



Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program

February 29, 2012



2012 Call for Projects

Agenda

- Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program (BCIP)
 - Funding
 - Eligibility
 - Evaluation Criteria
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 - Authorization to Proceed (E-76) Requirements
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Funding

- Funded using Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program
- Approximately \$9 million available for FY 2012-2013 and 2013-2014
- \$1 million maximum CMAQ share per project
- Minimum 12 percent local match

Eligibility

- 34 Local Orange County Cities
- County of Orange
- Other non-profits must coordinate with the Cities or County

Eligibility

□ Projects

- Bicycle Facilities
- Bicycle Trails
- Bicycle safety/outreach programs

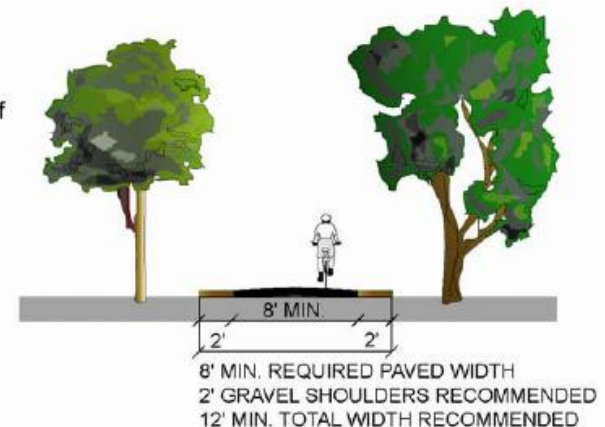
□ Phases

- Environmental/Design, Right-of-Way, and Construction

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Shared Use Path

Provides a completely separated right of way for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians with crossflow minimized.



Evaluation Criteria

- Coordination
- Direct Relationship to Surface Transportation
- Improve Connectivity
- Bicycle Priority Index Ranking (BPIR)
- Project Readiness
- Cost Effectiveness
- Safety
- Public Agency Support
- State and Federal Compliance
- Finance Viability
- Air Quality

Evaluation Criteria - Scored

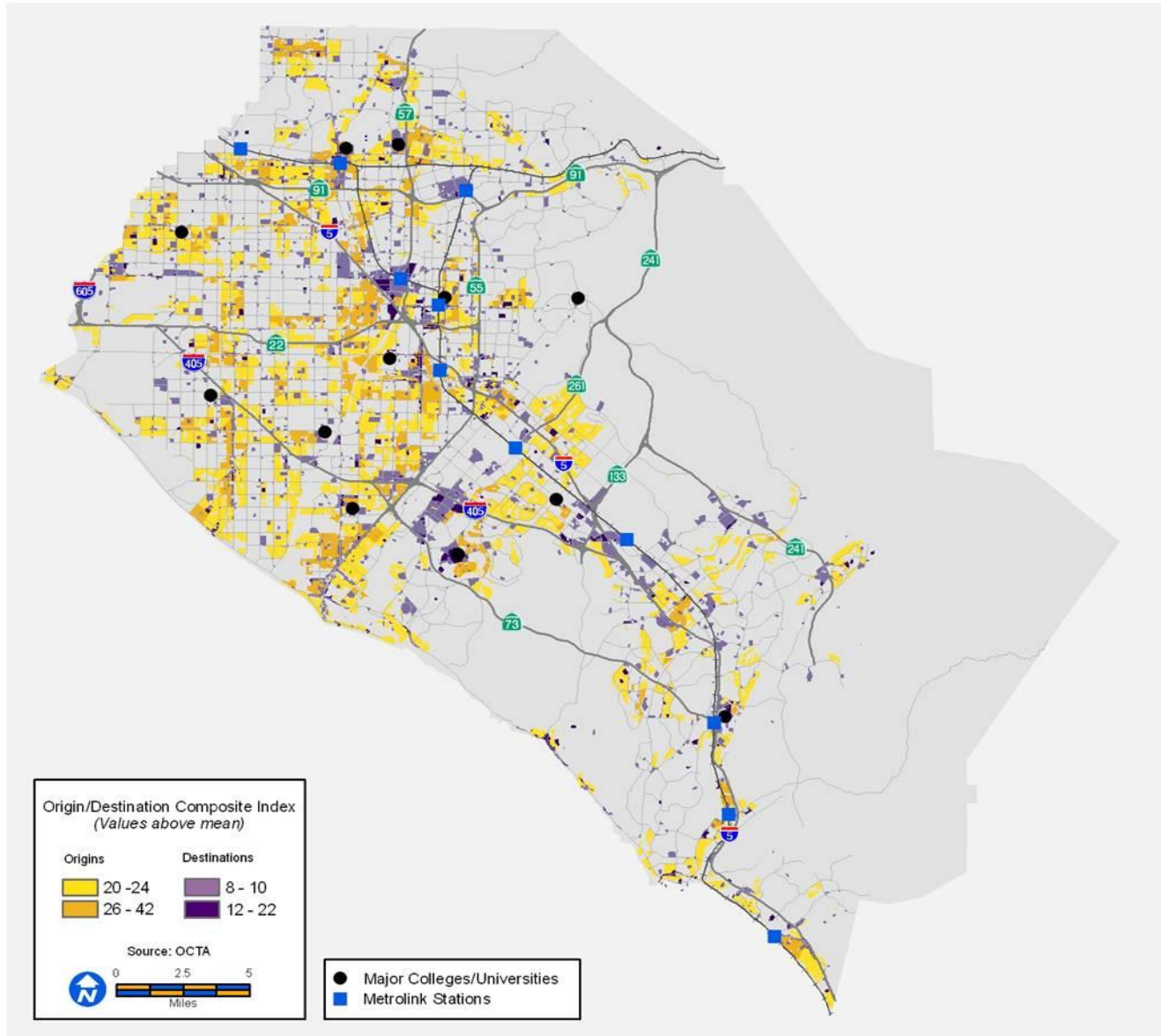
- **Coordination**
 - Inclusion in a regional bicycle plan
- **Direct Relationship to Surface Transportation**
 - One direct relationship to streets, pedestrian facilities, and or transit
- **Improve Connectivity**
 - Gap Closures, Improve Connectivity between Employment and Activity Centers

Evaluation Criteria Scored – Bicycle Priority Index Ranking (BPIR)

Factors	Max Value
Origins	
Population Density (base)	10
Population Growth (2035)	8
Pop Den < 18 year-old (US Census ACS)	8
Land-Use Mix	8
Bicycle to Work (US Census ACS)	8
Bicycle Network Proximity (existing)	8

Destination	
Employment Density (base)	8
Employment Growth (2035)	8
Universities/Colleges (enrollment)	8
Metrolink Rail Stations (AM alightings)	8
Schools (Elem., Middle, HS)	8
Parks, Local Retail/Public Services	4
Bus Stops (PM trips)	6
Total	100

Evaluation Criteria Scored – Bicycle Priority Index Ranking (BPIR)



Evaluation Criteria - Scored

- **Project Readiness**
 - Priority given to ready to list Construction projects
 - Completion of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)
 - Design Complete
 - Right-of-Way Certification
 - Ready to submit Authorization to Proceed (E-76) to Caltrans
 - Points will be given to completed prior phases of work

Evaluation Criteria - Scored

- **Cost Effectiveness**
 - Cost effectiveness based on direct expenditures
- **Safety**
 - Projects must improve bicycle safety
 - Safety improvements must be listed
- **Public Agency Support**
 - Provide list of support from public organizations and other agencies

Evaluation Criteria – Pass/Fail

- **State and Federal Compliance**
 - Comply with CMAQ, Federal, State, and OCTA requirements.
- **Financial Viability**
 - Ability to manage funds
 - Must have sufficient cashflow for project
 - Adequate personal to administer the project

Evaluation Criteria – Pass/Fail

- Air Quality
 - Projects must demonstrate a measurable air quality improvement
 - South Coast Air Quality Management District Analysis Tool
 - <http://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/tsaq/eval/eval.htm>

FHWA / FTA Process

- Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) Projects: Most projects will go through the FHWA process
- For Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Projects: Only select projects that meet FTA criteria will be processed by the FTA.

E-76 (Federal Authorization)

- E-76 “authorization to proceed” also called “request for authorization” is required prior to advertisement for construction
- Proof of submittal must be provided to OCTA by February 1 of the year programmed

Timely Use of Funds Requirement

- Advertise following E-76 approval
- For FHWA Projects: Contract award within 6 months of E-76 approval
- For FTA Projects: Contract award by June 1 of fiscal year programmed.

Timely Use of Funds Requirement Continued

- Invoice Caltrans
 - Cannot invoice more than once a month
 - Must invoice every 6 months (inactive status)
- Project completion required within 36 months of the E-76 approval (FHWA) or contract award (FTA)
- OCTA requires semi-annual and final reports

Estimated Schedule for BCIP

BCIP Application Deadline	April 30, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.
BCIP Advisory Panel Review	May – June 2012
OCTA Board Approval	August 13, 2012
Cooperative Agreement Execution	Varies
E-76 Submittal to Caltrans / FTA Transfer Deadline	February 1 of Fiscal Year Programmed
E-76 Obligation Deadline	May 1 of Fiscal Year Programmed

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