



**NOTICE OF PROJECT INFORMATION MEETING AND
INTENT TO FILE CEQA STATUTORY EXEMPTION**

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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Public Meeting and Intent to File a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statutory Exemption pursuant to Pub. Res. Code §21080.25(b) [Senate Bill (SB) 922 (2022)] for OCTA’s OC Connect Project

This notice is to advise that the **Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)**, as the Lead Agency, intends to file a **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statutory Exemption** for the **OC Connect Project (Project)**, pursuant to SB 922 [2022] (Pub. Res. Code §21080.25(b), "Exemption").¹ This includes a combination of the individual exemptions, as allowed by subsection (b)(8), including, but not limited to subsections (b)(l) [Pedestrian/Bike Facilities] and (b)(2) [Wayfinding].

OCTA is holding public meetings to hear and respond to public comments related to the Project and the intent of OCTA to file a CEQA Statutory Exemption pursuant to SB 922 Exemptions (Pub. Res. Code §21080.25).

Meeting Information:

In-Person Open House Wednesday, October 2, 2024 6 pm to 8 pm Vista Global Academy 2609 W 5 th St Santa Ana, CA 92703 Language interpretation offered in Spanish and Vietnamese	Virtual Open House Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 6 pm to 7 pm For virtual meeting link, please visit OC Connect Project website: https://www.octa.net/programs-projects/programs/plans-and-studies/oc-connect/ Language interpretation offered in Spanish and Vietnamese
OCTA Regional Transportation and Planning Committee meeting Monday, November 4, 2024 begins at 10:30 am OCTA Headquarters, Board Room 550 South Main Street, Orange, California, 92868	Artesia Pilar Neighborhood Association Meeting Thursday, November 7, 2024 6 pm to 7 pm El Salvador Park Community Center 1825 W Civic Center Dr Santa Ana, CA 92703 Language interpretation offered in Spanish

¹SB922 and Pub. Res. Code §21080.25 are available at:

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB922

Project Information: OCTA, in cooperation with the cities of Garden Grove and Santa Ana, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 12, and Orange County Public Works, proposes approximately 4 miles of Class I shared use path within the cities of Garden Grove and Santa Ana. The new active transportation facility would connect the cities of Garden Grove and Santa Ana and close a 3-mile-long mobility gap between a future bikeway on Santa Ana Boulevard and downtown Garden Grove. The OC Connect Project would be constructed as a paved shared use path, allowing nonmotorized use, and following Caltrans Class I bikeway design standards as specified in the Caltrans Highway Design Manual Chapter 1000.



More information can be found at the OC Connect Project website:

<https://www.octa.net/programs-projects/programs/plans-and-studies/oc-connect/>

During the public meeting, OCTA will accept public comments on the OC Connect Project and CEQA Statutory Exemption status. To receive a response, written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2024, and must be submitted in writing to OCTA at the physical or email addresses listed below. Before determining whether the Project is exempt pursuant to SB 922, OCTA will consider and respond to these comments.

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