



CAC Bicycle and Pedestrian Active Transportation Subcommittee

550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 09

June 21, 2022 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call – Attendance**
- 3. Presentation Items**
 - A. E-Bike Updates – Peter Sotherland, Active Transportation Coordinator
 - B. Bike Month Recap – Kristopher Hewkin, External Affairs
- 4. OCTA Staff Updates (*5 minutes each*)**
 - A. Marketing Update – Kristopher Hewkin, External Affairs
 - B. Active Transportation Update – Peter Sotherland, Active Transportation Coordinator
 - C. Capital Projects Update – Chris Boucly, External Affairs
 - D. Staff Liaison Update – Christina Byrne, External Affairs
- 5. Subcommittee Member Comments**
- 6. Adjournment**

Agenda Descriptions

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**Citizens Advisory Committee
Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
Meeting Notes**

March 15, 2022 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Teleconference Meeting
550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07

1. Welcome

Chair Paul Adams welcomed everyone to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Bicycle and Pedestrian Active Transportation Subcommittee meeting. Christina Byrne said there were no public comments received prior to the meeting. The teleconference notice and agenda for this meeting was posted one week prior to the meeting. She reviewed meeting protocols.

2. Roll Call Attendance

Members Present:

Paul Adams
Dan Kalmick
Mark Paredes

Lisandro Orozco
Nick Polichetti
John Kinney

Roy Shahbazian
Jeff Thompson
Lisandro Orozco

3. Presentation Items

A. STEP Update

Peter Sotherland provided an update on the Safe Travels Education Program (STEP), an Orange County Safe Routes to School Program. He said this is a \$500,000 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 4 Grant that OCTA received in partnership with the Orange County Healthcare Agency. Peter said there are currently 22 schools enrolled in the program. In the Fall, OCTA promoted “Walk to School” day with events and materials. He showed pictures of the events along with “bike rodeos.” OCTA will be asking for an extension to the grant due to COVID-19. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

Committee Member Comments:

Mark Paredes asked if there were any program challenges. Peter Sotherland said aside from COVID-19, the schools were strapped for time and resources. He said schools focused on transitioning back from being virtual. Peter said originally OCTA was focused on schools that had not received Safe Routes to Schools Programs, but ultimately opened it up a little more due to COVID-19. OCTA offered the program to 150 schools. Roy Shahbazian asked about the history of

the menu of programs. Peter Sotherland said he is not sure where exactly it came from, but there is a wealth of information on this program and OCTA learned from national and local partnerships. We are looking for schools and partners to champion these programs for the future.

B. Bike Month Recap

Kristopher Hewkin recapped Rideshare Week (October 4-8) 2021. He said the theme was *Drive Less, Smile More*. New to OCTA this year was the promotion of E-Bike and walking. Kristopher thanked Spectrumotion Transportation Management Association for their sponsorship and support. He also reviewed the promotional materials and marketing of the event. Kristopher said there was a 6.6% increase in pledges from the previous campaign. He showed a pie chart of the pledges by mode.

<The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

Committee Member Comments:

There were no committee member comments.

Public Comments

Christina Byrne called for public comments. There were no live public comments.

4. OCTA Staff Updates

A. Marketing Update – Kristopher Hewkin talked about Bike Month 2022. He said the theme will be *Bike There*. He said OCTA is doing more of a “full week” approach throughout May 2022, versus a “day” since people have hybrid commutes, with each week having a different theme. Kristopher talked about looking at concepts for E-Bike safety videos, as well as the status of the bike maps, the Youth Ride Free Program and the Telework Assistance Program. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

Committee Member Comments

Chair Paul Adams said everything looks great.

Vice Chair Lisandro Orozco asked about the status of the bike map. Kristopher Hewkin said each year OCTA releases a bike map that shows all the different trails and what class each trail is within Orange County.

B. Active Transportation Update – Peter Sotherland talked about the OC Loops Program which is a duplicate of the program in North Orange County for Central and South Orange County with a cross-county connector. There will be a draft report to this committee later in the year. He said currently OCTA is working with stakeholder cities on concepts. He said there will be a community workshop on March 24, 2022, via Zoom. Peter said staff is also working on the Garden Grove/Santa Ana Gap Closure Study which is an ATP Cycle 5 \$3 million grant to do environmental documents and project approval for an Active Transportation

Corridor along the PE Right of Way (PEROW) which parallels the OC Streetcar. Staff is also working on a Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Study which looks at the first and last mile around the busiest bus stops. There is also a Bicycle Counts Project in procurement. Peter said OCTA is monitoring E-Bikes closely and staff has conducted a questionnaire of the Technical Advisory Committee to gauge issues within the cities to guide OCTA's approach to E-Bikes. He said OCTA is also following legislation on E-Bikes in the county.

Committee Member Comments:

Vice Chair Lisandro Orozco asked if OCTA uses any state legislation to streamline the environmental review for Active Transportation. Peter Sotherland said OCTA is monitoring state legislation. However, OCTA's path is unique in that it will be on a former railroad right-of-way. He said this makes for some unique hazards and opportunities.

- C. Capital Projects Update – Chris Boucly talked about improvements being made at the Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station. He said OCTA is constructing a second main track, adding a new station platform and extending the existing platform to improve reliability for passengers. Chris said there are two upcoming closures that will affect pedestrians and cyclists. La Palma Avenue and Tustin Avenue will be closed over two consecutive weekends to allow crews to reconstruct the crossings at those streets to accommodate the new tracks. Chris talked about the I-405 project which includes the closure of the Heil Avenue Pedestrian Bridge. This bridge is taking a bit longer than expected to re-open. He said on the southbound side of the I-405, where the bridge lands, there is a delay due to a drainage system. Chris said after meeting with the cities it was decided to delay the opening rather than opening it temporarily. It was decided to delay the opening to May 2022. Chris said the Aliso Creek Parkway trail under the I-5 freeway has been delayed due to construction in the creek. It is now set to re-open in the late summer.

Committee Member Comments:

Roy Shahbazian said he is sad to hear the pedestrian bridge is still closed, but happy to hear that OCTA is providing shuttles. He asked how the shuttle works. Chris Boucly said OCTA worked with the schools to develop the shuttle service. He said the shuttle is only for students and there are pedestrian detours for the general public.

- D. Staff Liaison Update – Christina Byrne said the next regular CAC meeting will be at noon on April 19, 2022 and will be in-person. She said the next meeting of this committee will be June 21, 2022. She said all OCTA public committees will begin meeting in-person starting in April 2022.

5. Subcommittee Member Comments

Chair Paul Adams thanked staff for staying in-touch over the last months. He welcomed Allison Imler to the OCTA team. He looks forward to seeing everyone in-person at the next meeting.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

**CAC Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Attendance Record**

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

Members	6/15/21	9/21/21	12/21/21 CANCELLED	3/15/22
Adams, Paul	●	●	N/A	●
Kalmick, Dan	●	●	N/A	●
Paredes, Mark	⊙	⊙	N/A	●
Polichetti, Nick	●	⊙	N/A	●
Kinney, John	●	⊙	N/A	●
Shahbazian, Roy	●	●	N/A	●
Thompson, Diane	●	●	N/A	⊙
Thompson, Jeff	⊙	●	N/A	●
Reimer, Laurel	⊙	●	N/A	⊙
Orozco, Lisandro	●	●	N/A	●