Transportation Equity Network
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 PRISCO 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.

• Transportation funding is in crisis.

• We have two more years to solidify gains with administration.

• Transportation bill must be passed.
What community monitoring (success!) looks like: