



**Citizens Advisory Committee
Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee
September 18, 2012**

*1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
600 South Main Street, Orange, California, 92863
Conference Room 103/4*

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome/Chairman's Remarks | <i>Roy Shahbazian, Subcommittee Chair</i> |
| 2. Pedestrian Priorities | <i>Roy Shahbazian, Subcommittee Chair</i> |
| 3. Planning Department Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>BCI Call for Projects</i>• <i>OC Bikeways Districts 1 & 2</i> | <i>Carolyn Mamaradlo, Associate Transportation Analyst</i> |
| 4. Non-Motorized Access to Metrolink Strategy | <i>Carolyn Mamaradlo, Associate Transportation Analyst</i> |
| 5. Bicycle/Pedestrian Marketing Update | <i>Wes Parsel, Marketing Specialist</i> |
| 6. Subcommittee Member Comments | <i>Roy Shahbazian, Subcommittee Chair</i> |
| 7. Public Comments | <i>Roy Shahbazian, Subcommittee Chair</i> |
| 8. Other | <i>Roy Shahbazian, Subcommittee Chair</i> |
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Agenda Descriptions/Public Comments on Agenda Items

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**Citizens Advisory Committee
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Meeting Notes
June 19, 2012**

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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1. Welcome/Chairman's Remarks

Roy Shahbazian, Subcommittee Chair

Roy Shahbazian welcomed committee members and thanked them for attending the meeting.

2. District 4 - OC Bikeways Implementation Plans

Carolyn Mamaradlo, Associate Transportation Analyst

Carolyn Mamaradlo provided an overview of the process for the overall OC Bikeways program, which encompasses each of the supervisorial district bikeway collaboratives. In each district, a two-phased approach will be conducted.

In Phase I, a bikeways strategy is developed identifying a ranking list of key regional bikeway corridors. The bikeways strategy is based on close coordination with the local jurisdictions, users, and key decision-makers. Phase II of the project involves creating a detailed implementation plan for the top-ranked bikeway corridors.

Carolyn Mamaradlo introduced the project managers for phase II, i.e. the Implementation Plans for the Fourth District Bikeways Collaborative. Bill Delo from IBI Group will be the project manager for the Santa Ana River Trail to Coyote Creek Trail and the Brea Mall- CSUF- Santa Ana River Trail corridor. Matt Benjamin from Fehr and Peers will be the project manager for the Union Pacific Right of Way Corridor.

Bill Delo covered each segment of IBI Group's two corridors in detail, highlighting possible engineering challenges, including right of way constraints, a desire to maintain on-street parking, and expensive infrastructure enhancements. Other key challenges include segments of high volume traffic and determining a crossing for the SR-57 freeway. Bill highlighted three options for crossing the SR-57 Freeway. Possible crossings include under crossings at Chapman Avenue or Nutwood Avenue and a pedestrian and bicycle bridge connecting to Madison Avenue.

Matt Benjamin of Fehr and Peers covered each segment of the UP ROW Corridor in detail. The trail will run along Union Pacific right of way that is partially active, with one train running per day. Most of the corridor has sufficient right of way for a bikeway, but there are a few challenges, including environmental cleanup requirements, a number of street crossings, narrow flood control channels, and the purchasing of right of way and easements. In addition, committee members pointed out that the portion of right of way that goes through a box drainage channel has limited right of way and closely borders residences.

Cities have begun to act upon the bikeways strategic plan and Matt outlined some of the progress thus far, including the purchase of right of way for a class I bikeway in Brea, the identification of funding for arsenic removal along rail right of way, and the progress made to build segments of the Coyote Creek Trail.

A small portion of the Union Pacific Corridor will be based on the completion of the La Floresta housing project, which will build a portion of multi-use trail that connects the corridor.

Subcommittee members Vince Buck and Thomas Garner stressed that at-grade crossings are a challenge to the usability of a bike corridor. Similarly, traffic adverse riders may avoid crossings and class II bikeways altogether.

3. I-405 Arterial Interchanges

Presentation Niall Barrett, Program Manager

Niall could not attend, but Subcommittee Chair Roy Shahbazian gave a brief summary of the project. He added that overall, Complete Streets policies have greatly enhanced freeway interchanges; however there are still very difficult areas to navigate in Orange County. The I-405 will have 17 interchanges and new configurations will make it safer for bicyclist and pedestrians.

Committee member Jane Riefer added that a general effort should be made by Caltrans to design all freeway off-ramps with safety for bicyclists and pedestrians in mind, rather than after projects are built or upon feedback during the public comment phase. Charlie Larwood of OCTA will follow up and talk to Caltrans regarding this issue.

4. Bike Friendly Community Awards Application

Carolyn Mamaradlo, Associate Transportation Analyst

Carolyn Mamaradlo outlined the Bike Friendly Community Awards. OCTA has applied on behalf of Orange County for recognition as a bike friendly county. The application summarized all the different programs, infrastructure, and education for bicyclists in Orange County. Orange County applied in 2011 and received an honorable mention.

A discussion was held on the types of bicyclists in Orange County. Pete Van Nuys of the OC Bike Coalition added that only a small fraction of the bicyclists population would commute 30 miles, but many people would consider a ride under 3-5 miles. Adults and kids should receive training on how to ride bicycles, use shared paths, and interact with cars along roadways.

Roy Shahbazian outlined three types of riders: 1. Very good riders who would be comfortable riding on all streets. 2. Casual riders who prefer class I bikeways, but may occasionally ride elsewhere. 3. Beginning riders or young kids who need training and safe routes.

5. Planning Department Updates

Carolyn Mamaradlo, Associate Transportation Analyst

Updates were provided on the following programs:

- *BCI Call for Projects*
Last fall, the OCTA board determined that 10% of all Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding would be set aside for bike and pedestrian projects. The 2012 Bike Corridor Improvement program is the first result of this funding. A competitive procurement was held and 24 local projects received a share of ~\$9 million in funding.
- *OC Bikeways Districts 1 & 2*
The next phase of the bikeways collaborative process will be undertaken in the 1st and 2nd Districts. A stakeholder group will be created, outreach conducted, and priority bike projects identified. Cities and local jurisdictions will be aided in implementation with the help of an OCTA created bikeways strategy and implementation plan.
- *Non-Motorized Access to Metrolink Strategy*
The Non-Motorized Access study will determine the barriers and constraints to bike and pedestrian access at Metrolink Stations in Orange County. A survey has been created and delivered to cities, bicycle stakeholders and Metrolink customers. Intercept surveys will be conducted at Metrolink stations around Orange County as well.

6. Bike Month Recap

Wes Parsel, Marketing Specialist

May was designated as National Bike Month by OCTA's board and a number of partnering cities. A number of events took place to raise awareness of bicycle safety and to promote healthy and active commuting.

OCTA held a bike festival at the Huntington Beach Pier with 13 vendors giving out information about bike technology, safety and advocacy. Over 1,500 people stopped by the booths and many received raffle prizes, free tune-ups and bike maps. Congressman Dana Rohrabacher spoke in support of cycling at the event and was joined by members of the Huntington Beach City Council

OCTA partnered with the Anaheim Angel's and Jax Bicycle Center to host a Game Day Ride. Participants purchased a discounted Angel's ticket, received a free lunch before the game, and left bikes at OCTA's bike valet station. Over 150 cyclists attended, including Anaheim Council Member Lorri Galloway.

A bike ride and rally were also held at OCTA headquarters. OCTA staff, stakeholders and elected officials rode 3 miles from the Orange Metrolink Station, through Hart Park and arrived at the OCTA offices. 50 riders participated, including OCTA's CEO Will Kempton and OCTA Board members Lorri Galloway and Shawn Nelson.

A pledge contest was held and residents of Orange County were given a chance to win over \$1,000 in raffle prizes. Over 1,200 people pledged to ride their bikes more than 150,000 miles during May.

Key Figures:

- 70% of riders are taking trips to work
- 22% of pledges will connect to public transportation in conjunction with their bike trip
- 16% of riders are first time bicycle commuters, which is a key stat for our goals

7. Other

Roy Shahbazian, Subcommittee Chair

Subcommittee Chair Roy Shahbazian would like to see an agenda item for pedestrian priorities and projects at the next meeting.

Jane Reifer pointed out that there should be an agenda item for subcommittee member comments and public comments, as well as more pedestrian agenda items.

8. Adjournment / Next Meeting

September 18