



Community Workshop 2

October 2, 2024



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Project Partners



Today's Agenda

Open House

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

Presentation

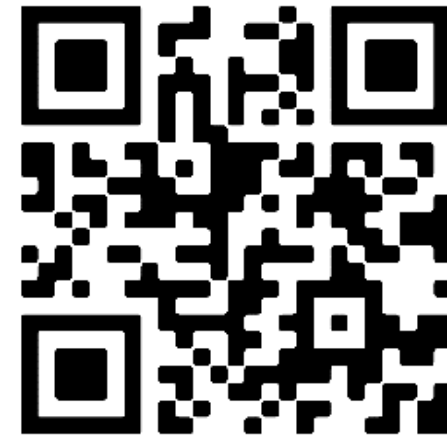
1. About the Project
2. Community Engagement
3. Q&A

Open House

1. Review information and ask questions
2. Comments Station

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About the Project

Project Overview, Schedule, and Benefits

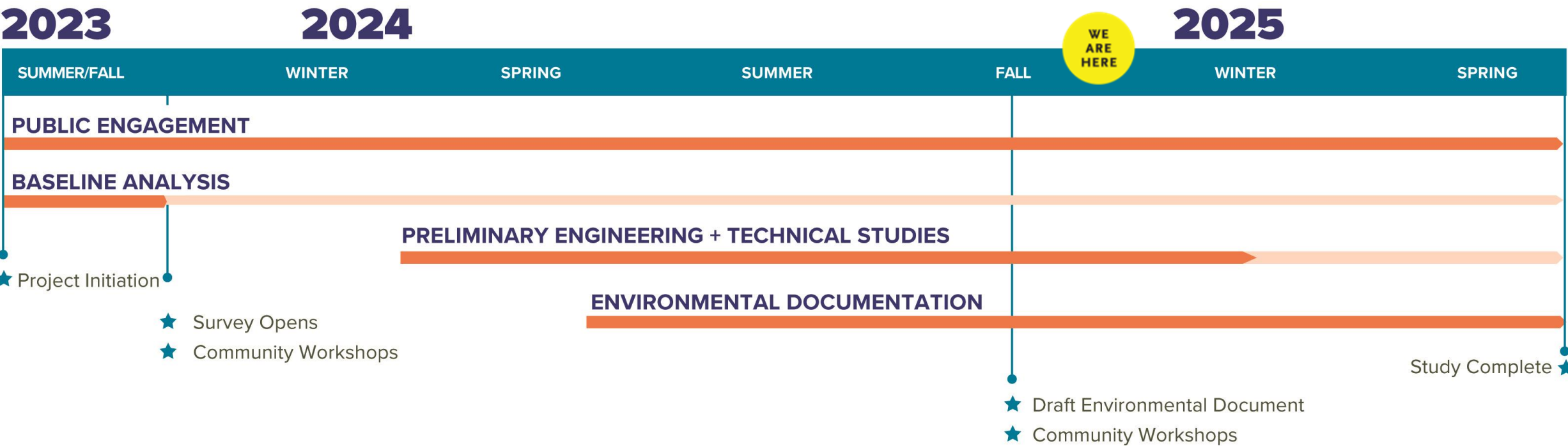




- 1.5 miles Garden Grove
- 2.3 miles in Santa Ana
- Preliminary engineering and environmental approval phase
- Adjacent to OC Streetcar from Harbor Blvd to Raitt St

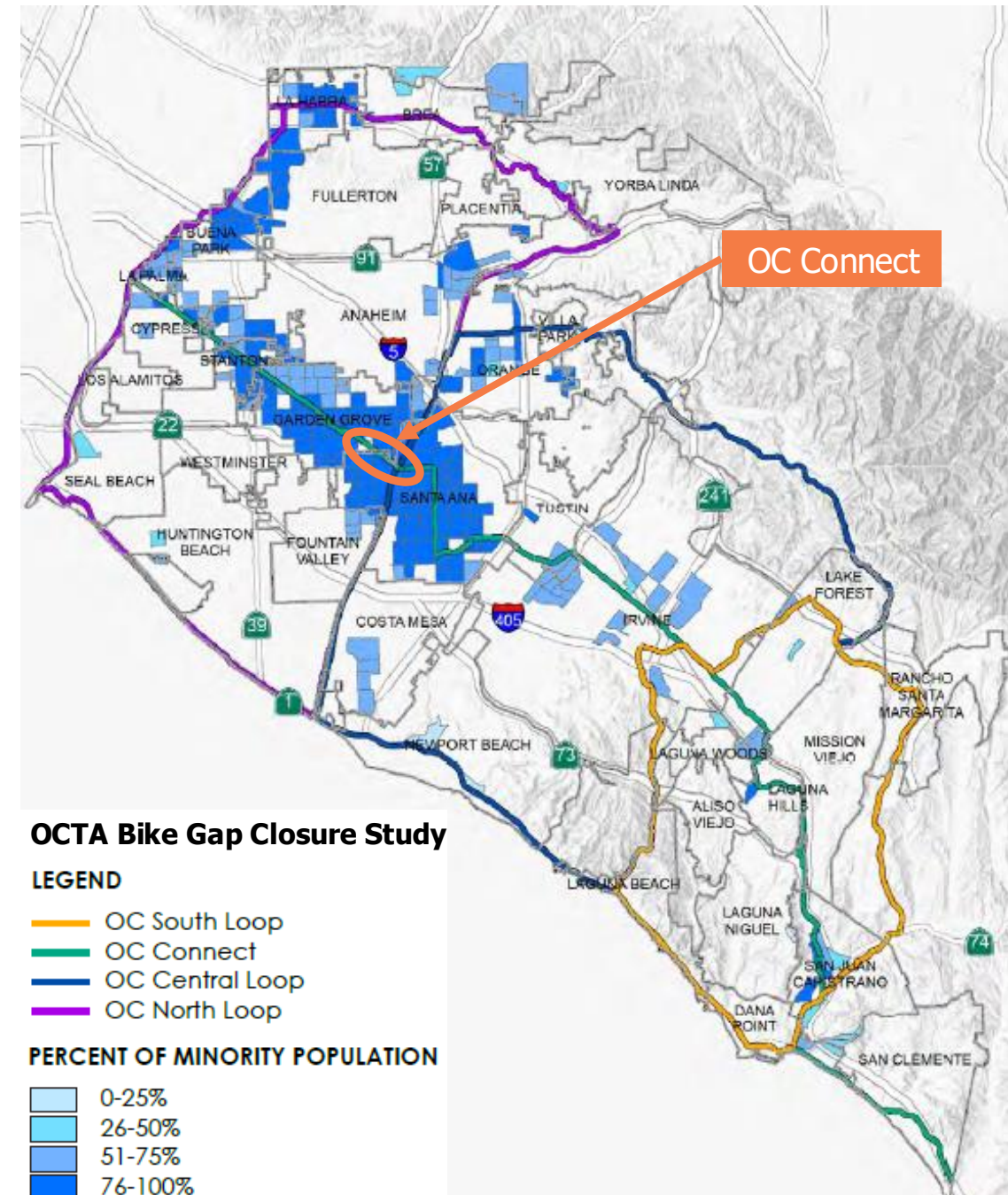


Project Schedule



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



Greater Connectivity



Promotes Health + Wellness



Historic Preservation



New Parks and Green Space



Provides a Low-Cost Transportation Option



Community Identity

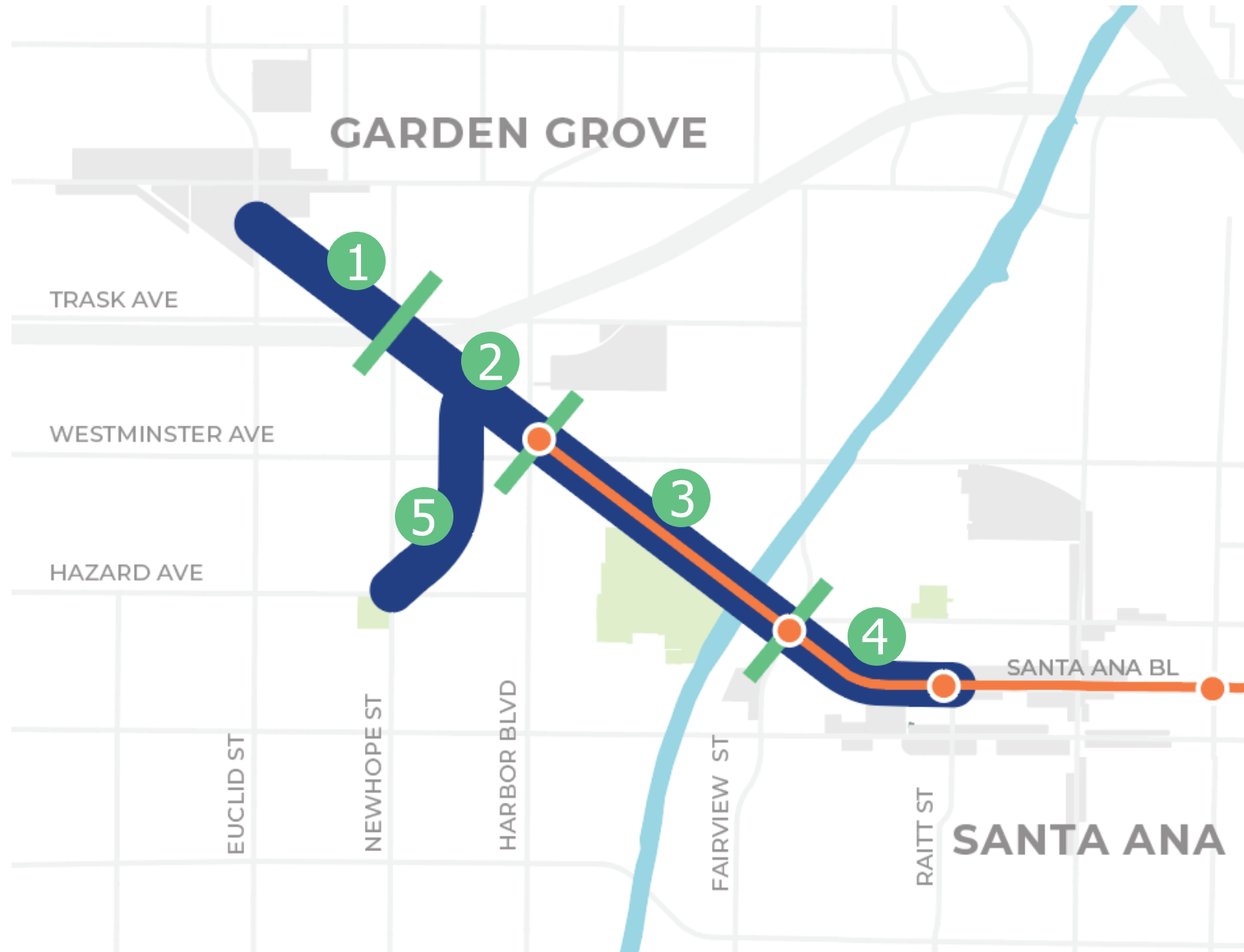


Garden Grove Medal of Honor Trail



Trail Segments

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



Design Updates

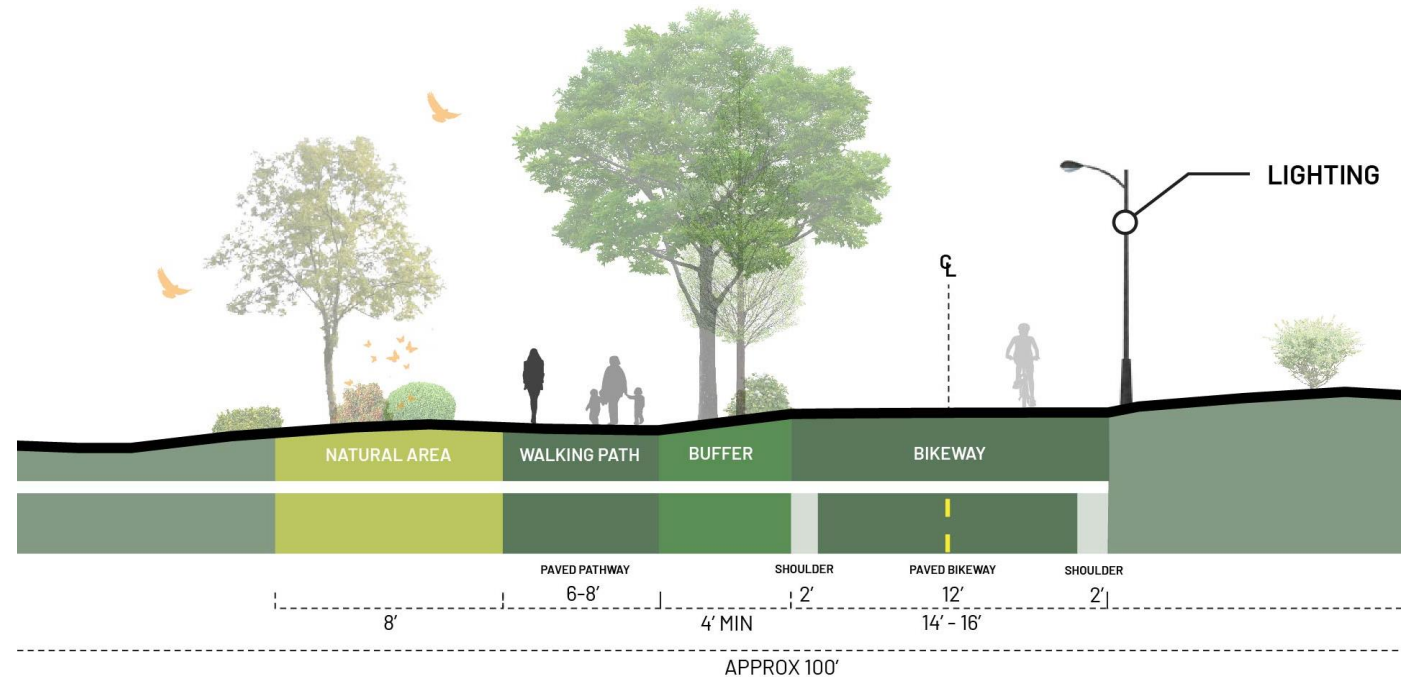
Final 35% Plans



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

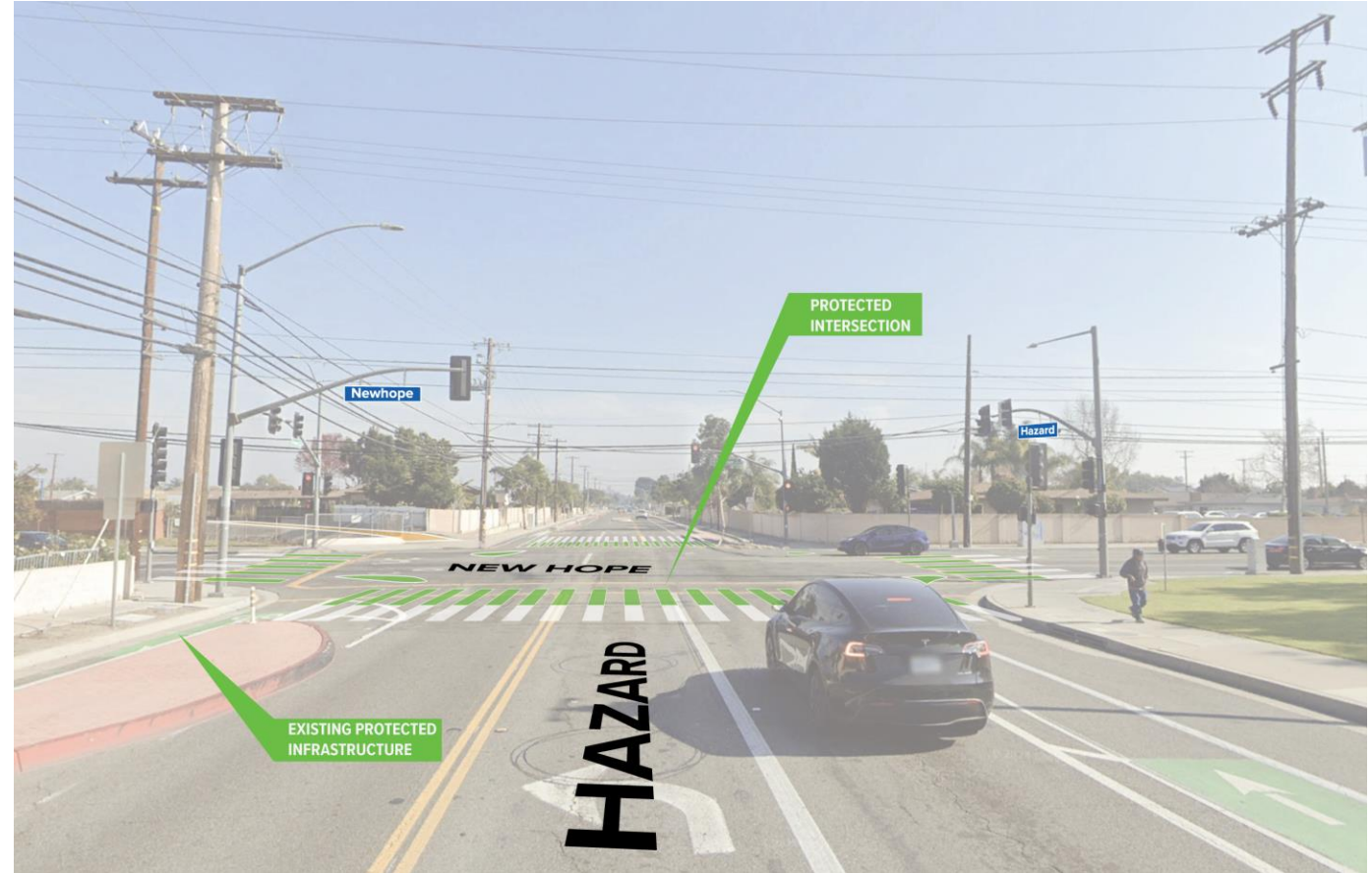
Design Updates

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



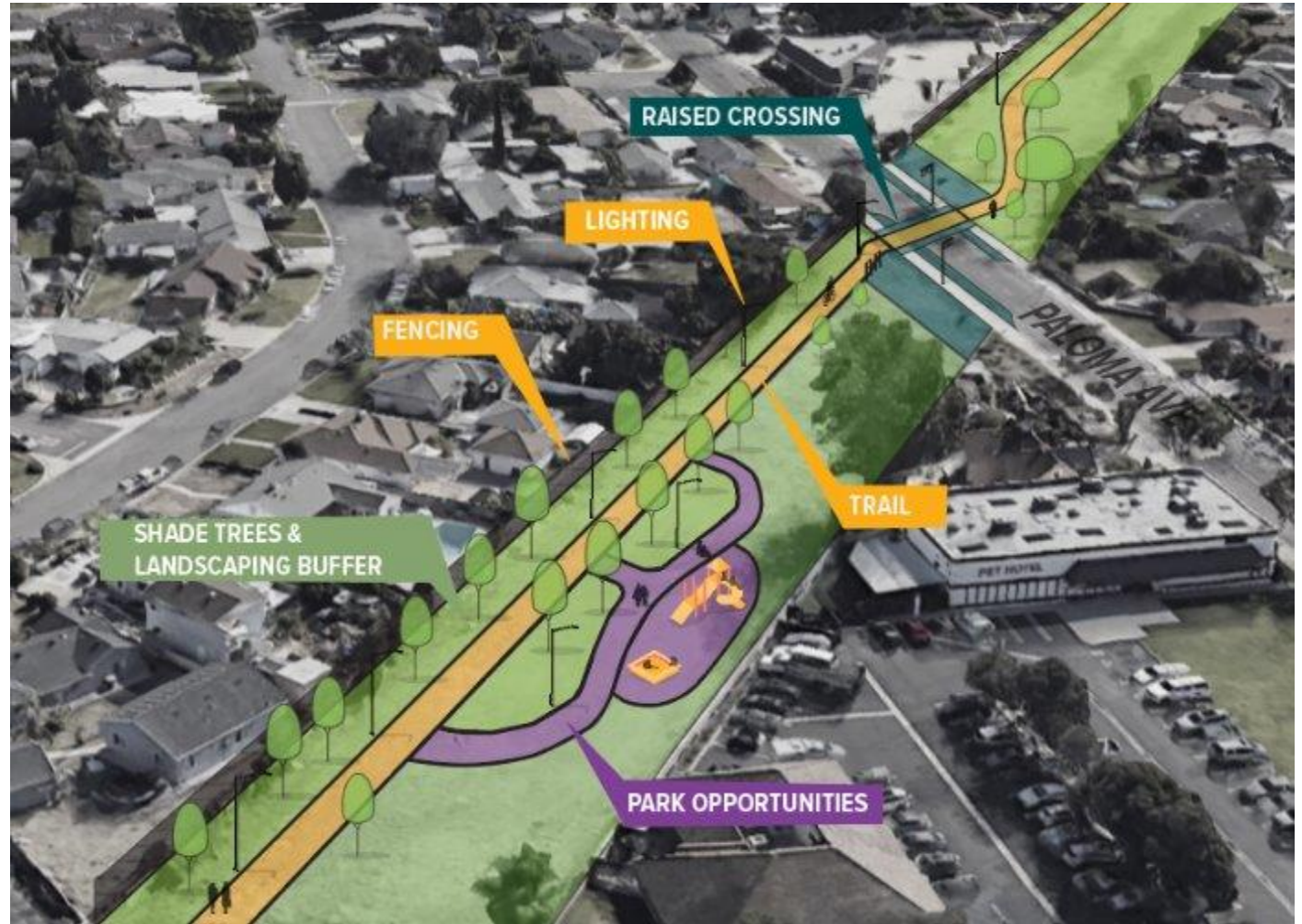
Phase II Design Updates

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

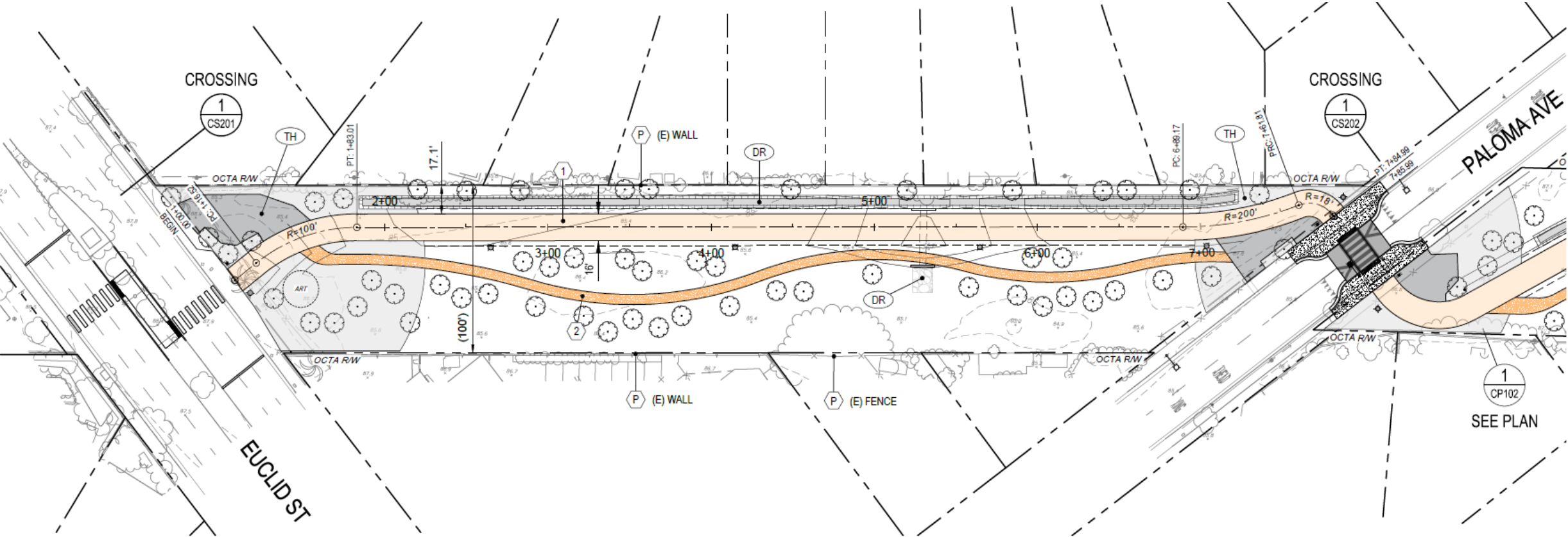


Trail Progress

- Euclid to Newhope, Linear Park with Wide ROW



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Community Engagement

How to Stay Involved



Community Engagement

Nov 6th to Dec 18th (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

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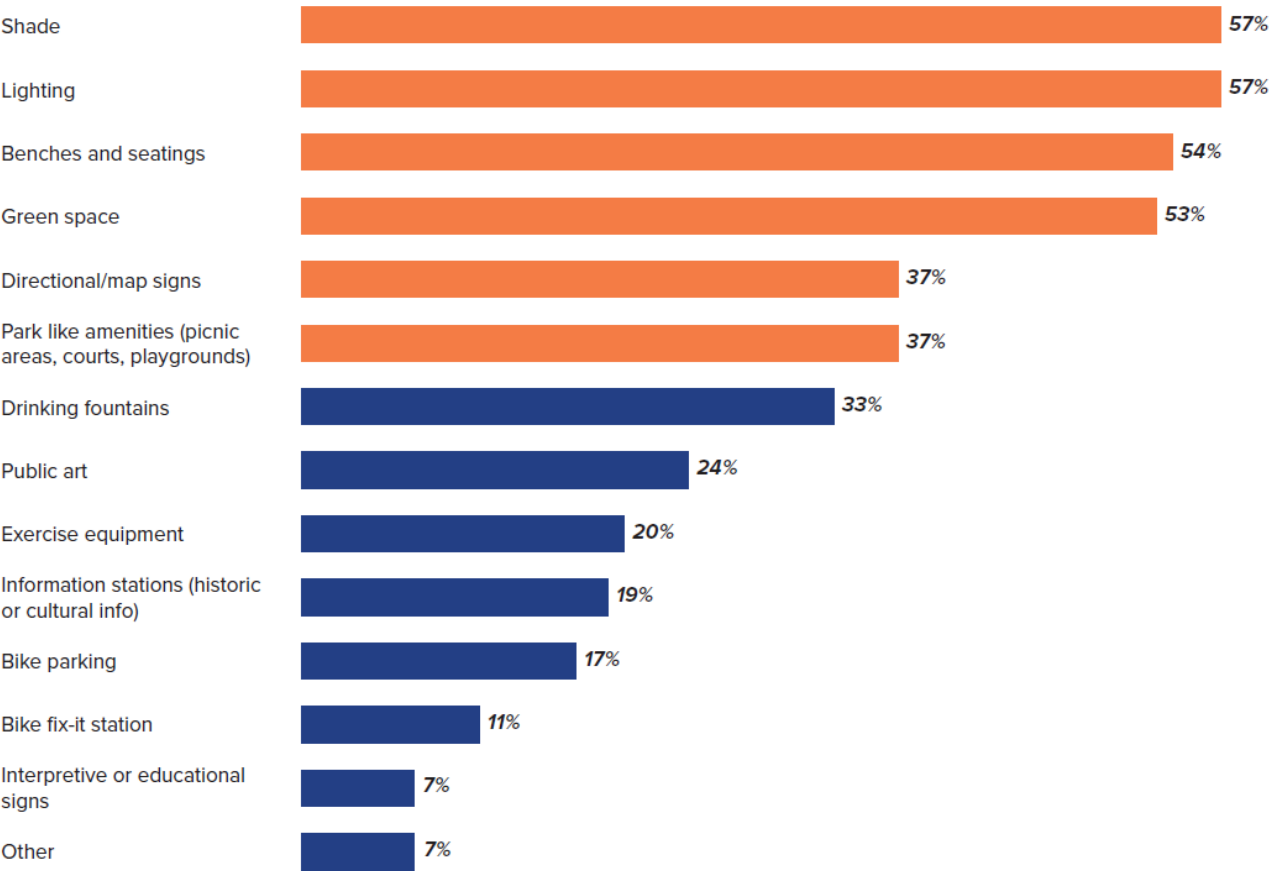
What are your top priorities for the proposed OC Connect trails? (Rank 1-6)

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 - October 31, 2024

- **Comprehensive Outreach Campaign (EN, SP and VT)**
- **Multilingual Community Survey**
- **Public Meetings**
 - In-Person Meeting – Wed., Oct. 2; Vista Heritage Global Academy, Santa Ana
 - Virtual Meeting – Wed., Oct. 9
- **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** 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
- **Online Survey:** bit.ly/OC-Connect-Survey
- **Project Helpline:** (800) 716-8518
- **Written Comment Form:** octa.net/OCConnect

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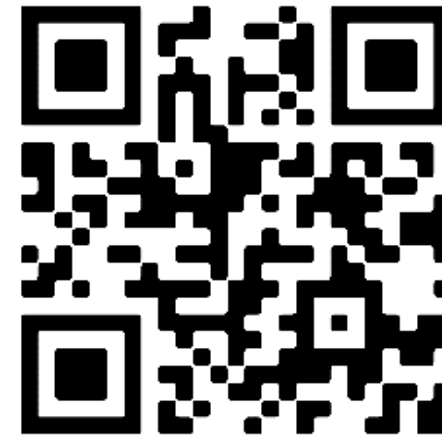
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Thank you!

