

6 Big Wins for Social Equity in SB 375

1. Clean Air & Healthy Communities [CAFC]

- What?** Better air quality in impacted and underserved communities; increased opportunities to use physically active, safe transportation modes such as biking and walking to jobs, schools, and services.
- How?** SB 375 requires planning to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions; and presents an opportunity to develop land use and transportation patterns to reduce reliance on cars, facilitate active modes of transport, and improve air quality.

2. Investment without Displacement [IWD]

- What?** Investment that serves low-income communities without displacing them.
- How?** SB 375 governs the allocation of massive public investment in transportation, aligns the regional housing planning process with the Regional Transportation Plan, and enhances local housing element law. We must make sure that this investment does not force vulnerable communities out of their homes.

3. Affordable Housing [AH]

- What?** More affordable housing near entry-level jobs, reliable public transit, good schools, parks and recreation, healthy neighborhoods, and other opportunities.
- How?** SB 375 alters regional housing and land use planning as well as local housing policy, requiring consideration of how to house the entire population of the region at all income levels.

4. Reliable Public Transit [RPT]

- What?** More frequent, reliable and affordable bus service, and a free Eco Youth Bus Pass.
- How?** SB 375 affects the allocation of massive public investment in transportation by linking it to land-use planning. Local bus service promotes higher-density, sustainable development in line with the environmental goals of SB 375 and the needs of low-income, transit-dependent communities.

5. Economic Opportunity [EO]

- What?** Lowering GHG emissions can and should result in access to healthy living wage jobs for all, especially those in historically disenfranchised communities
- How?** SB 375 presents the possibility to both create more transit operations jobs, as well as provide isolated low-income communities with better transit access to high-quality jobs.

6. Community Power [CP]

- What?** Greater community power in local and regional decision making and community mobilization for low income people, working families and communities of color.
- How?** SB 375 provides for robust public participation. Because a new Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) will be adopted every four years, it is important to build power for each successive SCS.