



Citizens Advisory Committee: Bicycle and Pedestrian Active Transportation Subcommittee Teleconference Notice

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Nick Polichetti

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Teleconference Sites:

Orange County Transportation Authority - Headquarters
550 S. Main Street
Conference Room 07
Orange, CA

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Agenda Descriptions

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CAC Bicycle and Pedestrian Active Transportation Subcommittee

550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07
September 21, 2021 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
[Teleconference Meeting](#)

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call – Attendance**
- 3. Presentation Items**
 - A. Orange County E-Bike Panel – Jared Hill, Staff Liaison
 - B. Bike Gap Closure Study Update – Peter Sotherland, Active Transportation Coordinator
- 4. OCTA Staff Updates (*5 minutes each*)**
 - A. Marketing Update – Kristopher Hewkin, External Affairs
 - B. Staff Liaison Update – Jared Hill, External Affairs
- 5. Subcommittee Member Comments**
- 6. Adjournment**

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

June 15, 2021 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Teleconference Meeting
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 Subcommittee meeting. Jared Hill said there were no public comments and the agenda for this meeting was posted one week prior to the meeting. He went over meeting protocols.

2. Roll Call Attendance

Members Present:

Paul Adams
Dan Kalmick

Nick Polichetti
Roy Shahbazian

Dianne Thompson

3. Action Items

A. Citizens Advisory Committee Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee Name Modernization

Jared Hill said committees are modernizing their names to be more in line with industry terminology and inclusivity. He said all things to do with bike, walking, rolling, etc. are under Active Transportation at OCTA. OCTA would like to ask this subcommittee to consider updating the name to the Active Transportation Subcommittee.

No action was taken due to lack of quorum.

Committee Member Comments:

Dan Kalmick asked if the entire CAC could vote on the name change. Jared Hill said it could be voted on by the entire CAC or by this subcommittee at a future meeting. Dan recommends that this be voted on at the next CAC meeting due to timing and recommends it be agendaized. He also agrees with the new name because it seems to align with the industry standard.

Nick Polichetti said he likes changing the name. He mentioned that pre-pandemic electric scooters were all the rage. He said he would like an understanding by this committee that “active” transportation does not mean just physical exertion. Nick said electric bikes and scooters should fall under this committee.

4. Presentation Items

A. May Bike Month Recap

Kristopher Hewkin recapped May Bike Month. OCTA encouraged residents to bike as many days as possible. He said there were great prizes this year. Kristopher showed some of the collateral materials. He went over the goals and objectives including bike safety awareness, and strengthening relationships with employee transportation coordinators. Kristopher then went over the tactics used and results. He said there was an increase in pledges by 27.2percent over last year and a 41 percent increase in new Strava members. People seemed to be really engaged. Kristopher went through social media and website analytics. OCTA feels like this year’s campaign was successful. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

Committee Member Comments:

Chair Paul Adams said those are outstanding statistics especially considering the pandemic.

5. OCTA Staff Updates

A. Aliso Creek Trail Closure Update

Logan Selleck provided an update on the Aliso Creek Trail Closure that is part of the I-5 Improvement Project. He showed a map of the detour area with routing highlighted. After meeting with stakeholders, the detour route was improved and enhanced with better signage and markers to assist cyclists. Logan said maps were created and sent to key stakeholders and are available on the I-5 South webpage. This week crews will begin work on Los Alisos Boulevard to accommodate the freeway widening. He said the eastbound side will see many changes and detours during the removal of the Los Alisos Bridge. Logan said information is being disseminated to residents in the area. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

B. Warner Avenue Bridge Update

Nicci Wright provided an update on the I-405 Improvement Project - Warner Avenue Bridge. A map was shown of the bridges within the project area. She said originally the Warner Avenue bridge was a two-phase construction project, but in order to save time they will take it down all at once. This construction method will save 11 months from the overall schedule. Warner Avenue was closed on June 1, 2021 and demolition started on June 6, 2021. The target is to reopen the bridge in mid-2023. Nicci said the northbound I-405 loop offramp will be realigned to put traffic onto eastbound Warner Avenue and the southbound loop offramp will be realigned to put traffic onto westbound Warner Avenue. Nicci shared statistics on the average Warner Avenue bridge usage. This information

was used to create detours and minimize the impacts to travelers. She showed a map of detours. <The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

Committee Member Comments:

Dan Kalmick asked about the Heil Pedestrian Bridge. Nicci Wright said the Heil Pedestrian Bridge is scheduled to open this Fall. Dan said the biggest issue is for kids to be able to use the bridge to get to school. Nicci said OCTA will be providing shuttle service in the Heil area.

Roy Shahbazian asked about the pedestrian and cyclist detour because it is a one-mile detour. He asked what OCTA thinks pedestrians will do instead of this detour. Nicci said there is a lot of signage at the intersections guiding people around the closure. Christina Byrne said there really is not any other options because the detour guides pedestrians and cyclists to the next available street. Roy asked if there is another way to get to the bridge other than Slater Avenue. Nicci said that is the next signaled intersection. She said typically OCTA does not do detours on neighborhood streets, even for cyclists and pedestrians. He asked the project staff to take these comments back to the Active Transportation folks for a more realistic strategy for pedestrian detours. Nicci said pedestrians are not as much of a concern when detouring through neighborhoods as cars would be. Chair Paul Adams agreed. He said the City of Fountain Valley could add additional signage. Chris Boucly said the established detour for pedestrians and cyclists follows a set of standards. The detours are developed as part of an analysis done in the environmental phase and is signed-off by the cities and Caltrans.

C. Bike Gap Closure Study Update

Peter Sotherland provided an update on the Bike Gap Closure Study. He said at the next meeting there will be a presentation once the project is further underway. Peter said OCTA received a grant from Caltrans for \$200,000 to complete a Bicycle Gap Closure Feasibility Study which focuses on identifying key gaps in the central and southern loops that mirrors the OC loop concept as well as a connector which aims to go from southeast to northwest across the county. This study would help cities go after grant funding to fill in these gaps. This grant will also pay for community engagement and project branding. The grant is for two full years, but OCTA hopes to have it wrapped up by Spring 2022 so it is ready for the next round of funding.

D. Bicycle Friendly Community Bronze Award

Peter Sotherland said he is happy to convey that Orange County was awarded a Bicycle Friendly Community Bronze Award by the League of American Bicyclists. He said this is something OCTA has applied for and received in the past. The last time OCTA received this award was in 2011, 2016 and now in 2020 and 2021. Peter said this is based on percentage of roadways within either the city or county that have facilities, education/outreach campaigns, policies for Active

Transportation, dedicated Active Transportation budget and mode share. He said mode share is specifically difficult for a county with many jurisdictions within the area. Peter said OCTA does many different things to get this award and there is no guarantee that OCTA could go for a higher-level award in the next award timeframe, but there is a potential to go for a higher award.

E. Active Transportation Grants Status Update

Peter Sotherland provided an update on Active Transportation Grants Status. He said OCTA pursued two grants. The Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Study through the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Sustainable Communities Grant for \$300,000. This project focuses on the busiest bus stops in Orange County which is 12-13 locations that encompassed more than just those and were largely in Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Anaheim and Costa Mesa. The ultimate goal of this project would be to look at the surrounding quarter-mile walk shed for the surrounding community/business and identify safety and accessibility improvements.

Peter said the second grant is a \$3 million grant OCTA is pursuing under Active Transportation Cycle Five Grant. This project is the Garden Grove/Santa Ana Rails to Trails Gap Closure Study, in the area known as the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PEROW). In this study, OCTA would do the environmental documents and preliminary design for a Class 1 facility along the PEROW between Raitt and Euclid.

Peter said both projects were recommended for funding by SCAG Regional Committee and is waiting for the grant to advance at the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting at the end of June. Peter said both projects were done in coordination with the cities involved. OCTA has received support and commitment for participation from all of the cities adjacent to the projects.

Committee Member Comments:

Chair Paul Adams asked about the American Rescue Act and money for Active Transportation. He asked if OCTA can give the cities suggestions on how they may want to use this extra money to improve Active Transportation. Peter Sotherland said this why OCTA spends time on developing plans like the Regional Bikeway Strategy Plan to let Supervisorial Districts know where different facilities could be located regardless of jurisdictions in terms of ownership of the roadways. He said OCTA also has the OC Active Plan which has goals and strategies. Plus, each city has a Master Plan and OCTA is involved in helping each city include Active Transportation in their plans. OCTA has a layered approach to these plans.

F. Staff Liaison Update

Jared Hill said one thing to note in the agenda packet there are two sets of minutes. Staff is also excited to welcome several new members to the CAC and we will be sure to see if they are interested in joining this subcommittee.

6. Subcommittee Member Comments

Chair Paul Adams thanked staff for their presentations and looks forward to increasing the participation on this subcommittee. He let the subcommittee know the OCTA Staff has kept him very well updated throughout the pandemic. He thanked them for all their hard work.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next regularly scheduled CAC meeting will take place on July 20th at Noon and the next subcommittee meeting will take place on September 21st at Noon.

**CAC Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Attendance Record**

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

Members	6/15/21
Adams, Paul	●
Kalmick, Dan	●
Paredes, Mark	⊙
Polichetti, Nick	●
Shahbazian, Roy	●
Thompson, Diane	●
Thompson, Jeff	⊙
Reimer, Laurel	⊙
Orozco, Lisandro	●