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## PEOPLE

Residents and business owners, particularly those within the ½ mile radius of each station, and/or others with a close relationship to this area; for example, as recipients of services, visitors, or daily commuters.

### 1. Centrality of essential workers

How do we place communities and residents of color at the center of transit and TOD?

- Advocating and partnering with transit agencies: article and letter
- Pipeline of affordable/ workforce housing near transit

### 2. Mutual aid/Community Tables led by trusted community leaders

How can we strengthen community tables based on trust so they can be not only first responders, but also permanent advocates for equitable development in their communities?

- Flexible funding and CT support — Convergence \$100K grant

### 3. Intergenerational relationships: role of young people

How do we work with young people to design a different normal where the health of the most vulnerable is at the center of TOD?

- Youth programming, their role in the CCR project



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## PLACE

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## 4. Walkability and active transportation

What does walkability mean in different communities?

- CDPH/PHMIC: 2nd year of walkability grants

## 5. Density vs. crowding

Are we doing our best to understand the contemporary housing needs (space, access to transit) of families?

- Our affordable housing pipeline provides:
  - 1) family-size units in dense neighborhoods and
  - 2) quality affordable housing in disinvested communities.Examples from pipeline: Emmett St., IFF's housing and Garfield Green

## 6. The future of development

How do we center health so future development makes us more resilient against pandemics and other health challenges and inequities?

- Esperanza Health Centers expansion grant
- Health impact assessments in our pipeline and capital screen
- eTOD in future comp plan
- CCR projects

## 7. Transit vs. cars

Is transit healthy (safe and clean)? Are cars safer? Why eTOD?

- Data and narrative change
- Environmental justice issue: covid-19 is a respiratory disease. Fewer pollutants = healthier communities
- Real stories from community



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## PROCESS

Key organizations in the public, private, and civic sectors — including anchor institutions — responsible for major decisions and investments affecting the built environment and infrastructure, such as government agencies; planning, development, architecture and engineering firms; real estate companies; and financial institutions.

## 8. Inclusive and adaptive leadership in times of crisis

How do we incentivize inclusive leadership in a region built for competition?

- CLLC participation
- Steering Committee adaptations
- SPARCC collaborative
- DEI series

## 9. Community engagement

What can we do to improve community engagement during the crisis and beyond?

- engagement pples and recommendations
- SPARCC virtual learning convening
- eTOD WG policy and grant
- CMAP grant

## 10. Recovering from crisis and recession

Who is benefitting from emergency support, and who isn't?

Who will benefit from stimulus dollars, and who will not?

- SPARCC advocacy
- Convergence grant



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