

Communication from Public

Name: Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE)
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Council File No: 20-1536-S2
Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council President and Councilmembers, We are writing to share comments and feedback on StreetsLA's vision for the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) and ask that bus shelters be improved and installed equitably in Los Angeles. Please see our attached comment letter. Best, Strategic Actions for a Just Economy

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August 24, 2022

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

RE: Council File: 20-1536-S2

Dear Council President and Councilmembers,

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Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE) is a grassroots organization located in South Central Los Angeles and has served working-class communities for over twenty years. Our mission is to build community power, leadership, and autonomy for economic and social justice. Transit justice and improving our public transportation system for transit-dependent riders are critical goals for our members.

Over the past years, bus shelters have been delayed and inadequately installed with only 660 new bus shelters installed for the more than 200,000 daily transit riders. Most bus shelters also lack basic amenities, such as shade, seating, or real-time route information. Our membership base believes that

more bus shelters must be built, especially in working-class communities. Bus shelters are needed on as many stops as possible, especially along high-use bus routes, and designed with the needs of frequent riders in mind. Bus shelter amenities should not emphasize or rely exclusively on digital or financial technologies, as that would significantly disadvantage low-income communities that use public transit the most and enlarge an ever-growing digital divide. Bus shelters should prioritize the needs of the most frequent riders, who are also the most socially and economically vulnerable, as a matter of equity.

The current plan by StreetsLA is not perfect but a step forward to correcting the inequity within our bus system. We encourage the following commitments as the STAP process continues:

- **More accessible amenities** and services at bus shelters that take into account the digital divide
- Build and prioritize bus shelters in **transit-dependent communities** like South Central
- Prioritize bus shelters along **high-use** routes and at all high-use stops
- Renovate and **clean** existing bus shelters
- Ensure that bus stops have adequate **cooling and heating**

With climate change increasing the number of extreme weather days Angelenos will endure, intentional upgrades and the equitable expansion of transit infrastructure are crucial.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE)

STOP the STAP

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Date of Submission: Sun, 07/31/2022 - 13:44

Submission Letter:

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STOP the STAP

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Submission Letter:

Dear Mayor Garcetti,

I urge the City Council to halt the approval of the Street Transit Amenities Program (STAP). This 10-year initiative that misses critical components and has not had a proper, transparent public process—including a full environmental review.

STAP is intended to improve the public right of way by providing necessary amenities for transit riders, but the current iteration excludes toilets at the expense of taxpayer dollars. Additionally, the proposal considered by the City pollutes our streets with the proliferation of digital signs. This a significant change to our city's landscape that has not been properly vetted by the public.

The lack of vision and transparency in this process raises serious questions about the actual benefit to Angelenos. At a time where city funds are needed to tackle the pressing crisis of homelessness, taxpayers cannot afford to foot the bill for a plan this fundamentally flawed. The City needs to go back to the drawing board to develop a thoughtful plan that will result in tangible benefits to our streets by increasing access to public restrooms, providing shade and shelter for transit riders and generally improving quality of life in Los Angeles. I urge the City to stop the current process and instead carve a path for a responsible plan Angelenos can rely on.

Sincerely,

Adam Bussell