



CAC Bicycle and Pedestrian Active Transportation Subcommittee

550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07

March 19, 2024 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Welcome

2. Presentation Items

A. Active Transportation Update – Zully Villegas, Active Transportation
Peter Sotherland, Active Transportation

B. San Juan Creek Bridge Replacement – Calina North, External Affairs

C. Emergency Coastal Rail Projects Update – Calina North, External Affairs

3. OCTA Staff Updates (*5 minutes each*)

A. Marketing Update – Kristopher Hewkin, External Affairs

B. Staff Liaison Update – Christina Byrne, External Affairs

4. Subcommittee Member Comments

5. Public Comments*

6. Adjournment

Agenda Descriptions/Public Comments on Agenda Items

The Agenda descriptions are intended to give notice to members of the public of a general summary of items of business to be transacted or discussed. Members from the public wishing to address the Committee will be recognized by the Chairman at the time the Agenda item is to be considered. A speaker's comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

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**Citizens Advisory Committee
Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
Meeting Notes**

September 19, 2023 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07

1. Welcome

Chair Paul Adams welcomed everyone to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Bicycle and Pedestrian Active Transportation Subcommittee meeting.

Members Present:

Paul Adams
Tyler Holst
Dan Kalmick

John Kinney
Mary Ann Remnet

Roy Shahbazian
Damon Tordini

2. Presentation Items

A. OC Connect Update

Peter Sotherland, Active Transportation Coordinator, and Marissa Espino, Public Outreach Section Manager, presented the item.

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked about the construction and safety of the historically eligible bridge. Peter Sotherland responded that a full structural evaluation of the bridge is being done to determine what condition the bridge is in and what it is made of.

A committee member asked if after necessary safety modifications are made to the bridge, will OCTA push for a historical listing? Peter Sotherland responded that had not been explored as part of this project but could be explored as part of a follow-up. Peter Sotherland further commented that on a site visit with a consultant it was noted that there would need to be some work completed on two primary points of the bridge, but the actual beams of the bridge appeared to be in good condition.

A committee member asked if the River Trail Bikeway will replace or connect to the other trails in the area. Peter Sotherland responded at the request of the City of Santa Ana, the project was expanded to include the intersection at the Civic Center and the goal is to find a connection between our project corridor and the bikeway at the Civic Center, while being cogent of a good connection, wayfinding, and the safety for attendees of an adjacent school.

A committee member asked how long the bikeway is. Peter Sotherland responded there are two spurs and the total is about 4 miles.

A committee member asked if things have been going well between the Cities of Garden Grove and Santa Ana. Peter Sotherland responded yes.

B. E-bike Safety Plan Update

Peter Sotherland, Active Transportation Coordinator presented the item and Amelia Hsu, Marketing provided an update on marketing.

<The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member commented on the stakeholders and asked if the California Coastal Commission, State Lands Commission and State Parks Commission are stakeholders as they have property in the jurisdictions. Peter Sotherland responded they have done a tiered approach to the stakeholders. Tier 1 is those who they work with very closely and Tiers 2 and 3 aren't on the stakeholder committee but are those who they go to first with surveys, questions, to provide guidance and feedback with Caltrans is one of those.

A committee member asked if insurance companies were involved with data collection on e-bike accidents. Peter Sotherland responded he did not know; AAA is on the lower tier of stakeholders with a broad view, but he will make a note about insurance companies as suggested.

A committee member commented about the safety programs, the range of individuals using e-bikes and motorbikes, and some of the "hooligan-type" of activities being seen. They asked about protecting other people from the electric bikes. Is that part of the safety program? Peter Sotherland commented the program facilitates the safe use of e-bikes which touches the responsible use and dissuades the misuse or "hooligan-type" activities.

A committee member asked if they are going to work with Orange County Public Works to help generate new street intersections? Peter Sotherland responded this specifically looks at non-infrastructure, but things like that are on their radar of re-imagining what roads could look like.

A committee member asked are there any cities that have specific traffic laws that only apply to e-bikes or is it just existing bike laws? Peter Sotherland responded some have been adapted, and on our e-bike website there is an ordinance database which will be updating through this project. There are some cities that are looking at e-bikes and how they should be used as compared to bicycles.

A committee member commented on the speed concerns and the need for individuals to be aware they can be ticketed. Peter Sotherland commented that there are police departments on their stakeholder groups, a cross section of local police departments, the Sheriff and CHP representatives that have been asked to participate in the project.

A committee member commented that it seems the majority of riders would be below a licensing age and how would law enforcement handle someone underage being

stopped? Peter Sotherland responded an approach being explored is a soft impound with a follow up traffic school to get the bike back.

A committee member asked who is the best point of contact for outreach materials that could be integrated into existing materials and camp activity. Peter Sotherland responded Marissa Espino, the League of American Bicyclists, or himself.

A committee member asked for an update at the next meeting. Peter Sotherland responded yes.

3. OCTA Staff Updates

- A. Marketing Update – Amelia Hsu, Marketing, presented the update.
<The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked when the e-bike video is available, can it be shown on some of the city's websites? Amelia Hsu responded yes.

- B. Active Transportation Update – Peter Sotherland, Active Transportation Coordinator presented the update.

- C. Staff Liaison Update – Christina Byrne, External Affairs presented the update.
The committee was asked if they wanted to have the in-person meeting December 19, 2023, or receive an email update and move the in person meeting to March 19, 2024? The committee elected to receive the email update in December and meet in person in March 2024.

Christina invited the committee to the 10:00 am, December 1, 2023, to the 405-dedication event.

4. Subcommittee Member Comments

A committee member asked about e-bike legislation. Christina Byrne responded at the CAC (Citizen Advisory Committee) an update could be provided.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next CAC meeting is March 19, 2024, at 12:00 pm.

**CAC Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Attendance Record**

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

Members	9/19/23	12/19/23	3/19/24	6/18/24
Adams, Paul	●			
Holst, Tyler	●			
Kalmick, Dan	●	C		
Kinney, John	●	A		
Orozco, Lisandro	⊙	N		
Paredes, Mark	⊙	C		
Polichetti, Nick	⊙	E		
Reimer, Laurel	⊙	L		
Remnet, Mary Ann	●	E		
Shahbazian, Roy	●	D		
Thompson, Jeff	⊙			
Tordini, Damon	●			
Vukcevich, Marc	⊙			