



QUICK FACTS

66 miles

80% complete

200 parks

180 schools

17 cities

650,000 residents within 1 mile

340,000 jobs within 1 mile

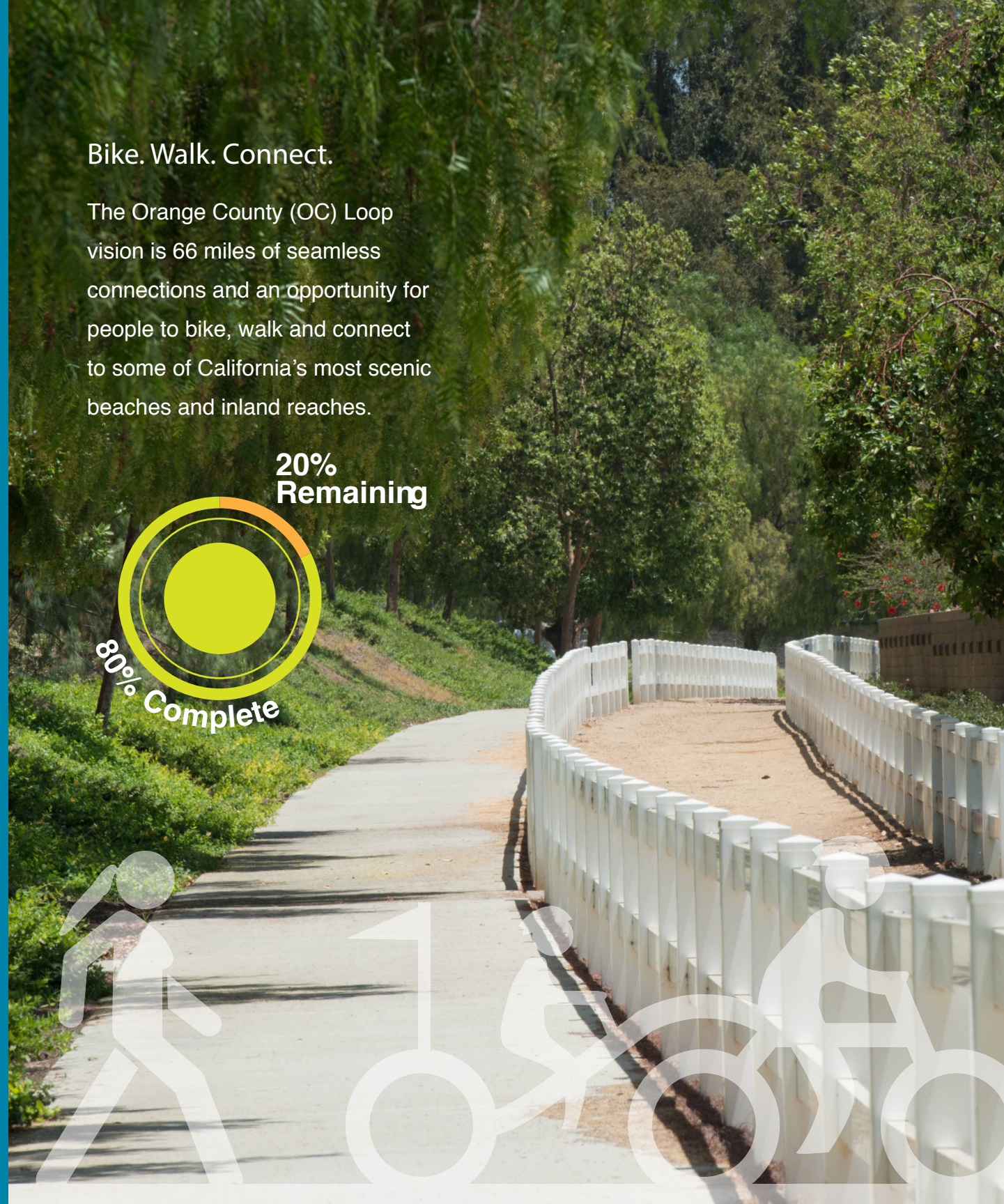
HELP COMPLETE THE LOOP

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Bike. Walk. Connect.

The Orange County (OC) Loop vision is 66 miles of seamless connections and an opportunity for people to bike, walk and connect to some of California's most scenic beaches and inland reaches.



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WHY IS THE OC LOOP IMPORTANT?

The OC Loop is more than just a bicycling and walking path. Completing the OC Loop benefits the entire community with increased access to employment and popular attractions, enhanced mobility, reduced car-dependency and improved quality of life.



Safer Journey to Serve Ages 8 to 80

Paths along the OC Loop attract and serve users of all ages and skill levels. The vast majority of people do not feel safe bicycling and walking on streets with high-speed car traffic. The OC Loop provides a low-stress bicycling and walking route that is suitable for people of all ages!

Expanded Transportation Options

The OC Loop provides convenient paths to some of the area's most popular destinations. It provides first and last mile connections to numerous bus stops and three Metrolink stations. The OC Loop is also another option for residents and visitors to visit local parks, beaches, schools and shopping areas without worrying about traffic and parking. With minimal stops and crossings, the OC Loop is also a viable commuting route to the many major employers in the area.



Improved Quality of Life

A major factor in improving quality of life is access to recreational opportunities and the ability to bike and walk in your neighborhood. The OC Loop serves about 650,000 Orange County residents and thousands of visitors every year seeking refuge from the traffic and noise of urban life. The OC Loop allows people to connect with their environment and see parts of Orange County that most people in their cars don't often notice.



Stretching the Dollar

Completing the OC Loop would turn underutilized, abandoned space along rivers and railroad right of way into a community amenity. Studies across the country have shown that trail projects are associated with growth of property values, increased retail spending, improved tax bases and attraction of new businesses. Within Orange County, the return in benefits to health, mobility, recreation and safety can be expected to exceed the cost of completing the OC Loop.



Completing the OC Loop

The origin of the OC Loop dates back to the 1950s and it continues to be a key element of Orange County's long-term vision. Stakeholders throughout Orange County are involved with the OC Loop, including:

- County of Orange and local cities
- Orange County Transportation Authority
- Orange County Council of Governments
- California Department of Transportation
- Bicycle advocates
- Community groups
- Union Pacific Railroad

Several gaps have been identified along the OC Loop (shown on the map). Closing these gaps would effectively increase connectivity, expand transportation options and enhance recreational opportunities. The County of Orange is currently working with various stakeholders to study how to close these gaps.