



# Community Meeting #3

November 7, 2024



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# Project Partners

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# Today's Agenda

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## Open House

1. Project Overview
2. Project Benefits & Vision
3. Project Features & Art
4. Crossing Features & Comfort

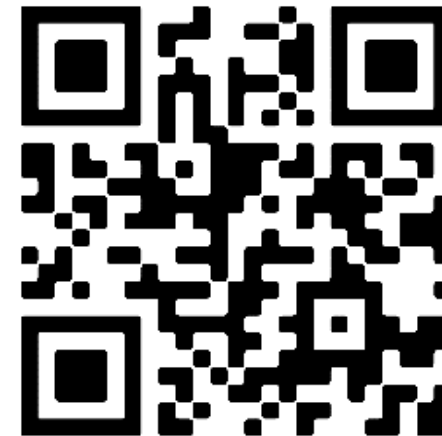
## Presentation

1. About the Project
2. Community Engagement
3. Q&A

## Open House

1. Review information and ask questions
- 3 2. Comments Station

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# About the Project

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*Project Overview, Schedule, and Benefits*



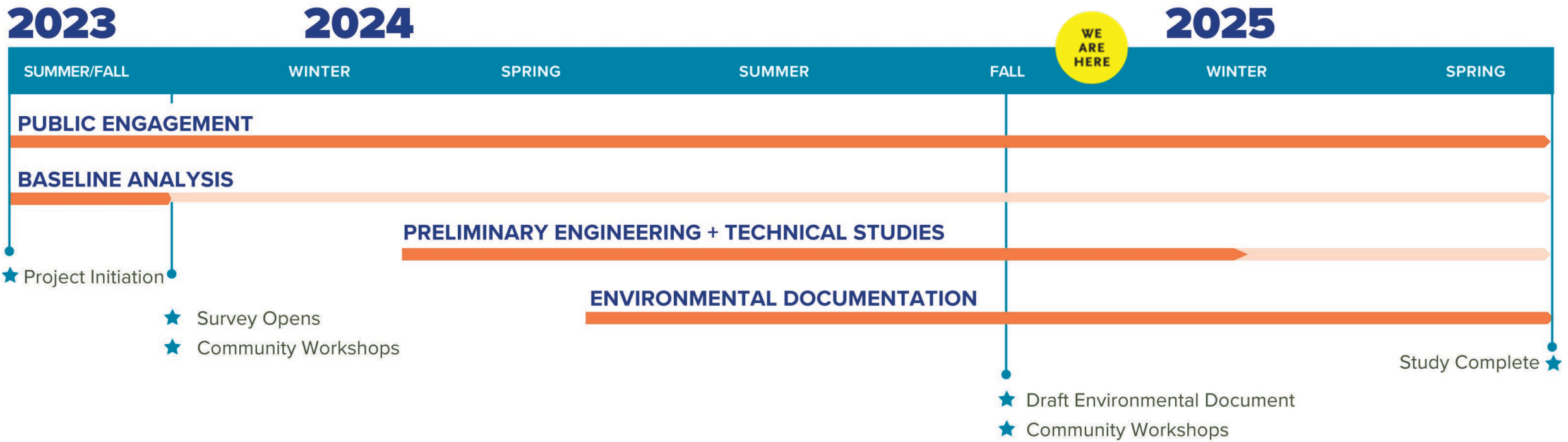




- 1.5 miles Garden Grove
- 2.3 miles in Santa Ana
- Preliminary engineering and environmental approval phase
- Adjacent to OC Streetcar from Harbor Blvd to Raitt St

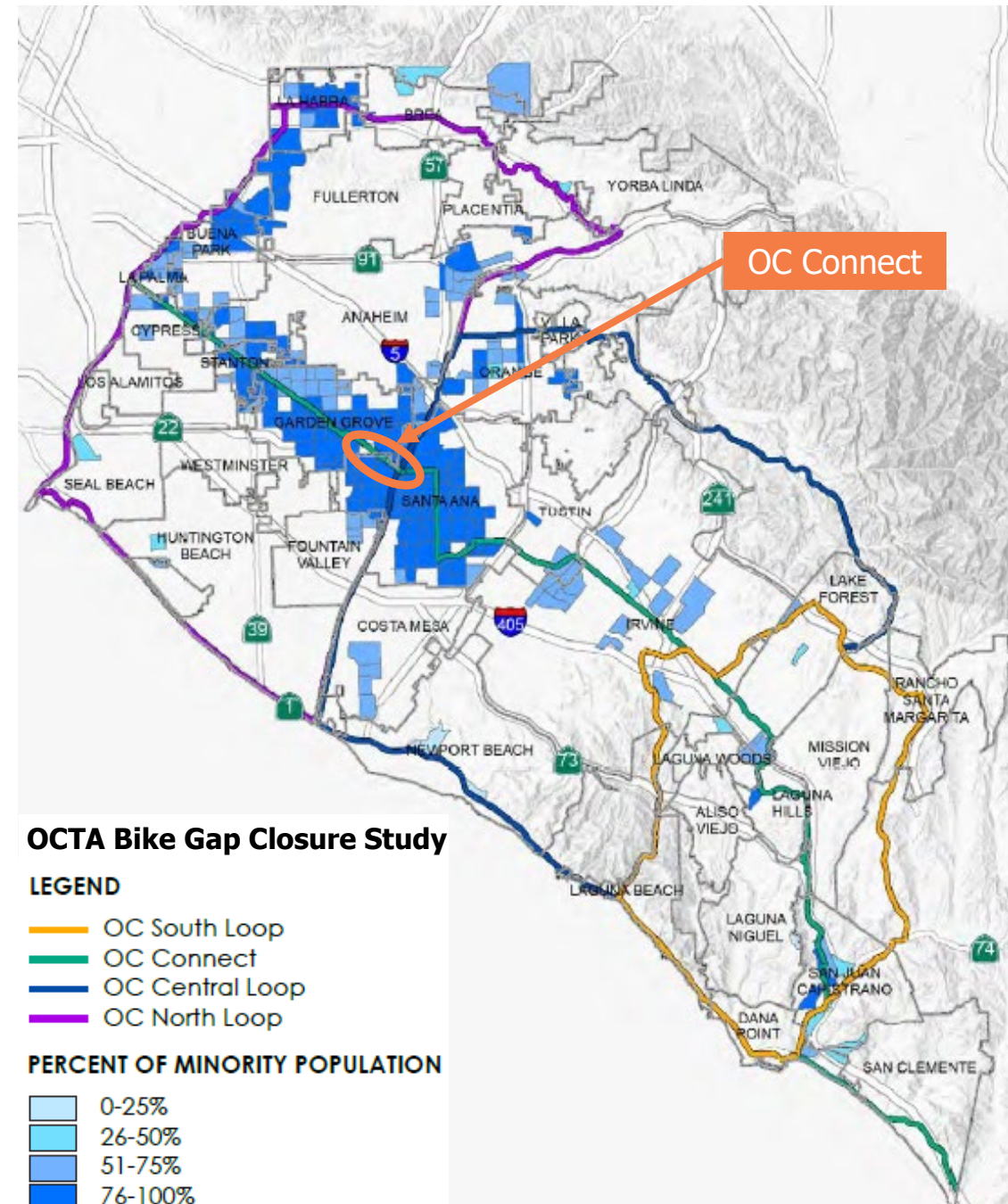


# Project Schedule



# Project Background

- Project Identified in OCTA Regional Plans
  - Regional Transportation Plan (2024)
  - Districts 1 & 2 Bikeway Strategy (2013)
  - OCTA Bike Gap Closure Study (2023)
- Project Identified in local City Plans
  - Re: Imagine Garden Grove Active Streets Plan (2018)
  - Muévete Santa Ana: Santa Ana Active Transportation Plan (2019)
- Community Feedback







# OC Connect Benefits

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Greater Connectivity



New Parks and Green Space



Promotes Health + Wellness



Provides a Low-Cost Transportation Option



Historic Preservation



Community Identity





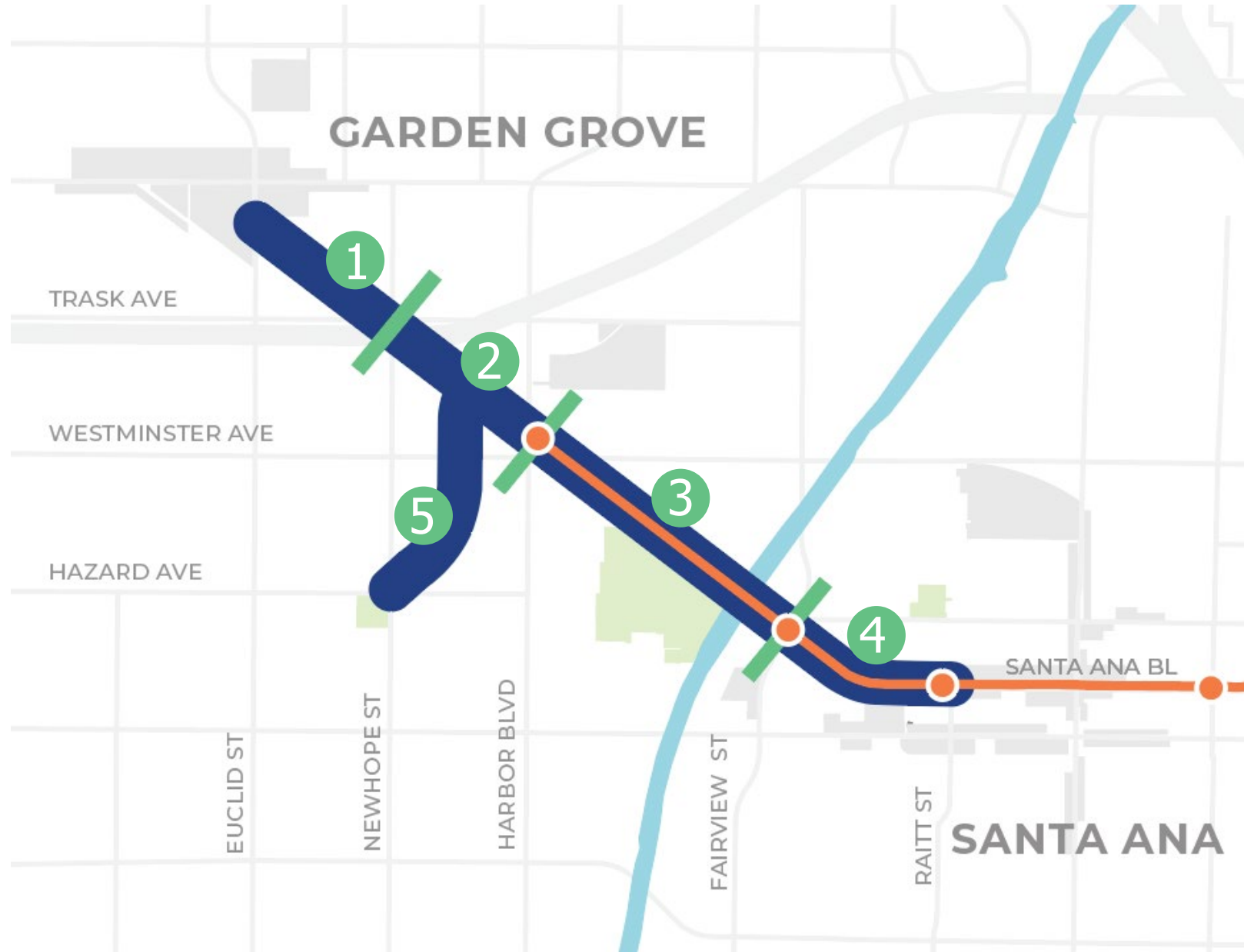
# Garden Grove Medal of Honor Trail





# Trail Segments

- A range of **trail types** based on available space.
- A range of **intersection crossings** based on existing roadway condition.



# Design Updates

*Final 35% Plans*

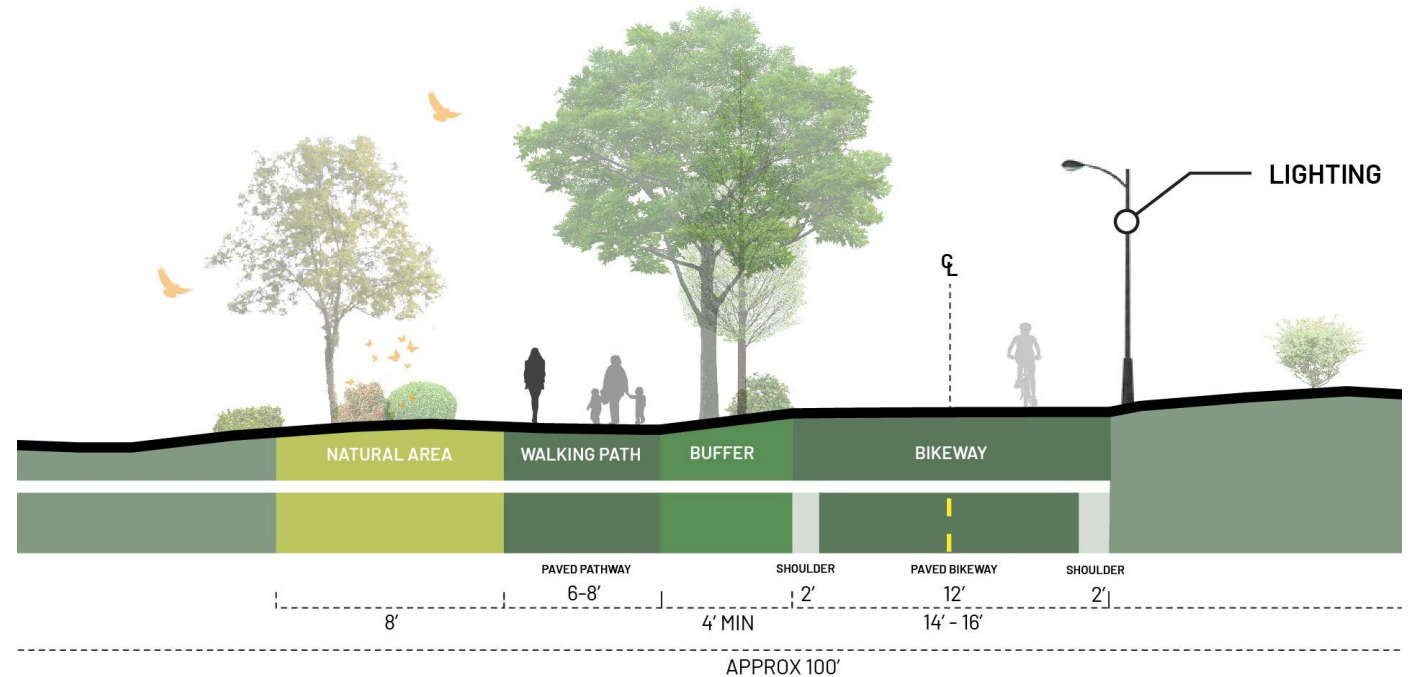






# Phase I Design Updates

- Outlined the **project design, features, and limiting existing conditions** for environmental documentation and permitting.
- **Coordinated** the preliminary concept designs with project stakeholders and agencies.



# Phase I

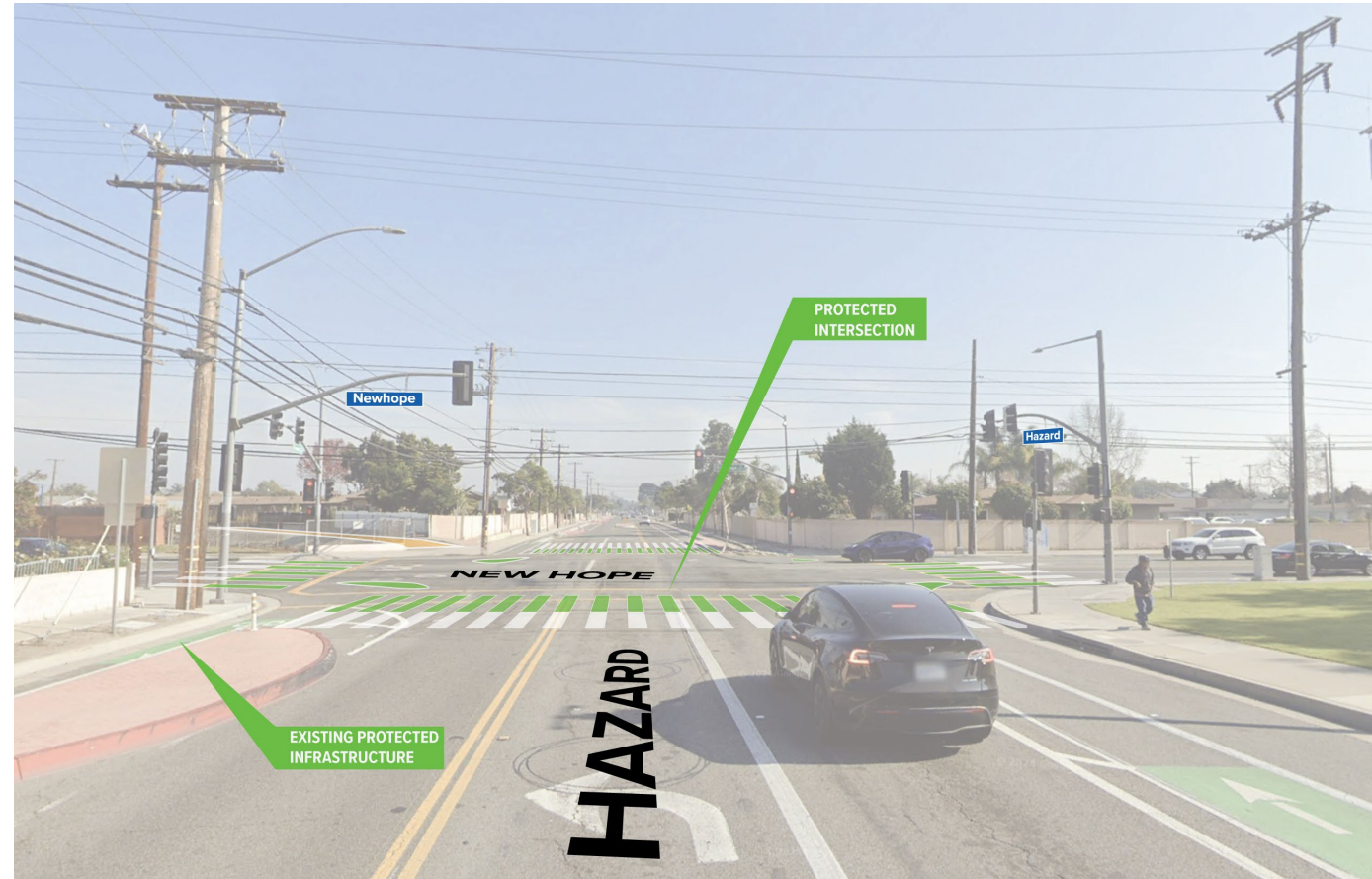
## Design Updates

- Identified opportunities for **future programing** to be defined in Phase II in response to feedback received from public outreach and coordination with local jurisdictions.



# Phase II Design Updates

- Final 35% plans under review
- Design Memo  
Document to bridge the gap between this 35% design phase and the 100% PS&E Phase







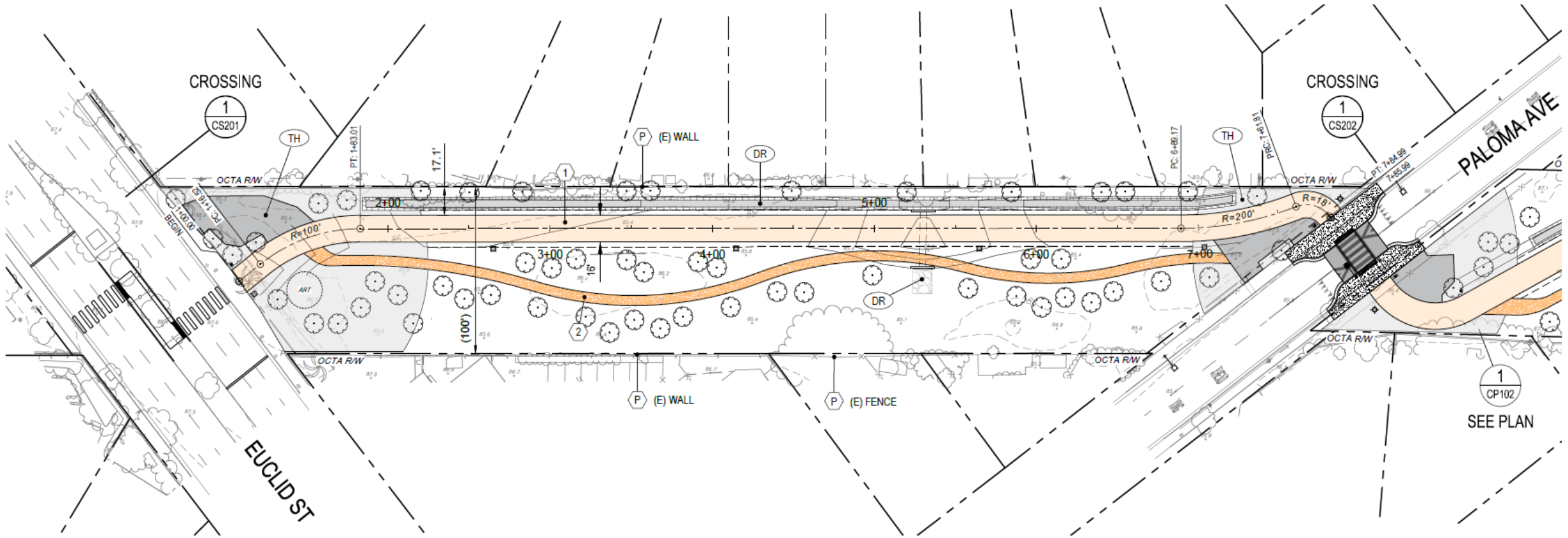
# Trail Progress

- Euclid to Newhope, Linear Park with Wide ROW





# Trail Progress: Euclid to Newhope, Linear Park with Wide ROW



# Community Engagement

*How to Stay Involved*







# Community Engagement

Nov 6th to Dec 18<sup>th</sup> (six-week engagement period)



Collected **287** survey responses



Promoted the survey and Project website on **social media** **10** Facebook posts, **3** Instagram posts **3** X (Twitter) posts with **6,132** impressions



Received **106** comments on the **public** input map



Distributed **3,620** fact sheets to local organizations and businesses



Hosted **2** Project Development Team (PDT) **Meetings**, **1** Virtual and **1** In-Person **Community Workshop**



Developed and distributed **toolkits**, providing easy-to-share communication resources to **51** local organizations



Engaged **1,280** community members at **5** community **pop-ups/events** in Garden Grove and Santa Ana



Reached **285** community members through **digital noticing**



Featured a **webpage** viewed more than **1,300** times



Shared **materials** in **English, Spanish, and Vietnamese**



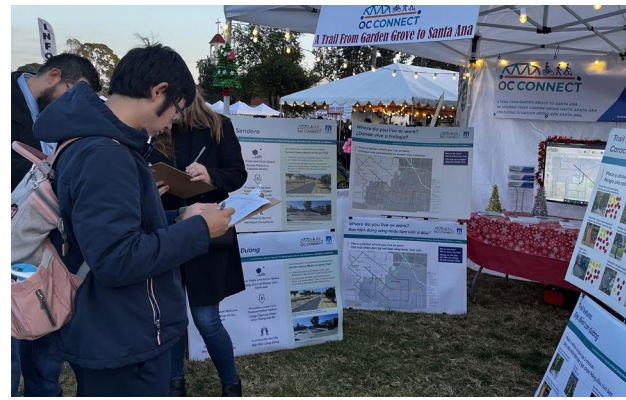
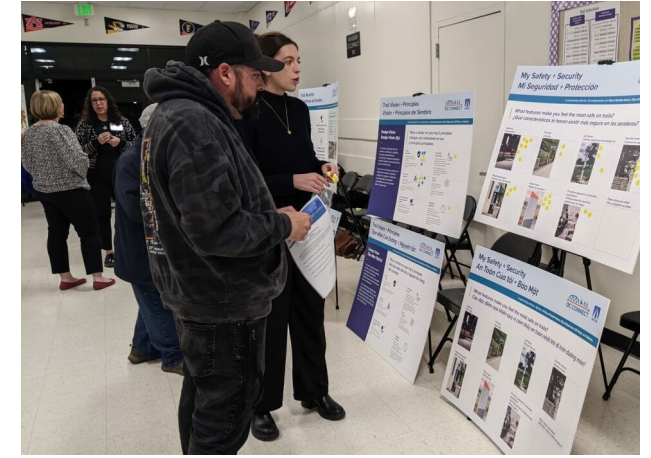
Collaborated with **2** paid **CBO Partners**





# Community Engagement

## Partnerships – CBOs & Cities





# Community Engagement

## Survey Key Takeaways

### What is your zip code?

Majority of respondents (61%) are from **SA** and **GG**

Live in Garden Grove	31%
Live in Santa Ana	30%
Respondents live within OC	95%

### What stops you from using trails? (Select top 3)

Top three reasons why people don't use trails are **connectivity**, **safety** and **convenience**.

The trails do not connect to the places I want to go	55%
I have safety concerns about being near or crossing vehicle traffic	45%
There are no convenient bikeways or sidewalks connecting the trail I want to use	40%







# Community Engagement

## Survey Key Takeaways

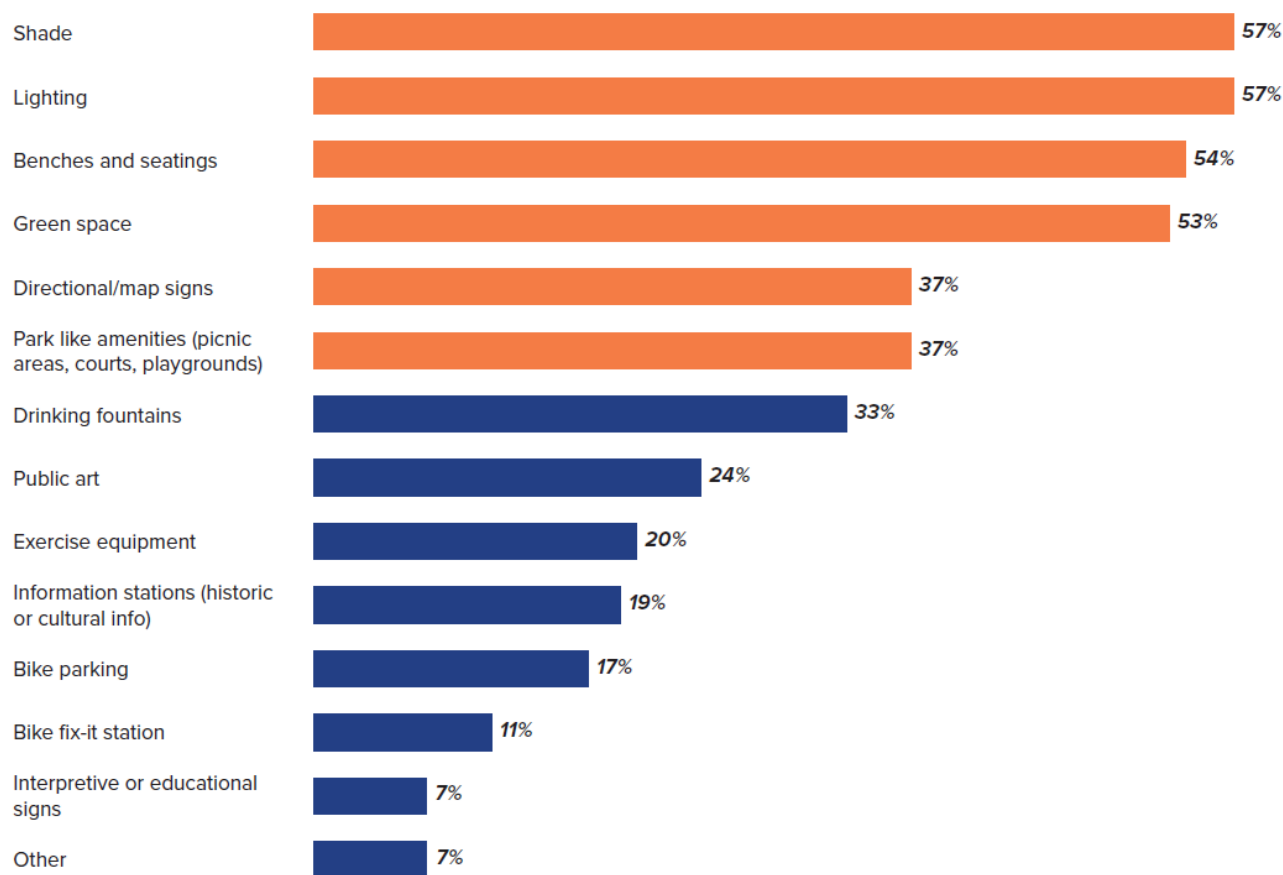
### What are your top priorities for the proposed OC Connect trails? (Rank 1-6)

Safety	43%
Continuity	34%
Dedicated Space	18%
Access	10%
Parks and Open Space	9%
Adaptable	3%

### What is the one thing that would make you use the future OC Connect trail? (Open ended)

- Community Garden and Mental Wellness Programs
- Connectivity and Access
- Safety and Security
- Convenience and Family-Friendly Features

### What features would you most like to see along the OC Connect trail? (Select top 5)





# Community Engagement

Phase 2: September 18, 2024 – November 15, 2024

- **Comprehensive Outreach Campaign**
- **Multilingual Community Survey**
- **Public Meetings**
  - In-Person Meeting – Wed., Oct. 2; Vista Heritage Global Academy, Santa Ana
  - Virtual Meeting – Wed., Oct. 9
  - OCTA RTP – Mon., Nov. 4, OCTA Administrative Offices
  - In-Person Meeting - Thurs., Nov. 7, El Salvador Park, Santa Ana
- **Targeted outreach (Nina Place & Wintersburg Channel)**
- **Pop Ups**
- **StoryMap**
- **Multilingual Helpline**
- **CBO Engagement**





# Environmental Process

- **Technical studies underway**
- **National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA - Federal)**
  - Caltrans is the NEPA Lead Agency
  - Categorical Exclusion (CE) – Category of actions that individually or cumulatively have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment.
  - NEPA approval must be completed before a federal grant agreement can be executed and funding can be obligated.
- **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA - State)**
  - OCTA is the CEQA Lead Agency
  - Senate Bill 922 - Statutory Exemption for sustainable transportation projects
  - Criteria: (1) Local agency carries out project and is lead agency; (2) Project would not add new auto capacity; and (3) Project would not demolish affordable housing.
  - Environmental documentation to be retained by OCTA.
- **Submit a Written Comment**
  - Please use the form at [octa.net/OCConnect](https://octa.net/OCConnect) to submit your comments. All feedback will be reviewed and considered.
  - To receive a response, written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2024.





# Next Steps

- Solicit public and stakeholder input
- Analyze survey results
- Conduct field visit with project team
- Complete Design Memo and Environmental Studies



# Stay Connected

- **StoryMap:** [occonnect-storymap.com](https://occonnect-storymap.com)
- **Online Survey:** [bit.ly/OC-Connect-Survey](https://bit.ly/OC-Connect-Survey)
- **Project Helpline:** (800) 716-8518
- **Written Comment Form:** [octa.net/OCConnect](https://octa.net/OCConnect)

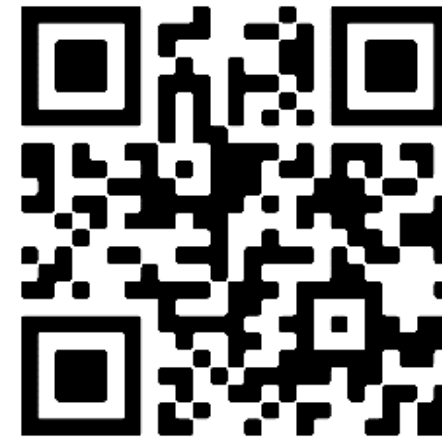
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**Thank you!**

