councilmembers,

Faith for SAFER Streets is a faith-based coalition brought about to work towards reducing traffic-caused fatalities to Zero, focusing on the hardest-hit areas of South Los Angeles. The leadership for Faith for SAFER Streets represents networks of over 800 houses of worship in South Los Angeles, Southern California, and across the State of California.

We are asking the City Council to please vote YES on this contract and help develop Los Angeles bus shelters as the backbone of our city's zero-emissions mobility future.

For too many Angelenos, bus shelters have been woefully inadequate. In much of South Los Angeles, bus benches and covered bus shelters are simply non-existent. Over the past 20 years, there have been only 660 new bus shelters installed for daily transit riders. Most bus shelters lack basic amenities, such as shade, seating, or real-time route information. The absence of these amenities discourages mass-transit ridership, taking precious resources away from our transit system; makes engaging in human-powered transit more onerous; and incentivizes individual motor-vehicle transportation, creating more crowded and dangerous streets for all road users.





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For these reasons, the Executive Steering Committee of Faith for SAFER Streets has voted unanimously in favor of offering our support for Tranzito Vector's vision for the Street Amenities and Transit Program. Individual congregations represented by Faith for SAFER Streets have also signed on to support it as well.

Pastor Patricia-Strong Fargas  
Co-Chair Faith For SAFER Streets  
Senior Pastor  
Mt. Salem New Wave Christian Fellowship Church





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Co-Chair Faith for SAFER Streets  
Executive Director  
Streets Are For Everyone

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World Impact Ministries

Pastor Wayne E Gaddis  
President  
Greater St. Augustine  
Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor William G Davis Jr  
Rock of Faith  
Missionary Baptist Church

Dr. Robert L. Taylor  
President  
Watts Area Ministries



## Communication from Public

**Name:** SAFE  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** SAFE letter in support of STAP

Monday, March 14, 2022

VIA E-MAIL

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Los Angeles, CA 90012



RE: Council File: 20-1536

Dear Councilmembers,

On behalf of Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE), I am writing in support of Tranzito Vector's vision for the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program. We are asking the City Council to please vote **YES** on this contract and help develop Los Angeles bus shelters as the backbone of our city's zero-emissions mobility future.

SAFE is a Los-Angeles based non-profit organization that seeks to create safer streets for all road users. Since our founding in January 2014, we have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers alike by reducing traffic-caused fatalities to zero. SAFE addresses the problem in a holistic fashion through direct education, broad awareness campaigns, partnerships, community outreach, policy and legislation, support for those impacted, and other proven strategies. The Street Amenities and Transit Program is one of these strategies, and we are proud to offer our support.

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