



## **CAC Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee**

550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07

April 5, 2018 | 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

(Rescheduled from March 20, 2018)

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Welcome**

#### **2. Presentation Items**

**A. Bike Month 2018 (15 min.)**

Kylie Swope, Marketing Program Administrator, Associate

**B. Project I: SR-91 (SR-57 to SR-55) (15 min.)**

Doug Pekrul, Project Manager, Highway Programs, and Fernando Chavarria, Community Relations Officer

**C. Project M: I-605/Katella Avenue Interchange (15 min.)**

Jeannie Lee, Senior Project Manager, Highway Programs, and Chris Boucly, Community Relations Officer

**D. Project B: I-5 (I-405 to SR-55) (20 min.)**

Jeannie Lee, Senior Project Manager, Highway Programs, and Fernando Chavarria, Community Relations Officer

#### **3. OCTA Staff Updates (5 minutes each)**

**A. Project F: SR-55 (I-5 to SR-91) – Chris Boucly, Community Relations Officer**

**B. Complete Streets Checklist – Paul Martin, Active Transportation Coordinator**

**C. Active Transportation Funding and Events – Paul Martin, Active Transportation Coordinator**

**D. Other**

#### **4. Subcommittee Member Comments**

#### **5. Public Comments\***

#### **6. Adjournment**

##### **Agenda Descriptions/Public Comments on Agenda Items**

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**CAC Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee  
Meeting Notes**

December 12, 2017 | 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07

**1. Welcome**

Roy Shahbazian welcomed everyone to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee meeting at 1:05 p.m.

**2. Presentation Items**

**A. Systematic Safety Analysis**

Paul Martin presented the Systematic Safety Analysis and provided a handout with the study goals and objectives.

Jeff Thompson asked if it is only police departments providing the data and, if so, can the net be cast wider to include data from insurance carriers as well since not every bicyclist reports incidents to the police. Paul Martin said the study pulls from eight years of statewide crash information. He said there are currently no additional sources of data. Paul said the statewide crash info includes some hospital information. He said OCTA could look elsewhere, such as insurance carriers, but he believes looking at eight years of information gives OCTA a pretty good idea of what is happening.

Margaret Novak asked if there is a way to get additional feedback beyond the data from the cities and unincorporated areas. Paul Martin said the statewide database captures all 34 cities, including unincorporated areas. OCTA has offered to collect more data from cities, and may do so by “diving deeper” into specific police reports that may be too general.

Vince Buck asked if the data is comparable between jurisdictions. Paul Martin said that remains to be seen and the consultant will analyze the data for consistency. Vince said it appears there is a bias that it is always the biker’s fault within the reports/data and was wondering if OCTA can look into that. Paul said yes, OCTA can look into it.

Vince Buck asked if electric bikes can be identified in the reports. Paul Martin said the data does not currently include this factor. He said the data is more general. Another example of something not included in the database is sidewalk riding. Vince also asked about Class 1 Bikeways. Paul said yes, all bike crashes will be looked at not just ones involving a pedestrian or a car.

David Emerson said he has been in many collisions and has never reported them, and most cyclists do not report unless there is damage to the car involved. He

believes the database should be augmented to also include information from local cycling groups regarding near misses. He believes this would be more effective than “digging deep” into police reports. Vince Buck asked if this study could be supplemented with additional information from some sort of survey that OCTA could ask these groups to complete. Paul Martin said OCTA will discuss different options with the consultant on how to collect comprehensive data throughout the county.

Margaret Novak asked about Objective 4 Policy/Standards and how OCTA can ensure that this objective is met. Paul Martin said OCTA will provide recommendations above and beyond street lights and signs. He said OCTA will be looking for opportunities to make broad based recommendations.

Roy Shahbazian suggested getting in touch with pedestrian groups as well as the aforementioned bicycle groups for input. He asked what the timeline is for the study. Paul Martin said the project kicked off in September 2017. He said it is projected to be a 12 to 18 month schedule, which will include technical analysis and recommendations.

B. Project L: I-405 South (I-5 to SR 55) Improvement Project

Jeannie Lee presented the Project L: I-405 South Improvement Project.

Dan Kalmick asked how Measure M funding is used on Alternative 3. Jeannie Lee said the funding provides for one additional lane in each direction. Dan asked if Caltrans would have to provide additional funds to get a second lane. Jeannie said yes.

Vince Buck asked if any of the interchange improvements will be addressed on this project, specifically Shady Canyon and Sand Canyon. Jeannie Lee said there will be a mix of improvements being made to this area. She said further details will be looked at in the design phase. Jeannie said the comment period ends Friday and encourages the committee members to submit comments on the Caltrans website.

Jeff Thompson said this part of the freeway has the best bicycle facilities in Orange County. They are safe, there is open space and they are highly utilized. He said he cannot stress the importance of keeping them open as much as possible during construction. Jeannie Lee said from the San Diego Creek North it is anticipated to be closed for 90 days or less. She said the San Diego Creek South is predicted to be a nine month closure. Jeannie said OCTA will work with cities on the closures.

Roy Shahbazian said thank you for incorporating the concepts for signage and striping. He said he is concerned some interchanges will have free right turns. Roy also asked what the long-range picture is for Measure M - will there be any other opportunities to touch this freeway. Jeannie Lee said Caltrans is looking at using SB1 money for biking enhancements. Roy asked when the last year is to make changes to this project. Jeannie Lee said OCTA should move into the design phase

in 2022/23, so there will be more opportunity for input in the future. She said construction is slated to begin in 2025 and the project should be completed in 2030.

C. Active Transportation Counts Study

Sam Sharvini presented the Active Transportation Counts Study.

Dan Kalmik asked if OCTA used the bicycle flow model. Sam Sharvini said OCTA will put the data into the model to make projections over the next decade.

D. OC Active Public Outreach Update

Emily Mason provided a brief update on the OC Active Public Outreach and encouraged members to share the survey information with their constituents.

**3. OCTA Staff Updates**

A. Marketing Update

Kylie Swope provided an update on the Play it Safe Campaign, Bike Month and the Bike Festival.

B. Other

Emily Mason reminded committee members of upcoming CAC meetings.

Paul Martin discussed upcoming grant opportunities with regards to bicycle and pedestrians areas. He said the Office of Traffic and Safety (OTS) has grant opportunities due at the end of January. Paul said these cover safety videos, bike safety training, etc., and are usually used by police departments. He said Caltrans also has a Sustainability Grant due in May, which covers planning and study funding. Paul said the State of California offers Active Transportation Program (ATP) grants that fund infrastructure improvements including bicycle and pedestrians projects. He said applications are due by the end of May or June.

Paul Martin said SCAG sponsored a Go Human event on October 21, which OCTA participated in. OCTA is hoping to do more Go Human events next year.

Dan Kalmick asked about the grant for DUI enforcement and asked if cities are penalized for trying to go for too many grants. Paul Martin said these grants are need based and can also be used for cell phone enforcement and training. Paul said cities are not penalized for going after multiple grants.

Dan Kalmick asked if OCTA has released information on how to better apply for ATP Grants or training through the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Paul Martin said OCTA plans to work with TAC and possibly do a workshop on how to apply for ATP Grants. Caltrans will also be holding workshops.

#### **4. Subcommittee Member Comments**

Vince Buck said he would like to see the committee discuss electric bicycles at a future meeting. He believes there is potential danger on Class 1 Bikeways, as the electric bikes go up to 28 MPH. There is no attention given to the speed limit on bikeways, as most have a 10 MPH speed limit, which is not enforceable and is unrealistic.

Margaret Novak said she would like to learn more about the Complete Streets Checklist, specifically when it is being used. Roy Shahbazian said he would like to learn which projects are using the Complete Streets Checklist. Roy said he would also like a report on the I-5 in Tustin, specifically on the interchanges.

#### **5. Public Comments**

Edgar Arellano – City of Anaheim resident and Santa Ana bike group volunteer. Mr. Arellano asked about Item 2B (Project L: I-405 South Project). He questioned the project's addition of lanes to the I-5. He believes it will create a bottleneck at the SR 55 and the I-405. He also said Bus Rapid Transit could limit congestion in this project area and he believes it could be an opportunity to think of something new as a solution.

Mr. Arellano also provided feedback on the Spanish version of the OC Active Survey. He travels from Anaheim to Santa Ana by bike and beside the OC Loop, he feels there is a lack of bike-friendly facilities.

Nina – CalWalks. Nina asked if the information from Item 2C (Active Transportation Counts Study) will be available to CalWalks. She said it might help with future trainings.

She asked if OCTA could offer training to help with applying for OTS grants. Paul Martin said OCTA does not currently offer workshops, as police departments are more adept.. Paul said OCTA could consider it in the future.

Roy Shahbazian asked if OCTA could provide advice for someone who's not a city, to get these grants or should they work with a city. Paul Martin said some grants are open to non-profits, but some must be entered by a city. OCTA is not a designated liaison, but we can talk to groups.

Marlon Regisford (Caltrans) suggested checking a group's eligibility at the Active Transportation Research Center website. He said there are some Caltrans workshops coming up, so please check the website.

Margaret Novak asked if comments from the meeting will be recorded and forwarded to staff regarding specific projects. Emily Mason said yes.

#### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**CAC Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee  
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Attendance Record**

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

Members	9/19/17	12/12/17*	4/5/18**	6/19/18
Adams, Paul	●	⊙		
Buck, Vince	⊙	●		
Cox, Brian	●	⊙		
Duffin, Barry	●	⊙		
Emerson, David	●	●		
Kalmick, Dan	●	●		
Novak, Margaret	●	●		
Paredes, Mark	●	⊙		
Shahbazian, Roy	●	●		
Taylor, John	⊙	⊙		
Thompson, Jeff	●	●		

\*Rescheduled from 12/19/17

\*\*Rescheduled from 3/20/18