

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE)

**Date Submitted:** 08/24/2022 12:16 AM

**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,

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.

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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Alexander Sanchez

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

Submission Letter:

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Monica Gonzales

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