

OCTA & Bike Safety

CAC Bike & Pedestrian Subcommittee

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OCTA's Roles & Responsibilities

- Countywide Transit Service
- Programming Funds
- Regional Planning Agency
- Marketing and Promotion



Coach Operator Training



- Share the Road safety training (*instructional video & handbook*)
 - how and when to pass bicycles
 - loading/unloading bicycles.
- Annual safety training
 - analysis of real bicycle accident videos from buses
- "Smith System"
 - Defensive Driving

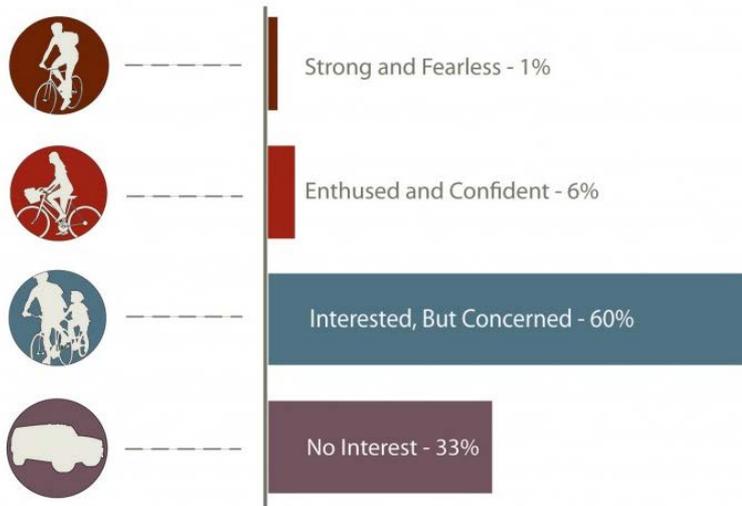
Funding

- Fund local bike and pedestrian projects through our regional grant programs.
- Last year, OCTA awarded 23 projects valued at \$9.43 million



Regional Planning

The Four Types of Bicyclists



- Encouraging the development of safer bikeways as part of the OCTA regional bikeway planning efforts.

Education

BICYCLE SAFETY

Bicyclists on public roadways have the same rights and responsibilities as automobile drivers, and are subject to the same state laws and local ordinances. For everyone's safety observe all bicycling laws. Here are some safety tips for you to follow.



RIDE IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC

By law you must ride in the same direction as automobile traffic. It's EXTREMELY DANGEROUS to ride against traffic as motorists, especially at intersections, are not looking for bicyclists riding the WRONG way.



OBEY ALL TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS

Stop at all stop signs and signals as requested by law.



USE HAND SIGNALS

Hand signals tell motorists what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, courtesy and self protection.



FOLLOW LANE MARKINGS; THEY ARE FOR BIKES TOO!

Don't turn left from the right lane. Don't go straight in a right-turn-only lane.



DON'T PASS ON THE RIGHT

Motorists may not look for or see a bicycle passing on the right.



AVOID ROAD HAZARDS

Watch out for parallel-slat sewer grates, slippery manhole covers, oily pavement, potholes and gravel. Cross railroad tracks carefully at right angles.



KEEP BOTH HANDS READY TO BRAKE

You may not stop in time if you brake one-handed. Never use the front wheel brake by itself. Allow extra distance for stopping in the rain, since brakes are less efficient when wet. Be careful of slippery roadway markings.



RIDE A WELL-EQUIPPED BIKE

Be sure your bike is adjusted to fit you properly. For safety, outfit it with bells, rearview mirrors, fenders and racks. Use a strong headlight and taillight at night as required by law.



DRESS APPROPRIATELY

Wear a helmet that meets ANSI or Snell standards whenever you ride. Wear bright clothes during the daytime and use a light and reflective clothing at night.



KEEP YOUR BIKE IN GOOD REPAIR

Maintain your bike in good working condition. Check brakes regularly and keep tires properly inflated to avoid flats. Routine maintenance is simple and you can learn to do it yourself. Or you can leave it to an expert at a local bike shop.



LOCK YOUR BIKE WHEN YOU'RE GONE

A U-shaped high security lock is best. Lock the frame and rear wheel to a fixed object. If you have quick release wheels, also lock the front wheel. Consider using a cable in addition to a U-lock.

- Safety tips on countywide bike maps
- “Bike Safety” and “Sharing the Road” resources on OCTA’s website
- Cycling safety workshops conducted by League-certified Cycling Instructors
- Webinars regarding safe bicycle and pedestrian design

Three Feet for Safety Act

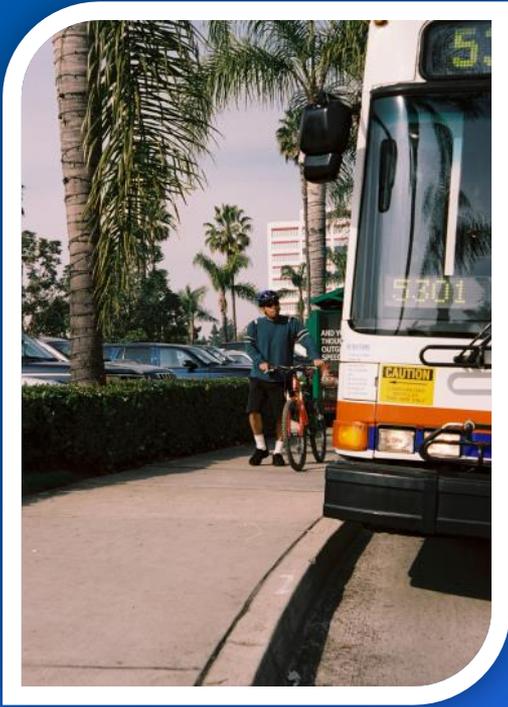


- Update the bicycle safety information on our website and in our printed publications with this new information prior to the law becoming effective.
- Discuss the new law with local cities with OCTA's Technical Advisory Committee to ensure awareness at the local level

Encouragement



- Encourage cycling through our “Bike Month” and “Bike Festival” efforts.
- “Share the Ride, Share the Road” outreach flyer that provides safety information to car drivers and bicyclists.



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