



November 1, 2024

Dear Honorable Councilmember Foster,

Rosa Parks’s historic refusal to give up her bus seat in 1955 is commemorated each year on her birthday, February 4, known as “Transit Equity Day.” Its observance reminds us that public transit is an essential service that should be convenient and accessible to all.

We respectfully request that you bring to the City Council our request to proclaim February 25, 2025 “Rosa Parks Transit Equity Day in the City of San Diego”. MTS and NCTD plan special observances, and a coalition of parents at Rosa Parks Elementary School is planning activities in collaboration with Mesa College, site of the MTS Rosa Parks dedicated bus stop.

For your information, we include below a photo of a Proclamation issued by the State of Wisconsin.

Respectfully,

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Proclamation

WHEREAS; Transit Equity Day is a national day of action that is held every year on February 4 to commemorate the birthday of the iconic civil rights leader, Rosa Parks, tying her efforts to integrate public transportation systems in the 1950s to the belief that all people should have the right to transit mobility and accessibility; and

WHEREAS; protecting the right to transit mobility and accessibility means ensuring that all individuals have access to convenient, affordable, and equitable transit services, and Transit Equity Day recognizes the connection between this idea and Rosa Parks' historic role in reducing barriers to public transportation through the Montgomery Bus Boycott; and

WHEREAS; Transit Equity Day also elevates the message that providing access to affordable, accessible, clean, and safe transit and paratransit alternatives can be a means to combat climate change; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's public transit infrastructure is vital to our social and economic livelihood, helping Wisconsinites get to and from work, school, doctor's appointments, and so much more; and

WHEREAS; ensuring safe, functional, affordable, accessible, and sustainable infrastructure and transportation services is a priority for our state, and we recognize the importance of centering sustainability and equity in designing and investing in our transit systems; and


WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin affirms that public transit is an essential service and that all people—regardless of race, ability, age, income status, or identity—have the right to transit mobility and transit accessibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 4, 2022, as

TRANSIT EQUITY DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in
the City of Madison this 14th day of
January 2022.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR