



## **CAC Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee**

550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07

March 26, 2019 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Welcome**

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

- A. May Bike Month Planning (*15 min.*)  
Kevin McMichael, Associate Marketing Specialist, External Affairs
- B. Active Transportation Counts Program Update (*15 min.*)  
Sam Sharvini, Transportation Analyst, Planning
- C. Safe Routes to School Update (*15 min*)  
Paul Martin, Active Transportation Coordinator, Planning
- D. El Toro Interchange Project (*15 min*)  
Lisa Ramsey, Project Management Office Chief, Caltrans

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

- A. Active Transportation Update – Paul Martin, Active Transportation Coordinator
- B. 405 Improvement Project Update – Christina Byrne, Public Outreach Manager

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

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

#### **6. Adjournment**

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

The Agenda descriptions are intended to give notice to members of the public of a general summary of items of business to be transacted or discussed. Members from the public wishing to address the Committee will be recognized by the Chairman at the time the Agenda item is to be considered. A speaker's comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

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

December 11, 2018 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07

**1. Welcome**

Vice Chair Paul Adams welcomed everyone to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee meeting at 12:10 p.m. He thanked OCTA for a wonderful groundbreaking ceremony for the OC Streetcar.

**2. Chair and Vice Chair Selection**

CAC Chair Roy Shahbazian led the selection of Chair and Vice Chair of the CAC Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee.

Roy Shahbazian asked for nominations for the position of Chair. David Emerson nominated Paul Adams. Dan Kalmick seconded the nomination. Paul Adams accepted the nomination and gave a brief statement. The motion was carried unanimously to elect Paul Adams to the position of CAC Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee Chairman.

Chair Paul Adams asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Paul Adams nominated Lisandro Orozco. David Emerson seconded the nomination. Lisandro accepted the nomination and gave a brief statement. The motion was carried unanimously to elect Lisandro Orozco to the position of CAC Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee Vice Chairman.

**3. Presentation Items**

**A. 91 PA/ED to SR-91 (SR-57 to SR-55) Improvement Project**

Fernando Chavarria introduced Project Manager Jeannie Lee. Jeannie provided an overview of the project. This project is partially funded by Project I in the Measure M2 Plan in addition to local and federal dollars. The project area includes improvements on the transition from SR-91 to SR-57, a general purpose eastbound lane on SR-91 between SR-57 and SR-55, westbound improvements on SR-91 from Lakeview to SR-55 and a direct access lane from Lakeview to the SR-55 transition. Jeannie said this project will provide operational improvements and move more vehicles in less time. She said there will be a Public Hearing on December 11, 2018 and it is expected that the environmental document will be finalized in mid-2019. Jeannie said this project is scheduled to be funded using excess 91 Express Lanes revenue. She said this money allows the project to be

accelerated and will free up some Measure M2 money for other projects and bring much needed improvement to the public quickly.

Jeannie Lee talked about direct impacts to the bicycle and pedestrian communities. She said there are no bikeways on the four bridges that will be worked on in the project area. In the areas of La Palma Avenue and on Kramer Avenue the following improvements will be made: provide six foot sidewalks, close sidewalk gaps and add six foot class 2 bike lanes. In the area of Tustin Avenue the following improvements will be made: six foot sidewalks on both sides and accommodations for six foot class 2 bike lanes, plus on Tustin Avenue an eight foot sidewalk southbound and a 20 foot wide sidewalk on the northbound side for potential access to a future Active Transportation facility. In the area of Lakeview Avenue improvements include: class 2 sidewalks and bike lanes, eight foot bike lanes southbound and fifteen foot wide sidewalk northbound for future Active Transportation facilities

The committee talked about all the areas that could potentially have new bike lanes. The committee suggested there might not be enough area for a bikeway on Tustin Avenue. Jeannie Lee said when this project goes to design these details will be worked out and OCTA is working with the city's future plans. Chair Paul Adams asked if OCTA could provide further information from the City of Anaheim and where exactly the lanes are and how wide they are. Alice Rogan said OCTA is making accommodations for future work by the city and while this committee has to be mindful of bicycle safety we are not at the part of the program where the exact details of where the lanes will be located. Jeannie said the project manager is an active cyclist and he will be at the public hearing tonight. She said committee members can always email comments in up until December 21<sup>st</sup> for the environment phase. She said your feedback is taken to the project team, but formal comment on the document should be submitted in writing or at the public hearing.

The committee discussed the area at Kramer and Lakeview Avenues. Roy Shahbazian thanked OCTA for the area on the north side at Lakeview Avenue for the safer looking sidewalks with signals and at the area entering the SR-55 transition. He said the southbound side does not look as good. Jeannie Lee said OCTA is not working on the southbound side of Lakeview Avenue in this project, but is trying to help as best as possible. Roy emphasized signaling areas where automobiles enter freeways. He said all the other ramps look like they have been improved and thanked OCTA for this.

The committee asked about closures to the Santa Ana River Trail. Jeanne Lee said there may be temporary closures and detours would be provided. Fernando Chavarria said we have a detour plan from a previous project in which this committee provided input.

#### B. OC Streetcar Update

Tresa Oliveri provided an update on the OC Streetcar. She showed the streetcar alignment which starts at the Santa Ana Train Station and goes to Beach Boulevard at Westminster Avenue. Tresa provided pictures of the Siemens vehicles and went over benefits of this vehicle. The streetcar will operate every 10 minutes with 10 stops along the corridor. She said the City of Santa Ana is really focused on pedestrian and cyclist safety in their city and OCTA is working with them to provide safety along the streetcar alignment. Tresa showed the subcommittee renderings of platforms along with bikeway alignments. She also showed renderings of on-street parking along with bike lanes and streetcar alignments. Tresa talked about adding signalization at Raitt and Lacey. Construction will start in 2019 and currently utilities are being moved to accommodate the construction of the streetcar.

Committee members discussed a detour across the Santa Ana River Trail and vertical curbs along the sides of bike lanes near platforms. The committee suggested slopped curbs on the sidewalk side of bike lanes. Tresa Oliveri said she will ask the contractor about this possibility.

The committee asked what they can expect to see starting in early 2019. Tresa Oliveri said the schedule is not set yet, but most likely the contractor will start in the Pacific Electric Right of Way (PE ROW) on getting the maintenance facility up and running for possession of the vehicles. The schedule has been submitted to OCTA, but there is some back and forth depending on the utilities' timelines. She said the final schedule will be online when it is finalized.

The committee asked about Santa Ana's class 4 lanes. Tresa Oliveri said the City has state funds tied to the bike lanes. The committee also asked if the bike lanes would run the full extent of Santa Ana Boulevard with the exception of the bridges. Tresa said she believes it runs the full length. She said the streetcar will not have bike facilities at the platforms; it is intended mostly for pedestrian's right in the area and transit to transit connections. Alice Rogan said there is not enough room on the platform for storage lockers, but riders can bring bicycles onboard. Louis Zhao said the City of Santa Ana has received funding to build bike storage lockers.

#### C. OC Active Plan Update

Paul Martin provided an update on OC Active. He said there is a new master plan covering bicycle and pedestrian topics. Paul went over the goals, community engagement, pedestrian/bikeways analysis, tools available, and next steps. He said regional bikeways have been detected which lead to the OC Loop and could lead to diagonal routes across the loop and additional loops. Paul said this plan empowers local agencies to have the information necessary to build and expand pedestrian ways and bike lanes.

The committee asked where they can get maps. Paul Martin said once the OC Active Report is finalized by the cities, the maps will be online. He said the cities

have the maps and some are already using them. Paul said the plans should be published early next year.

Roy Shahbazian thanked OCTA for taking pedestrian travel to the next level. Paul Adams said the maps are an excellent idea.

#### D. Systematic Safety Plan

Paul Martin presented the Systematic Safety Plan. He said this plan is to improve the safety and reduce the number of collisions involving pedestrians and cyclists. Paul said the plan took crash data, analyzed it and developed a plan. He said the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) is a funding program and this plan has a how-to guide on getting grants for infrastructure improvements.

Paul Martin discussed the Counter Measure Toolbox that local jurisdictions can use. He said this toolbox provides ideas on designs for intersections to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Paul said this documents talks about funding sources and OCTA hosted a workshop on how to use this document to locate funding sources. He said the final report is being drafted and will go out to the cities.

The committee discussed the total benefit amount. Paul Martin said OCTA quantified the crash history into dollar amounts. He said this can help a local jurisdiction figure out if the cost of the project justifies the benefits. The benefits are more of a social benefit for the short term with the potential for benefits further into the future.

The committee asked about using the tool online. Paul Martin said we are still finalizing the tool and determining how much of it will be published. He said HSIP has a worksheet online that helps to determine the costs/benefits.

The committee recognized some changes may make it safer for pedestrians, but might make it more dangerous for cyclists. Marlon Regisford suggested adding which guiding agency proposed each counter measure. Paul Martin also mentioned that not all counter measures have a crash reduction measure.

### 4. OCTA Staff Updates

#### A. I-405 Improvement Project Update

Christina Byrne said six bridges are under construction along the I-405 project. Slater Avenue has been fully demolished and pile driving is underway. On Goldenwest Street, lanes will be shifted to work on the bridge. McFadden was fully demolished and pile driving will be starting soon. Magnolia Avenue will have a traffic switch in the coming week and partial demolition later in the month. Fairview Avenue will be demolished in February.

**B. Active Transportation Update**

Paul Martin said OCTA submitted two applications for Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding which Louis Zhao will talk about. Paul said OCTA also received another grant for bicycle skills classes throughout Orange County in the coming year. OCTA will hire a consultant to plan the classes. He said OCTA will continue to hand out safety items such helmets and lights. Paul said electric scooters are coming to Orange County and it will be regulated by each city. OCTA is helping disseminate information to the cities.

**C. Grants Update**

Louis Zhao provided an update on the 2019 Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program (BCIP) which made \$25M available for five years of programming for agencies in Orange County. In November, the application process was closed and a total of 20 projects were received from 12 agencies for a total of \$32M in BCIP requests. A panel will review all the projects, score them and they will be approved in March-June.

Louis Zhao also provided an update on the 2019 ATP which made \$445.6M in funding available for Fiscal Year 2019/20 through Fiscal Year 2022/2023. He said the State sets aside half of the money for its own programs. The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) will receive about \$92M and of that Orange County will receive about \$15.9M. He said SCAG received 35 projects from 14 agencies for a total of \$221M in requests and OCTA has submitted for some of that funding.

The committee asked about the application process for two different programs. Louis Zhao said the BCIP application is pretty easy and straight-forward, but the application is very labor intensive for the ATP funding. He said smaller cities will not have the funds to get the application together for the ATP and are able to work hard to get the BCIP funds. He said also, about 90% of ATP funds go to disadvantage communities and Orange County has a very small percentage of communities that fit that criteria.

**5. Subcommittee Member Comments**

There were no subcommittee member comments.

**6. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m. The next full CAC meeting will be January 15 and the next Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee Meeting will be March 26.

**CAC Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee  
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Attendance Record**

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

<b>Members</b>	<b>9/18/18</b>	<b>12/11/18</b>
Adams, Paul	●	●
Buck, Vince	⊙	●
Emerson, David	●	●
Kalmick, Dan	⊙	●
Novak, Margaret	⊙	⊙
Paredes, Mark	⊙	⊙
Shahbazian, Roy	●	●
Taylor, John	⊙	⊙
Thompson, Jeff	⊙	●
Orozco, Lisandro	N/A	●