



Virtual Community Workshop 2

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Virtual Comunitaria 2*

*Cuộc họp cộng đồng
trực tuyến 2*

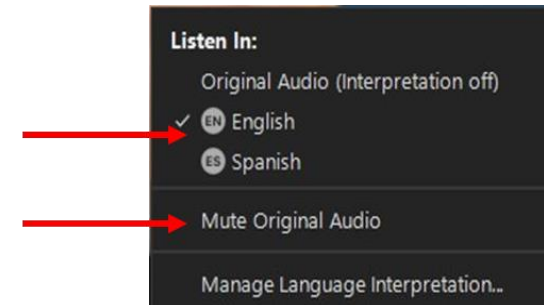
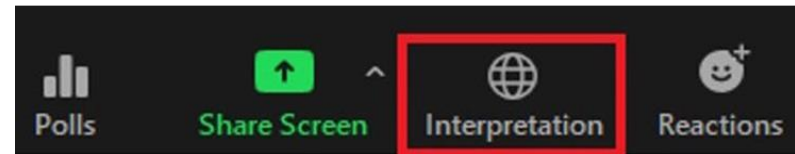
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- Click on the "Interpretation" icon
- Select your language of choice "English" or "Spanish" or "Vietnamese"
- To hear the Spanish or Vietnamese interpretation only, click Mute Original Audio



Spanish

- *Haga clic en el icono de "Interpretación"*
- *Seleccione "Spanish" (español)*
- *Para escuchar solo la interpretación en español o vietnamita, haga clic en*
2 *Silenciar audio original.*

Vietnamese

- *Nhấp vào biểu tượng "Giải thích"*
- *Chọn "Vietnamese" (Tiếng Việt)*
- *Để chỉ nghe phiên dịch tiếng Tây Ban Nha hoặc tiếng Việt, hãy nhấp vào Tắt tiếng âm thanh gốc*



Today's Meeting Format

Today's meeting is being recorded to accurately capture your input.



Attendee cameras are off and microphones are muted.



Questions can be submitted throughout the presentation using the '*Q&A*' function. The team will respond to questions during the Q&A sessions.



To use closed captioning, select the "cc" at the bottom of your Zoom screen



Please use the '*Raise Hand*' icon to ask a question verbally during the '*Q&A*' session.



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Meet the Project Team



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Project Partners



Today's Agenda

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Learn About the Project
- 3) Design Vision
- 4) Q&A
- 5) Share Your Thoughts
- 6) Community Engagement

**Scan the QR Code to
take our survey!**





Poll #1

Where do you live or work?

1. I live or work in Garden Grove
2. I live or work in Santa Ana
3. I live or work within OC
4. None of the above

About the Project

Project Overview, Schedule, and Benefits

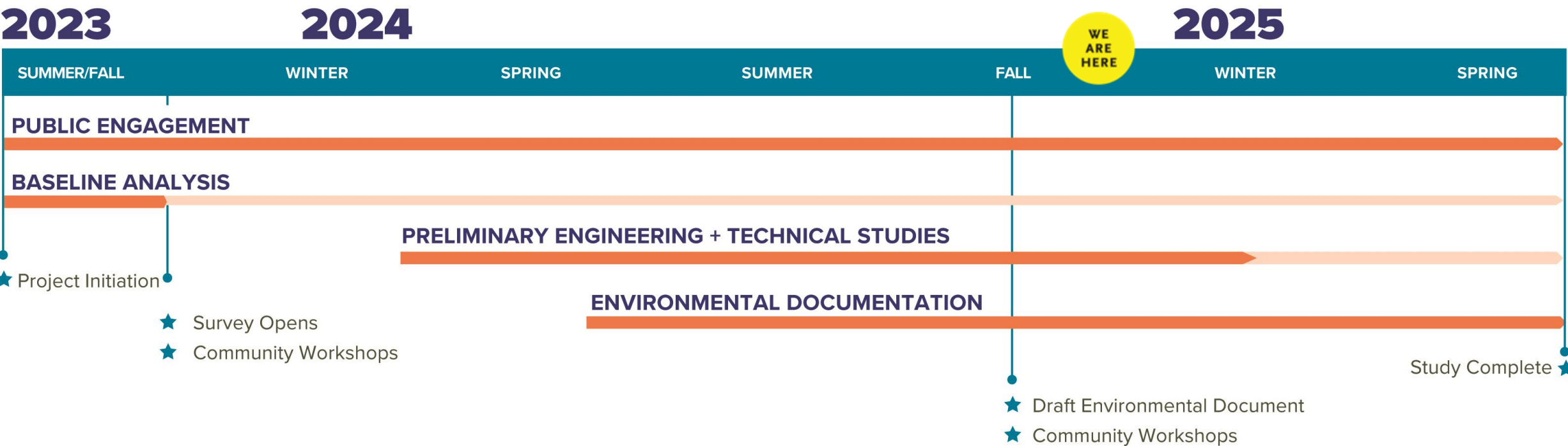




- 1.5 miles Garden Grove
- 2.3 miles in Santa Ana
- Preliminary engineering and environmental approval phase
- Adjacent to OC Streetcar from Harbor Blvd to Raitt St

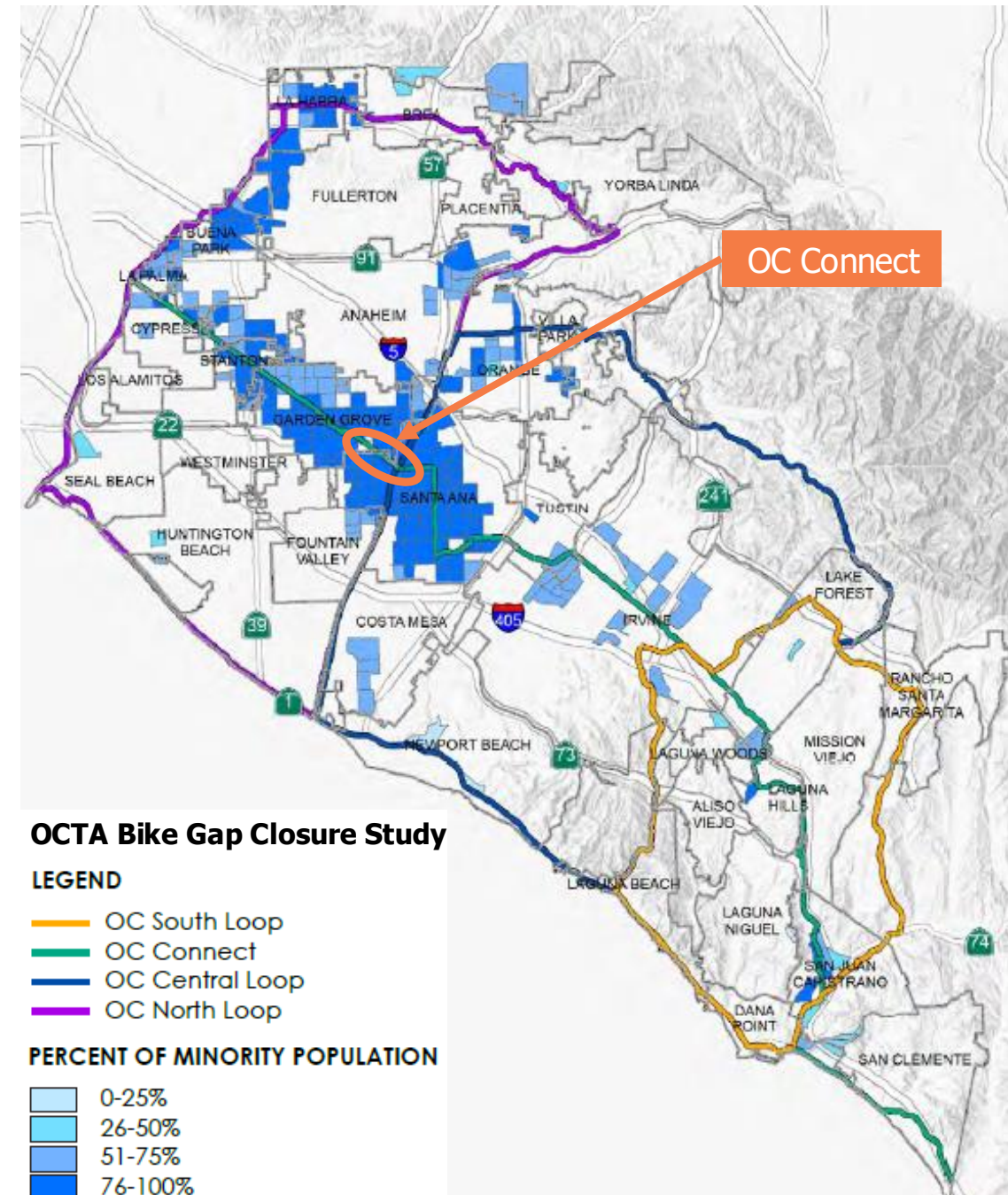


Project Schedule



Project Background

- Project Identified in 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

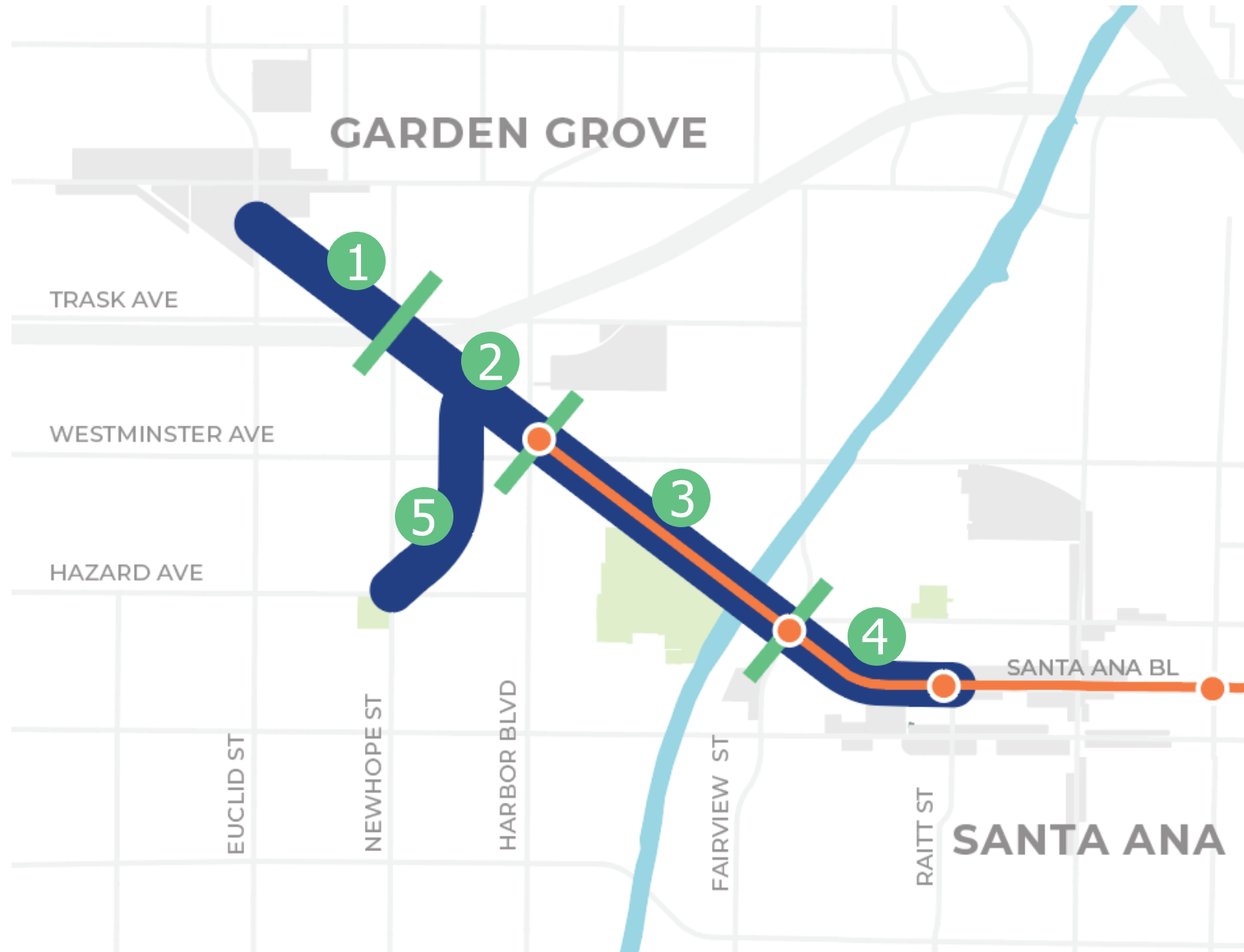


Garden Grove Medal of Honor Trail



Trail Segments

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



Design Updates

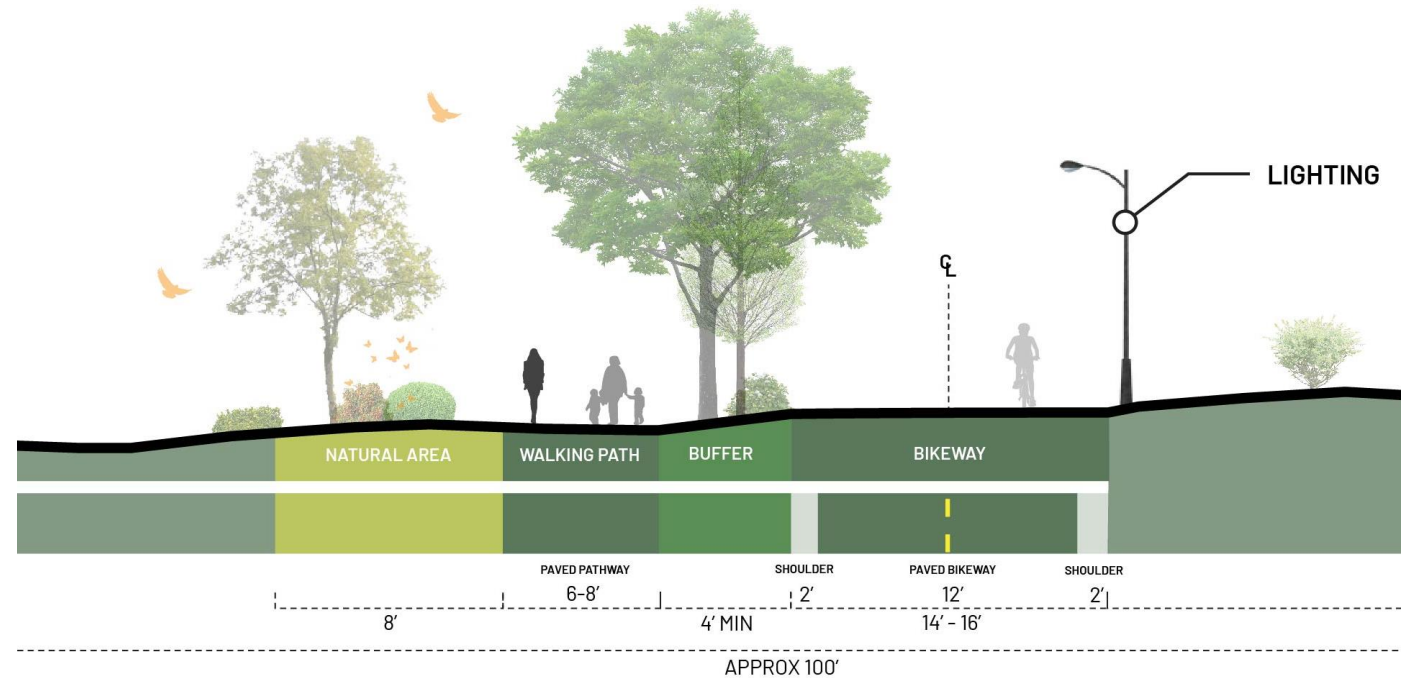
Final 35% Plans



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

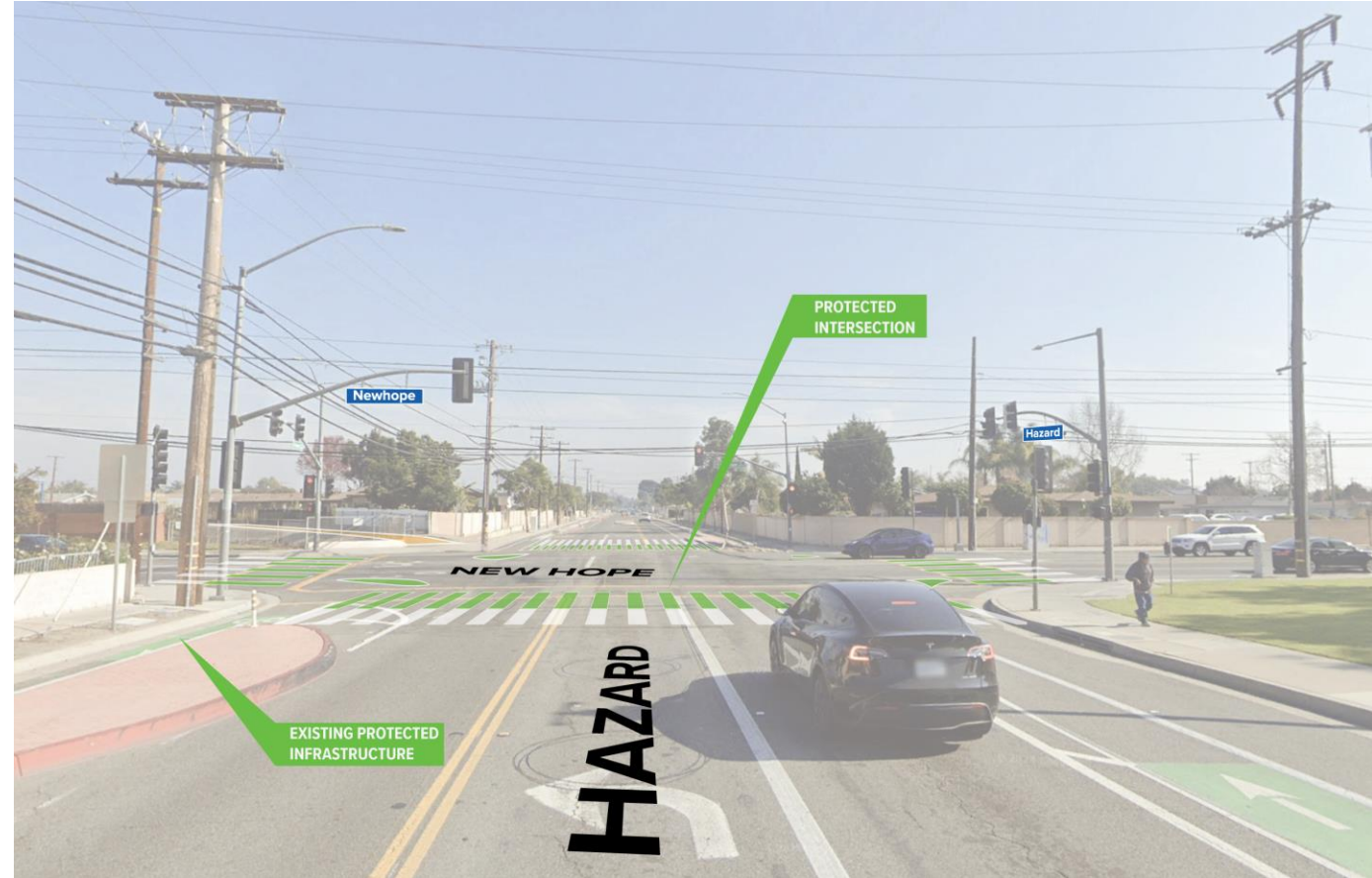
Design Updates

- 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

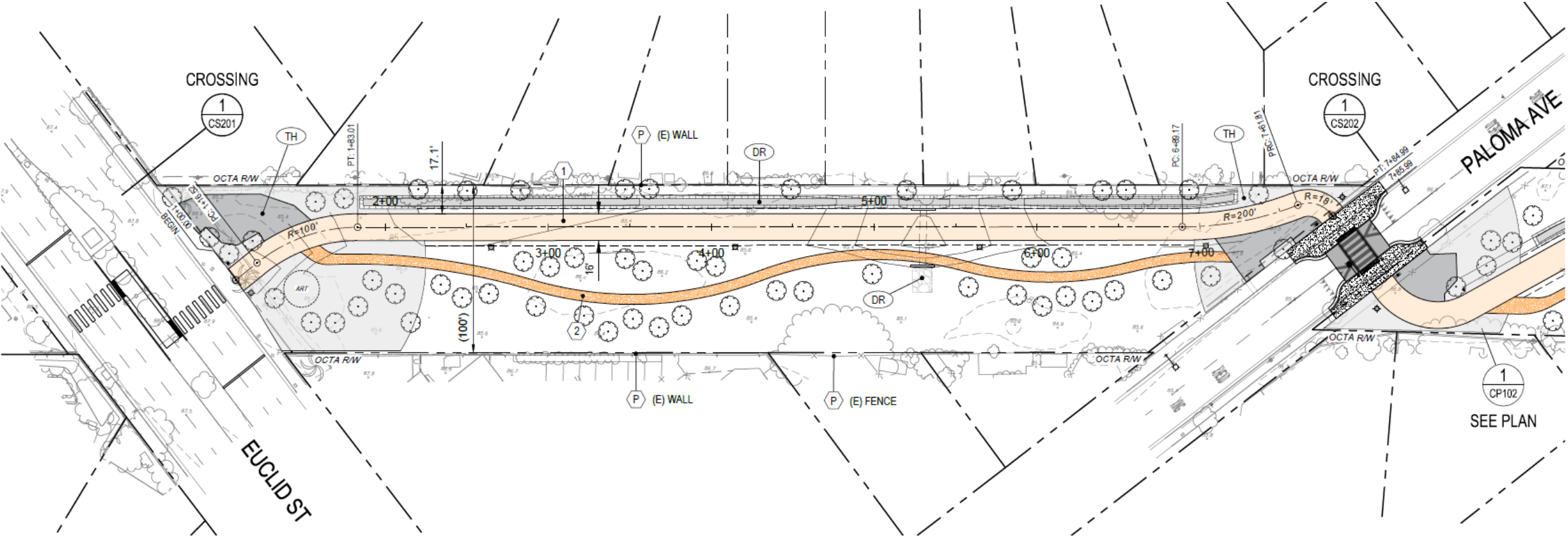


Trail Progress

- Euclid to Newhope, Linear Park with Wide ROW



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





Poll #2

Which option is your preferred style of public art?

Select your top choice or type your idea in the Q&A

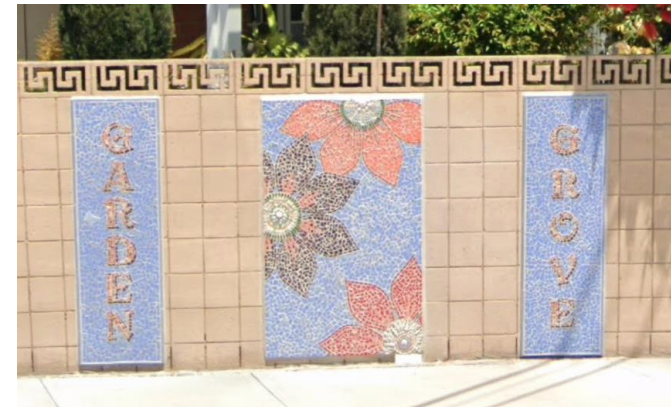
1. Natural



2. Bold



3. Reserved



**Your
idea!**



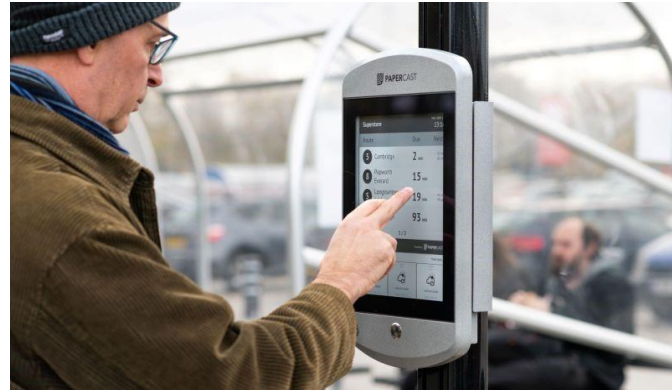
Poll #3

Which street crossing options make you feel the safest and most comfortable?
Select your top choice

1. Shade



2. Digital Transit Information



3. Wayfinding



4. Bike Rests



5. Large Curb Space





Poll #4

What feature is your top priority?

Select all that apply or type your idea in the Q&A

- Shade trees and shade structures
- Trail lighting
- Benches and seating
- Open green space
- Directional signage and maps
- Playgrounds
- Picnic areas
- Play courts
- Dog park
- Other

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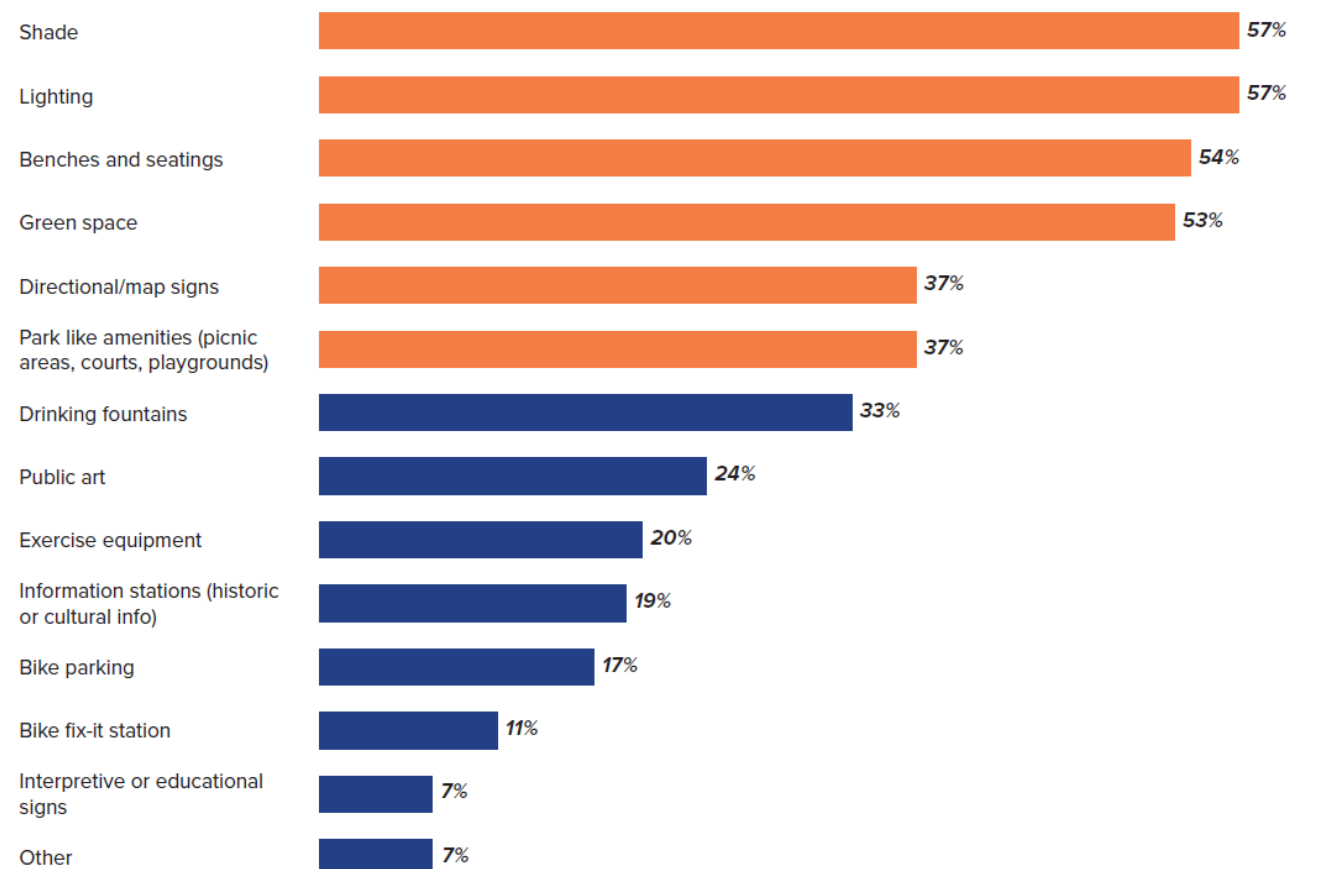
What are your top priorities for the proposed OC Connect trails? (Rank 1-6)

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 Health 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



Environmental Process

- **Technical studies underway**
- **National Environmental Policy 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.



Q&A



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Next Steps



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- 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

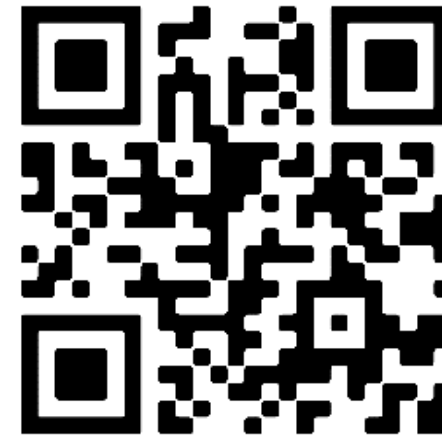
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