



**MOVING  
EQUITY  
FORWARD**

## OUR VISION

**We envision a transportation system that is accessible, reliable, affordable, and convenient for all residents regardless of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, or ability.** We have the power and the resources for a just recovery that restores transit service cuts, prevents layoffs, and serves Bay Area residents. By investing in our transit system, our leaders can create good-paying green union jobs, and contribute to a clean and healthy environment by reducing car trips and carbon emissions.



## WHO WE ARE

Voices for Public Transportation (VPT) is a coalition of community-based organizations, labor, environmental, and equity advocates from across the Bay Area. As people who live, work, and travel in the Bay Area, we know that investing in our transportation system is essential for the health and wellness of our communities, environment, and economy.

VPT came together in 2017 to build a transformative regional transportation funding measure. When this work was interrupted by COVID-19, our advocacy shifted to preventing layoffs and service cuts, while continuing to work toward the large-scale investment in our public transportation system that we know we need.



# THE SOLUTIONS WE SEEK



## A JUST RECOVERY

The pandemic has pushed our overburdened and underfunded public transportation system to the brink. Restoring and improving our public transportation system is vital to an economic recovery where prosperity is equitable and broadly shared. That is why the VPT coalition is urging regional and local decision-makers to:

- Respond to the current crisis with the urgency it deserves.
- Move available funds to fill immediate operations funding gaps across the region.
- Pursue all available state funding sources to prevent service cuts and worker layoffs.
- Return to pre-COVID levels of service as soon as possible. Prioritize the health and safety of workers and riders to slow the spread of COVID-19.

## INVESTING IN TRANSPORTATION JUSTICE FOR THE LONG TERM

Public transportation is central to ensuring economic and mobility justice and addressing climate change. A significant investment in public transportation is more essential than ever if we are going to solve the Bay Area's big, interrelated problems. We are calling for a regional transportation funding measure that:

- Is funded by progressive revenue sources that call on all stakeholders to pay their fair share,
- Provides ongoing and reliable funding for public transportation with dedicated and robust funding for operations, both locally and regionally,
- Ensures fares are affordable for all riders, where income is not a barrier to mobility
- Is developed through a fair and transparent public process led by a public agency, and gives impacted communities a powerful decision-making role.