

# Active Transportation Update



Citizens Advisory Committee  
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# Overview

- Ongoing Projects
- OCTA Coordination
- Regional Early Action Plan 2.0
- Safe Routes to School Program

# OC Connect

## Project Updates

- Second round of agency coordination meetings
- Phase II community outreach
  - Tentative for late spring 2024
- PE ROW bridge assessment
- Environmental technical studies
  - Caltrans reviewing
- Draft 35% design

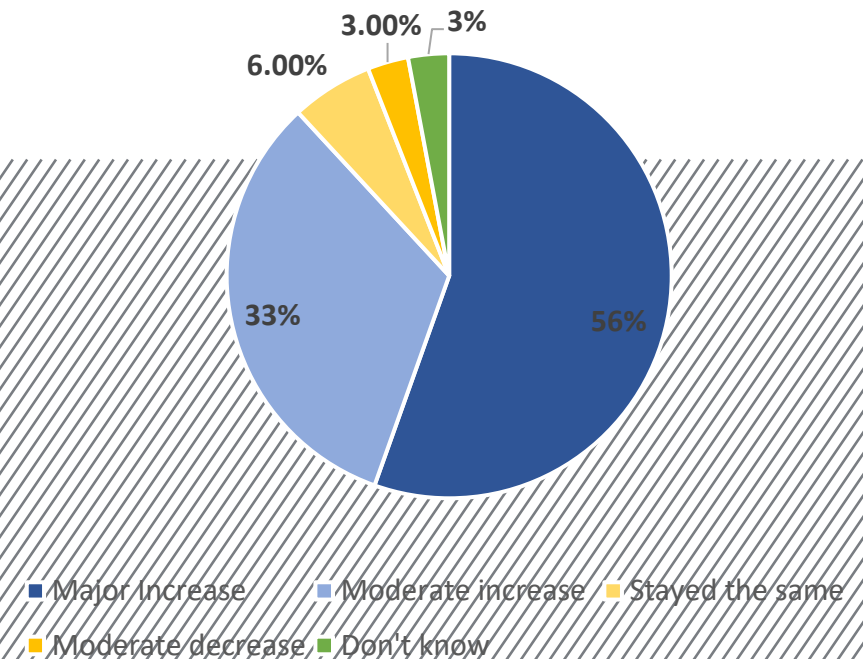


# E-bike Safety Study

## Project Updates

- Stakeholder survey
- Data and non-infrastructure inventory completed
  - Moving on to gap analysis
- E-bike rodeos
  - Tentative dates: May 12 (Huntington Beach) & May 18 (Laguna Niguel)
  - Partners: Law enforcement, public works, and local retailers
- Virtual workshops
  - Late April

How has e-bike usage in your city/region changed over the last year?



# OCTA Coordination

- E-bikes
  - E-bike Media
    - Videos production
    - Print materials
  - E-bike Quarterly Meeting tomorrow

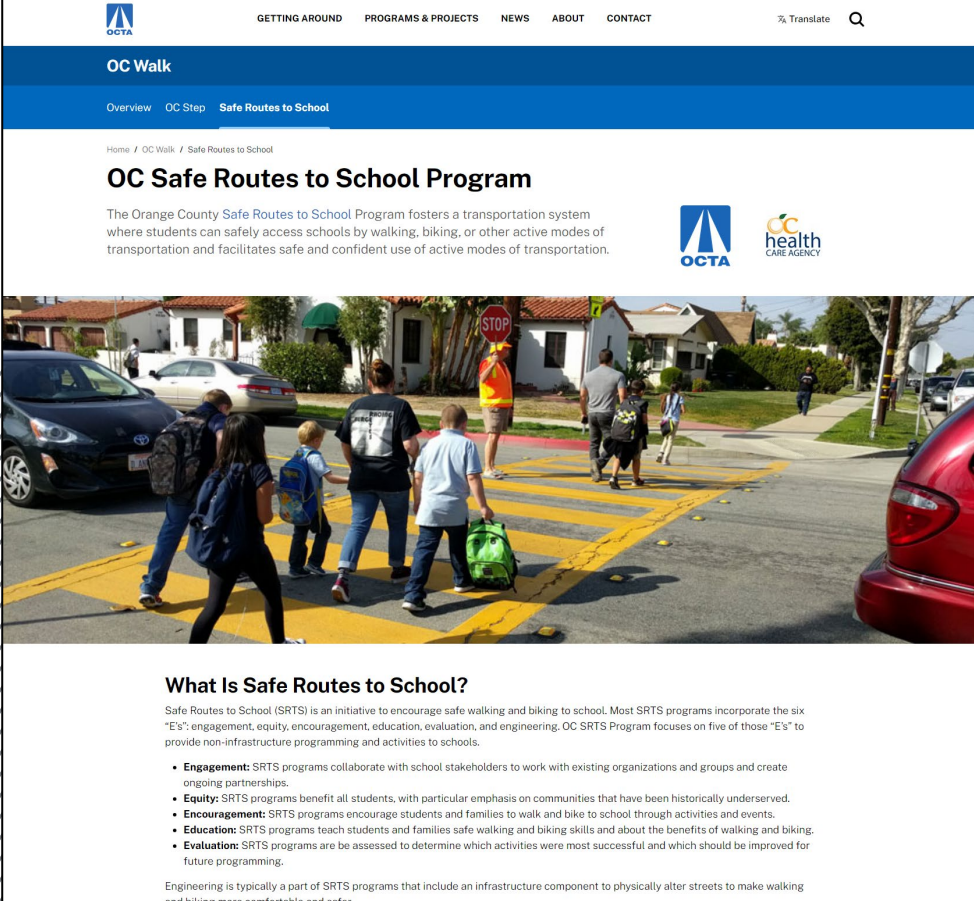


# Regional Early Action Plan (REAP) 2.0

- Reconnecting Communities
- Next STEP
- Bicycle Counts
- Bikeway Connectivity Study
- Active Transportation Education/Encouragement

# Safe Route To School (SRTS) Program

- In 2021, completion of SRTS AP
  - Following this, in Fall 2023, OCTA and OCHCA collaborated to formalize a countywide program.
- Stakeholder meeting #2
  - Need for better data access of countywide SRTS efforts
- Web page
  - [OC Safe Routes to School Program - Orange County Transportation Authority \(octa.net\)](https://www.octa.net/oc-walk/safe-routes-to-school)
- Feedback



The screenshot shows the OC Walk website page for the OC Safe Routes to School Program. The page features a blue header with the OCTA logo and navigation links: GETTING AROUND, PROGRAMS & PROJECTS, NEWS, ABOUT, CONTACT. Below the header, there is a breadcrumb trail: Home / OC Walk / Safe Routes to School. The main heading is "OC Safe Routes to School Program". Below the heading, there is a paragraph: "The Orange County Safe Routes to School Program fosters a transportation system where students can safely access schools by walking, biking, or other active modes of transportation." To the right of this paragraph are the OCTA and OCHCA logos. Below the text is a photograph of a group of children and adults walking across a street with yellow crosswalk markings. Below the photograph, there is a section titled "What Is Safe Routes to School?" followed by a paragraph and a bulleted list of five "E"s: Engagement, Equity, Encouragement, Education, and Evaluation. The page also includes a small paragraph at the bottom about engineering components of SRTS programs.




**OC Walk**

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## OC Safe Routes to School Program

The Orange County Safe Routes to School Program fosters a transportation system where students can safely access schools by walking, biking, or other active modes of transportation and facilitates safe and confident use of active modes of transportation.



### What Is Safe Routes to School?

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is an initiative to encourage safe walking and biking to school. Most SRTS programs incorporate the six "E's": engagement, equity, encouragement, education, evaluation, and engineering. OC SRTS Program focuses on five of those "E's" to provide non-infrastructure programming and activities to schools.

- **Engagement:** SRTS programs collaborate with school stakeholders to work with existing organizations and groups and create ongoing partnerships.
- **Equity:** SRTS programs benefit all students, with particular emphasis on communities that have been historically underserved.
- **Encouragement:** SRTS programs encourage students and families to walk and bike to school through activities and events.
- **Education:** SRTS programs teach students and families safe walking and biking skills and about the benefits of walking and biking.
- **Evaluation:** SRTS programs are assessed to determine which activities were most successful and which should be improved for future programming.

Engineering is typically a part of SRTS programs that include an infrastructure component to physically alter streets to make walking and biking more comfortable and safer.

Questions?