

Why is this topic important?

This strategy aims to reduce transportation barriers, increase economic opportunities, enhance community engagement, and improve access to transportation by expanding public transit options, creating pedestrian -friendly areas, and establishing transit -oriented industries.

Why is transportation access important for a strong and inclusive regional economy?

A lack of reliable transportation poses significant barriers to economic mobility in Inland SoCal by limiting people’s access to education, training, and job opportunities. In a region where many people rely on cars, limited public transit options and lack of access to a car make it harder to get and keep a job, especially in rural areas. Better access to transportation expands people’s economic opportunities by making it easier to get to school, work, the grocery store, doctor appointments, and other activities of daily life. Transportation access ensures that people can participate in the economy and the world around them, which contributes to more inclusive and broadly prosperous communities.

How will transportation access contribute to a more equitable Inland SoCal?

Enhancing transportation access will significantly improve equity by ensuring that all residents, especially those from economically disadvantaged communities, have reliable means to reach essential services and job opportunities. Investing in infrastructure can expand transportation options and reduce barriers to economic mobility. Implementing smart transit technologies, such as real-time arrival information and mobile ticketing apps, further enhances accessibility. Subsidies, programs, and private sector collaborations, in addition to advocating for policies that improve public transportation funding, can additionally ensure that all residents have access to safe, reliable, and affordable transportation.

What we have heard from the community ...

Ryan^[1] recounted that they lost their job due to lack of reliable transportation, that “*Again, transportation, I lost it because I didn't have transportation. I was missing too many days. So yeah. Yeah, they have to [have a car], so I said, "understandable."*”

Miini, who splits a vehicle with their fiancée, shared that “*sometimes he would have to do overtime, which in turn would make me late for work because we only have one car.*”

Disinvested communities struggle to get from place to place. Cars are expensive to maintain, and communities may need to rely on public transportation; which diminishes job opportunities. - Western San Bernardino

I think that the lack of both good public transportation and nearby job training programs is really hurting the ability for people to get entry level skills and work.

Key data findings...

Many workers in Southern California commute by car. Workers from Riverside and San Bernardino counties **overwhelmingly commute alone by private automobile**, at approximately 73.5% in Riverside and 74.4% in San Bernardino.

Commute times in the two-county region were also higher than that of both Los Angeles and Orange counties, with a **greater percentage of the population commuting 60 minutes or more**.

While the majority of households in both counties have access to at least one private vehicle, **almost 2% of Riverside County households, and 2.3% of San Bernardino County households did not have access to a private vehicle**.

Strategies and tactics

Invest in infrastructure for bike lanes, pedestrian pathways, and smart transit technologies : These investments will expand transportation options, which currently hinder economic mobility; restrict access to jobs, education, and essential services; and contribute to traffic congestion and environmental issues.

Provide subsidies or vouchers for public transportation, car ownership, and need -based gas subsidies: These solutions address the challenge of limited access to affordable and reliable transportation, which restricts economic mobility, job access, and participation in education and essential services, particularly for low -income and underserved populations.

Establish ride-sharing and carpooling programs : These initiatives can expand transportation options and reduce costs for commuters, especially those who have few public transit options.

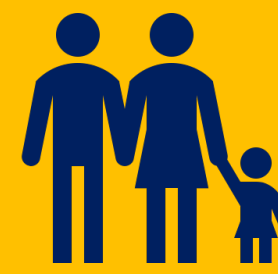
Work with employers to offer transportation benefits, shuttle services, and flexible work arrangements : Expanding workers’ transportation options increases access to job opportunities and reduces daily single -driver commutes.

Advocate for policies to improve public transportation funding, expand routes, increase service frequency, and prioritize equity and accessibility : Strong and well-funded public transit systems expand and enhance transportation services for everyone, including those with disabilities.

Develop electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in residential, commercial, and industrial areas : Greater access to EV charging infrastructure will be essential as the state transitions away from fossil fuels.

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