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TEN is a grassroots network of more than 350 community organizations (including many Gamaliel groups) in 41 states working for access to a more just, prosperous, and connected America.

Who TEN is



A front-page article in the March 29 Washington Post features the work of PRISCM and TEN in a compelling story about the cost of transportation inequity for communities of color and low-income people.

U.S. Affiliates



TEN Platform

- **Increase funding** to public transportation.
- Target **construction jobs** to people of color, women, and people with low incomes.
- Strengthen **accountability** to people with low incomes .
- Strengthen **environmental justice** measures.
- Strengthen **civil rights**.

TEN Victories

- JARC program
- MPO list
- Transportation Equity Demonstration Fund
- Workforce Amendment

JOBS – SAFETEA-LU

- With the support of Senator Barack Obama (D-IL), TEN was able to get a "Sense of Congress" amendment inserted into SAFETEA-LU:
- “...**30%** of the jobs (on federal highway projects) should be filled by **local community members.**”

Missouri Model

- St. Louis - MODOT agreed to reserve **30%** of the work hours on its largest highway project for **women, low income people, and minorities.**
- MODOT also agreed to funnel **\$2.5 million** into jobs training and incentives (1/2 of 1% of the project budget).

- Approximately **27%** of work hours on I-64 were performed by women and minorities.

Why It Worked

- Community and faith based groups forced MoDOT to the table and monitored the project.
- Constant feedback from MoDOT to the community.
- USDOT is now funding a demonstration grant for the Missouri model with other DOT projects, including transit projects.

Opportunities

- USDOT is interested in community models.
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- Transportation funding is in crisis.
- We have two more years to solidify gains with administration.
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- Transportation bill must be passed.

What community monitoring (success!) looks like:

