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New Frontiers for Advancing Equity & Justice in Active Transportation

Tony Dang, California Walks



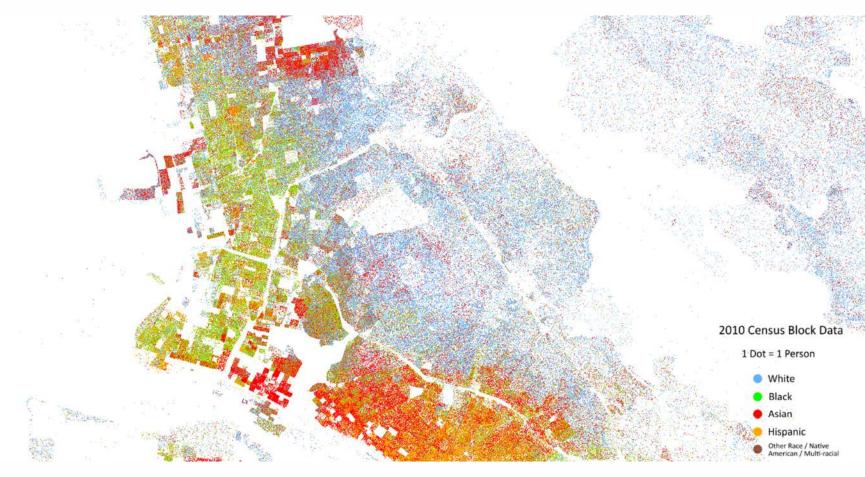


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Judy Baca's "Great Wall of Los Angeles." Photo by Jon Rou

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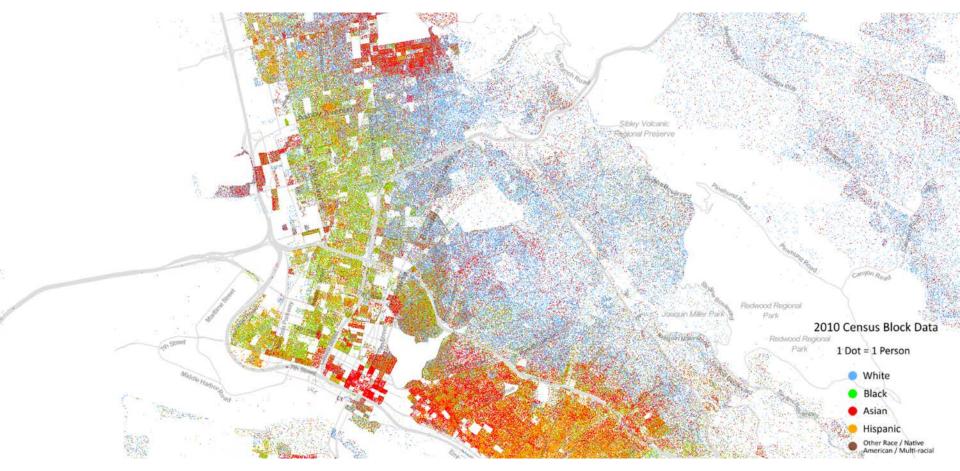




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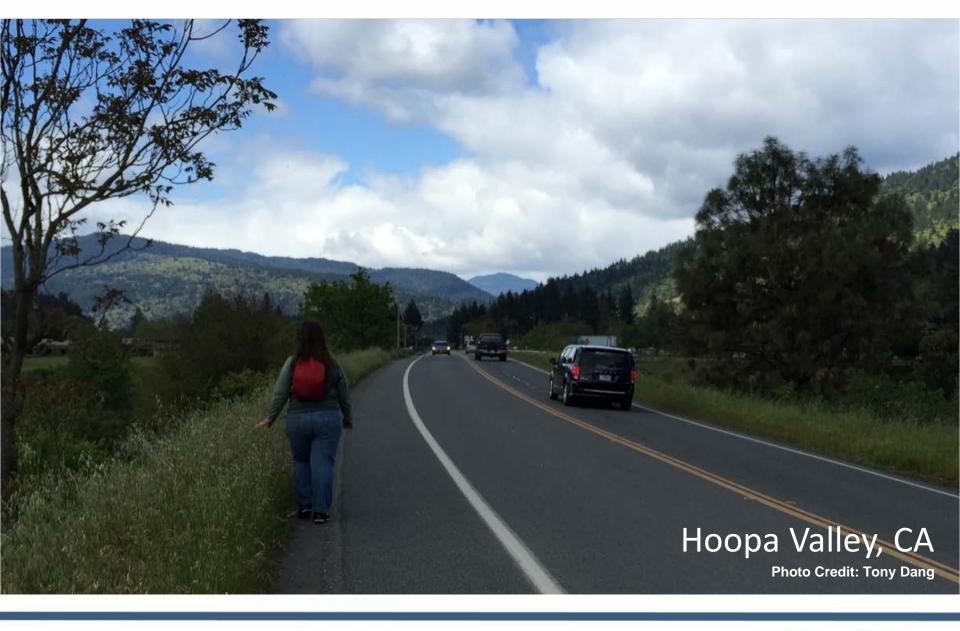
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Source: Matt Kinshella, Equity Illustrated, 3rd place: Equity Is About Resources, https://mmt.org/news/equity-illustrated-3rd-place-equity-about-resources







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 moderatehigh 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

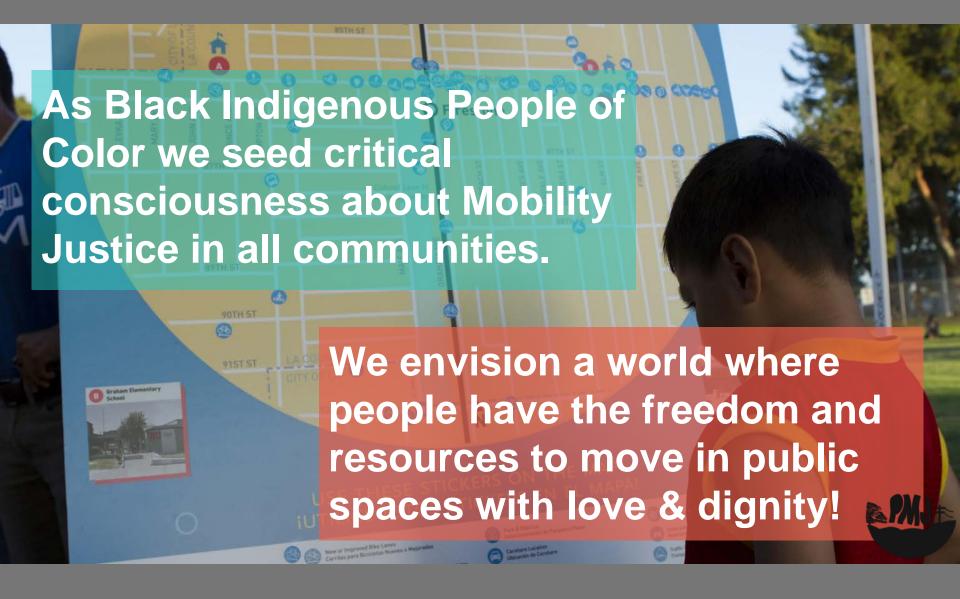
- Liberative planning (like People for Mobility Justice, Dignity-Infused Planning, etc.)
- Policy interventions (especially when exploring linked transit-housing models)
- Representative practitioners
- Accountable leadership
- Alternative enforcement models







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Authentic Community Engagement

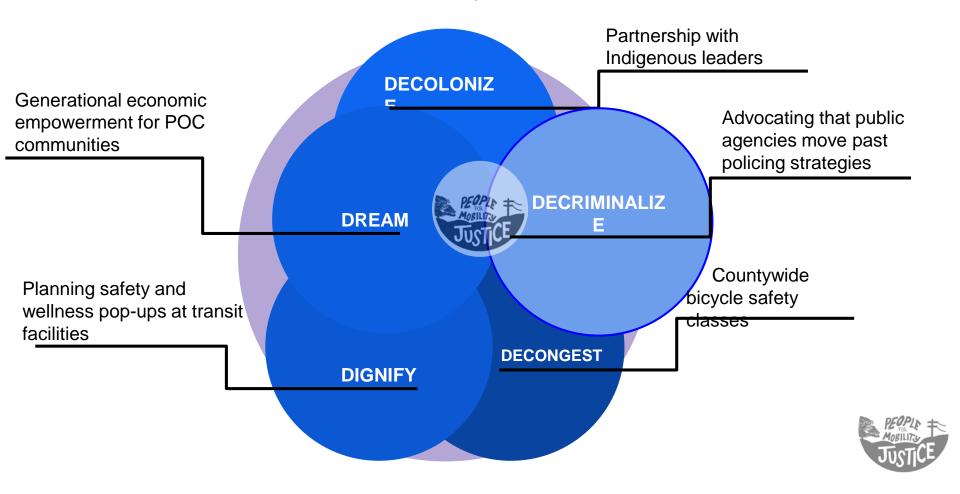
- 1. Equitable Payment
- 2. Healing Integration
- 3. Respect for all
- 4. Trust Building
- 5. Power







Mobility Justice





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Active Transportation in the San Joaquin & Eastern Coachella Valleys









Community-engaged Project Development





Role of State Agencies

- Ongoing relationships
- Follow through
- Technical assistance models





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