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# Transit for transit riders

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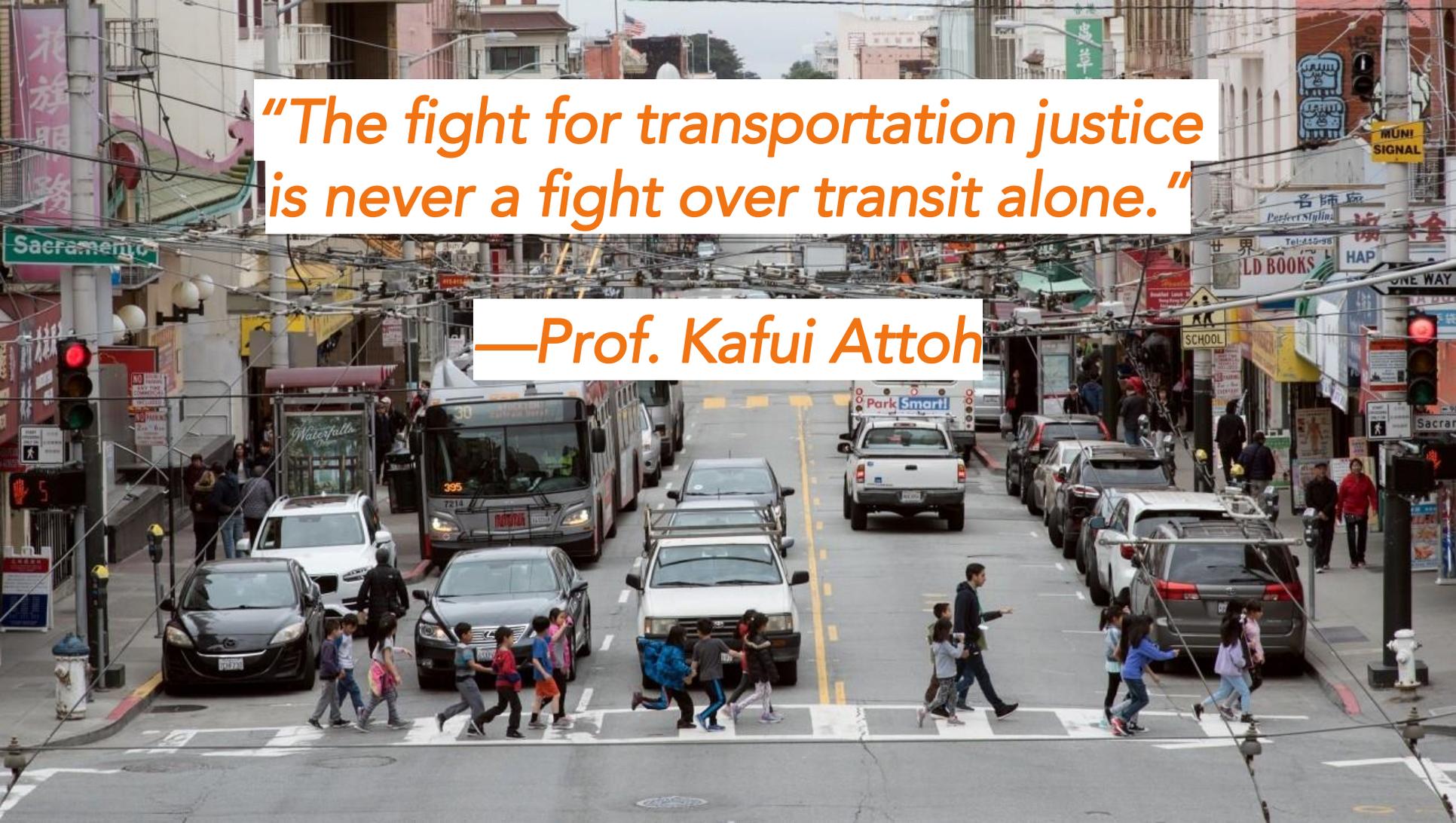
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San Francisco Transit Riders (SFTR) represents the hundreds of thousands of daily transit riders in San Francisco.

*“The fight for transportation justice is never a fight over transit alone.”*

*—Prof. Kafui Attoh*



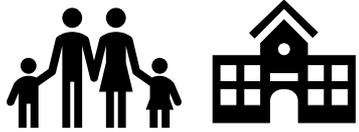
# What inadequate funding means for riders

- The most transit-dependent and lowest income transit riders will be impacted first and worst:
  - Service cuts
  - Fare increases
  - Service disruptions
  - Negative impacts to cleanliness, safety, and comfort



*"I'm a senior, and I don't want to be trapped at home.*

Reliable bus service lets me attend cultural events and classes, and to participate in the wider community."



*"As a car-free family of 4, we rely heavily on Muni to get to work, school, and extracurricular activities. [...]* Less Muni means more traffic, making biking more dangerous and driving more tedious."

*"As a SF resident without a car, I rely on transit to get around the city, visit local businesses, and see friends.* Cutting funding would prevent me from doing these things."



"I solely rely on transit (or walking) and am suffering the loss of the 10 which **got me to my doctors in half the time** [...] and am too frequently left with no options at night"

# Community outreach: Transit Justice Coalition

## Community feedback:

- Service should be:
  - Complete, frequent, fast, reliable, comfortable, accessible at all hours, and accommodating of multimodal trips
- Transit should be safe and affordable— all should feel welcome and no one should be turned away for lack of funds
- Suggestions for increasing accessibility, especially for non-English speakers and riders with disabilities



# Accountability from the riders' perspective

- Communities want and need better transit.
- Many improvements are broadly supported by our communities, but will require additional funding to implement.
- Transit should be funded to survive the fiscal cliff and “thrive” beyond the pre-pandemic status-quo
- **Riders must be included in discussions about transit's future**, including any discussions about “accountability” from transit agencies



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# Thank you.

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