

# Active Transportation Update



Bicycle and Pedestrian Active Transportation  
Subcommittee  
September 17, 2024

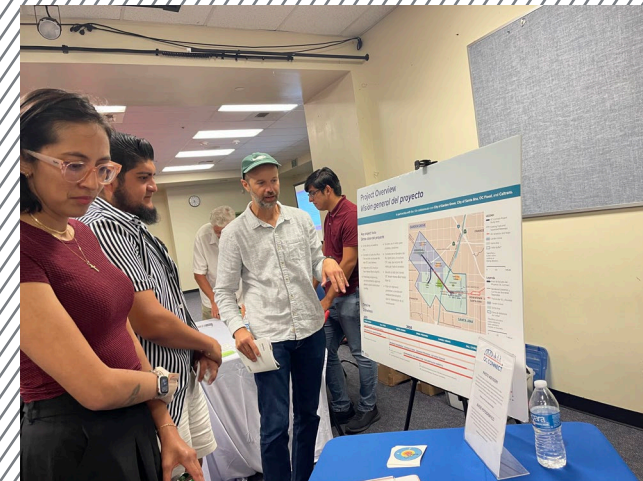
# Overview

- Ongoing Projects
- Safe Routes to School Program
- OCTA Coordination

# OC Connect

## Project Updates

- PDT meeting #5 held August 20
- Phase II community outreach
  - September 18<sup>th</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup>
  - In-person:
    - October 2nd, 6-8pm, at Vista Global Academy
    - November 4th, 10:30am, at OCTA Regional Transportation Planning Committee
    - November 7th, 6-7pm Artesia Pilar Neighborhood Association Meeting at El Salvador Park
  - Virtual:
    - October 9th
- Environmental technical studies
  - Under review by Caltrans
- Draft 35% design plans continued refinement



# E-bike Safety Study

## Project Updates

- Stakeholder meeting #4 held August 14
- Draft E-bike Safety Plan
- Reviewing the Draft E-bike Safety Plan
  - Focuses: Data, Education, and Coordination
  - Recommendations to support safe e-bike usage in OC
- Final Action Plan expected November 2024



# Education and Engagement Support

- Launched in Summer 2024
- Key activities
  - Hosting education, engagement, and safety initiatives
  - Pop-up events, e-bike rodeos, and online education modules
  - Deploying Mobile Street Ambassadors
  - Distributing safety materials to the public
- More events planned as part of ongoing engagement efforts across OC

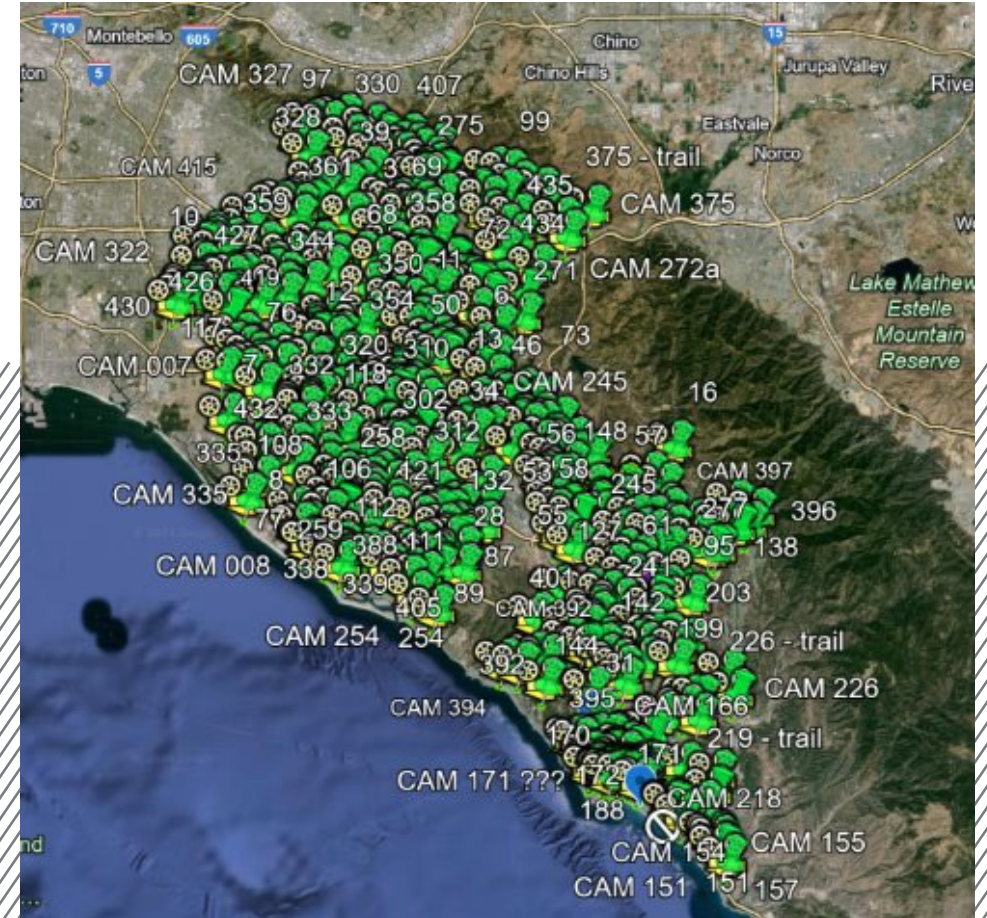
Date	Event	Location
September 14, 2024	Fiestas Patrias	Santa Ana
September 21, 2024	Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee's Community Bike Ride (Prostate Cancer Awareness)	Fullerton
October 9, 2024	Walk to School Day at Washington Elementary School	Santa Ana

Current Event Schedule as of 9/11/2024

# Orange County Bicycle Counts

## 2024 Count Collection

- 450 locations throughout OC
- Collection period were from 6/2-6/30/24
- Range of data categories
  - Direction of travel
  - Sidewalk vs. Street usage
  - Electric vs. Non-electric
  - Helmet usage
- Web-based platform for local agencies to request specific locations



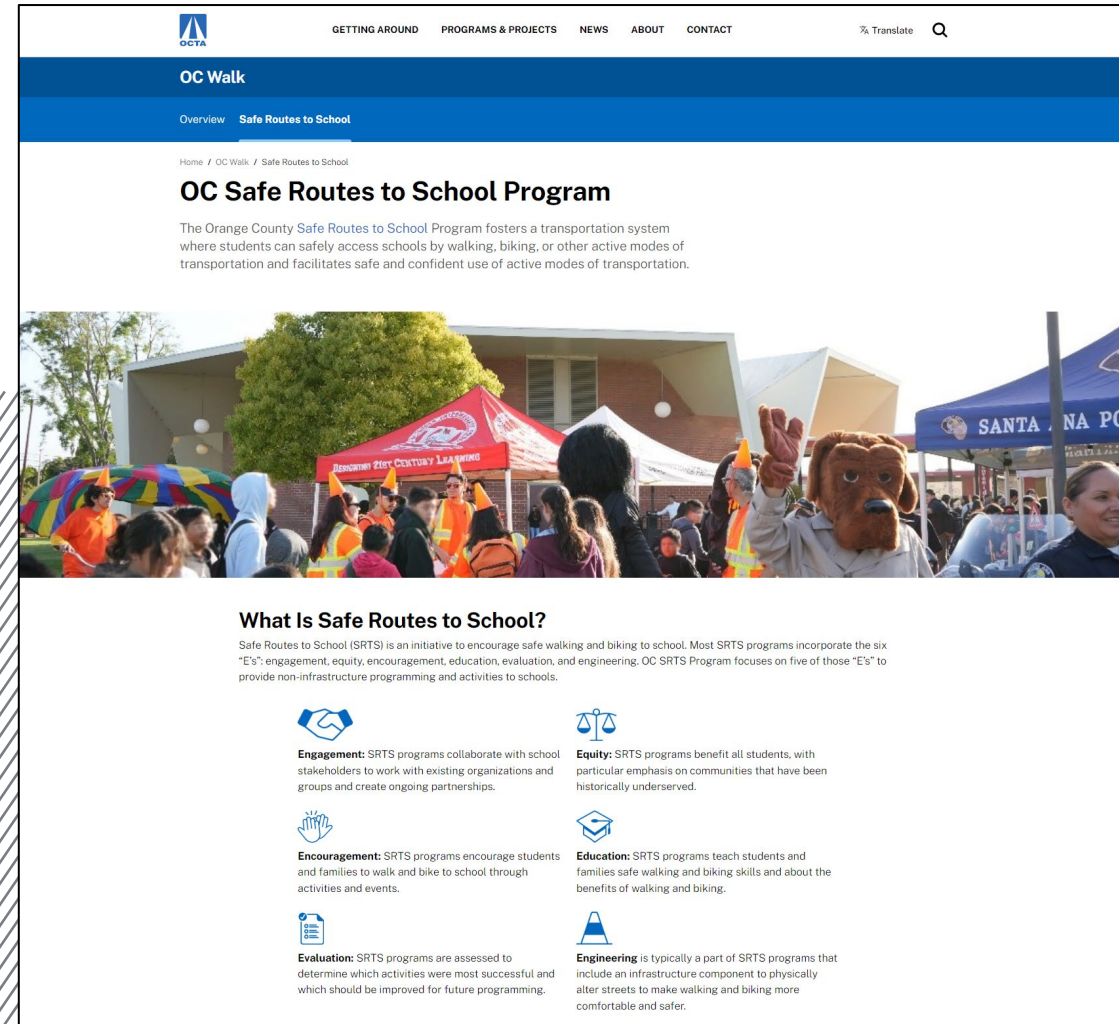
Count Locations across Orange County

# Next Safe Travel Education Program (STEP)

- Launched in June 2024, part of OCTA's SRTS initiative
- Partnering with Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA)
- Implemented in 25 public elementary schools
- Key activities:
  - Collaboration with city staff and police departments
  - Education and Encouragement activities
  - Evaluate infrastructure needs
- School recruitment began in Fall 2024

# Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program

- Promotes safe walking, biking, and other active transportation for students
- Stakeholder meeting #4
  - September 11, 2024
  - Suggestions for interested schools/districts for Next STEP project
- Web page
  - Offers resources
  - Highlights local efforts



The screenshot shows the OC Walk website page for the Safe Routes to School Program. The page features a navigation bar with links for 'GETTING AROUND', 'PROGRAMS & PROJECTS', 'NEWS', 'ABOUT', and 'CONTACT'. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'OC Walk' and the sub-page title is 'Safe Routes to School'. The main content area includes a breadcrumb trail 'Home / OC Walk / Safe Routes to School' and a heading 'OC Safe Routes to School Program'. A paragraph describes the program as a transportation system where students can safely access schools by walking, biking, or other active modes of transportation. Below the text is a photograph of a school event with people wearing orange safety vests and a dog mascot. The page also includes a section titled 'What Is Safe Routes to School?' with a brief description and six key components: Engagement, Equity, Encouragement, Education, Evaluation, and Engineering, each with a corresponding icon and a short description.


**OC Walk**

Overview **Safe Routes to School**

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## OC Safe Routes to School Program

The Orange County Safe Routes to School Program fosters a transportation system where students can safely access schools by walking, biking, or other active modes of transportation and facilitates safe and confident use of active modes of transportation.



### What Is Safe Routes to School?

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is an initiative to encourage safe walking and biking to school. Most SRTS programs incorporate the six "E's": engagement, equity, encouragement, education, evaluation, and engineering. OC SRTS Program focuses on five of those "E's" to provide non-infrastructure programming and activities to schools.

- Engagement:** SRTS programs collaborate with school stakeholders to work with existing organizations and groups and create ongoing partnerships.
- Equity:** SRTS programs benefit all students, with particular emphasis on communities that have been historically underserved.
- Encouragement:** SRTS programs encourage students and families to walk and bike to school through activities and events.
- Education:** SRTS programs teach students and families safe walking and biking skills and about the benefits of walking and biking.
- Evaluation:** SRTS programs are assessed to determine which activities were most successful and which should be improved for future programming.
- Engineering:** is typically a part of SRTS programs that include an infrastructure component to physically alter streets to make walking and biking more comfortable and safer.



# OCTA Coordination

## E-bikes

- E-bike Media
  - Videos production
    - Three completed videos, new contract upcoming
  - Print materials
- Website
  - Safety guidelines
  - Local safety initiatives
  - Summary of local e-bike ordinances
- E-bike Stakeholder Meeting 06/27/2024



Questions?