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New Frontiers for Advancing Equity & Justice in Active Transportation?

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New Frontiers for Advancing Equity & Justice in Active Transportation: Anti-Displacement
Anti-displacement in active transportation
Through Liberative Planning
Liberative Planning: A ten-point plan

- Focus on FREEDOM
- Strive for FULL employment
- De-centering capital
- Humane Housing
- Confront the past; acknowledge Black and Indigenous contributions
- Repair and atone
- Disrupt and prevent the criminalization of movement
- Accommodate and serve those who’ve been criminalized by way of harmful policies
- PM Team of community members and peers
- Encourage self-determination
None of this is new…

- BIPOC have been living and carrying values and ideals that not only preserve our homes, but also out lives, the land, and our connections to them.
Gentrification vs Displacement

• Gentrification is a process of cultural/racial exploitation and erasure, motivated by capitalist interests, and leading to a number of impacts—including displacement.
Gentrification

- “Transformative”
- Influx of moderate-high income residents
- Shift in amenities and consumption

(some) Impacts

- Blight
- Perceived imminent displacement
- Social/spiritual/cultural death
- Hyper enforcement, vigilantism, and surveillance
- Erasure at the margins: trans ppl, ppl w/disabilities, youth, elders, Black women
- Kinship Disconnections
- Legacy disruption
- Revisionist history
- DISPLACEMENT
(some) Active Transportation Impacts

• Blight caused by inequitable maintenance plans, poor construction planning, low-quality temporary elements, and the new development waiting game

• Perceived imminent displacement caused by systemic disinvestments, a culture of inequity, overnight bike lane, white people jogging at night, failure to engage/plan through a participatory/deliberative process. Pre-emptive displacement.

• Social/spiritual/cultural death by way of euro-centric planning for the “ideal citizen”
(some) Active Transportation Impacts

- Hyper enforcement, vigilantism, and surveillance attached to infrastructure investment projects and new residents disinterested in honoring the existing “ways of being”; Also, User-pay finance by way of fines

- Erasure at the margins: trans ppl, ppl w/disabilities, youth, elders, Black women exacerbated by planners/engineers

- Kinship Disconnections by way of design concepts that erode the value of people connections and centers of joy

- Legacy disruption and worsening barriers to generational wealth
(some) Active Transportation Impacts

• Revisionist history as “displacement” it called “migration” and “gentrification” is called “economic development”

• DISPLACEMENT is literally the consequence of racist and capital-centric planning practices and policies
Anti-Displacement Action Plan

• Liberative planning (like People for Mobility Justice, Dignity-Infused Planning, etc.)
• Policy interventions (especially when exploring linked transit-housing models)
• Representative practitioners
• Accountable leadership
• Alternative enforcement models
As Black Indigenous People of Color we seed critical consciousness about Mobility Justice in all communities.

We envision a world where people have the freedom and resources to move in public spaces with love & dignity!
Authentic Community Engagement

1. Equitable Payment
2. Healing Integration
3. Respect for all
4. Trust Building
5. Power
Mobility Justice

DECOLONIZE

DECONTAMINATE

DIGNIFY

DREAM

- Partnership with Indigenous leaders
- Advocating that public agencies move past policing strategies
- Countywide bicycle safety classes

Planning safety and wellness pop-ups at transit facilities

Generational economic empowerment for POC communities
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Role of State Agencies

- Ongoing relationships
- Follow through
- Technical assistance models
THANK YOU

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