



CAC Bicycle and Pedestrian Active Transportation Subcommittee

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

AGENDA

1. Welcome

2. Presentation Items

- A. OC Connect Update – Peter Sotherland, Active Transportation Coordinator
- B. E-bike Safety Plan Update – Peter Sotherland, Active Transportation Coordinator

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

- A. Marketing Update – Kristopher Hewkin, External Affairs
- B. Active Transportation Update – Peter Sotherland, Active Transportation Coordinator
- C. 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**

June 20, 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.

2. Roll Call Attendance

Chair Paul Adams noted that there was a quorum present.

Members Present:

Paul Adams
Tyler Holst
Dan Kalmick

John Kinney
Lisandro Orozco
Mary Ann Remnet

Roy Shahbazian
Damon Tordini

3. Presentation Items

A. Bike Month Recap

Kristopher Hewkin, External Affairs presented the item.
<The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked for more information on how the Employee Transportation Coordinators (ETC) were involved. Kristopher Hewkin responded an ETC must be appointed by an employer with 250 or more employees under South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Rule 2202. The ETC helps the employer reduce emissions by reducing trips to the worksite through rideshare programs. Worksites may have an active program while others pay a fee. For those with active programs, OCTA gives them a toolkit with materials to understand and share the promotions with their employees.

A committee member asked if there was a meeting where this information was shared. Kristopher Hewkin said there was a workshop where the ETC's received the information on bike month and outreach is conducted by a contractor who calls the ETC's. The same happens for Rideshare Week.

A committee member asked if there is a way for the information to be given to community engagement people to be a part of the promotions. Kristopher Hewkin responded yes.

A committee member asked if OCTA has the data to break down geographically where participants came from. Kristopher Hewkin responded yes.

A committee member asked where people were located that attended this event and about the coordination and promotion of the Orange County Loop at these events. Kristopher Hewkin responded they had done only one event thus far, but it was something that would be considered in the future.

B. Active Transportation Program Biannual Update

Peter Sotherland, Active Transportation Coordinator presented the item.

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

Committee Member Comments:

A committee member asked if the funding was for studies. Peter Sotherland responded OCTA, with a couple of exceptions, does not own or maintain right-of-way. OCTA as a regional planning agency does the planning for a lot of inter-jurisdictional type projects. As an example, for a flood channel, OCTA may do a regional bikeway study and add it on a map with a rough cost estimate. Next, a city may go after the grant money to build the project.

Peter Sotherland responded we look for partnerships with cities who want to make these types of improvements. There are a lot of grant programs available for construction. We are looking to make funds available at the local level and to help agencies that pursue federal or state funds.

A committee member asked if OCTA is approaching cities for partnerships. Peter Sotherland said yes, we just received these funds. Once we get to the point of expending the funds and doing projects, as part of the grant application you must have narrowed down where you want to do the project. We used our Safe Routes School Action Plan completed earlier with the cities and through that process we came up with criteria and a tier list of levels of need within the county. Tier 1 and Tier 2 schools in the Safe Routes School Action Plan would be eligible for this. We have a stakeholder group of schools, PTA (Parent Teacher Associations), and we work with the cities and schools that have not received Safe Routes projects in the past.

A committee member asked if this information was brought to the Technical Advisory Committee, so the information goes out to the cities. Peter Sotherland responded yes. All our scopes of work for planning studies usually include two presentations to the Bike-Ped subcommittee and two presentations to the Technical Advisory Committee which includes public works staff from all the cities. When we do a project in a city, we include staff from that city.

A committee member asked if the Planning Commissions were involved. Peter Sotherland responded yes.

A committee member asked if the state representative of the Active Transportation Program could be invited to come to the CAC committee meeting. Peter Sotherland responded yes.

C. Capital Projects Update

Chris Boucly, External Affairs presented the item.
<The full presentation is available on OCTA.net.>

Committee Member Comments

A Committee member asked if we are coordinating our efforts with the city of San Clemente. Chris Boucly responded yes.

A committee member asked if once this was done, will the rail segment be opened. Chris Boucly responded yes.

A committee member asked what the urgency was for the city to implement their emergency solution. Chris Boucly responded they want to protect the residential community and Casa Romantica.

A committee member asked how the city of San Clemente was financially able to handle this. Chris Boucly responded he believed they were looking to the state and federal government; Federal Railroad Administration and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) for assistance.

A committee member asked if this is a more difficult situation than what OCTA had dealt with further down south. Chris Boucly responded no; this is not as difficult. This landslide does not go under the tracks and that is the difference. OCTA is protecting the tracks not having to stabilize them from moving.

A committee member commented he was glad to hear OCTA uses the terminology and the concept of complete ramps and to hear that Caltrans (California Department of Transportation) is using the title complete intersections.

A committee member asked if the ATC, Active Transportation Coordinators are looped into projects and do they have a chance to give some input and influence on the design? Chris Boucly responded during the environmental phase and final design they are involved. Regarding the 605 /Katella project, the direction to include pavement markings, adjust the geometry, and ways to make the intersection safer came from Caltrans. Peter Sotherland responded that he works with OCTA project managers. They discuss design, alternatives and vet the process.

Chris Boucly added that although it does not appear to be a specific milestone at OCTA, at which Peter gets involved, there is consultation between him and project managers throughout the design process. OCTA works with Caltrans on planning efforts, they lead the environmental phase, and it comes back to us for final design. There are milestones in this process as it relates to active transportation. Caltrans has much more

say over the design standards they adhere to. Chris Boucly commented that there is a section in every environmental document that addresses pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

4. OCTA Staff Updates

- A. Staff Liaison Update – Christina Byrne
Christina Byrne, External Affairs presented the update.

5. Subcommittee Member Comments

There were no subcommittee member comments.

6. Public Comments

Alyssa Murakami, Active Transportation Coordinator, Caltrans, District 12 of Orange County, introduced herself. She responded to the prior question of whether ATC's at Caltrans were involved in the projects. She indicated she does get requests from the engineers and provides feedback.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next CAC meeting is July 18th, 12:00 pm.

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

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

Members	6/21/22	9/20/22	12/20/22	3/21/23	6/20/23
Adams, Paul	●	⊙		●	●
Holst, Tyler	N/A	●		●	●
Kalmick, Dan	⊙	●		●	●
Kinney, John	●	●	C	●	●
Laveaga, Marie	N/A	●	A	N/A	N/A
Orozco, Lisandro	⊙	●	N	⊙	●
Paredes, Mark	⊙	⊙	C	⊙	⊙
Polichetti, Nick	●	●	E	⊙	⊙
Reimer, Laurel	⊙	⊙	L	⊙	⊙
Remnet, Mary Ann	N/A	N/A	E	●	●
Shahbazian, Roy	⊙	●	D	●	●
Thompson, Diane	⊙	⊙		⊙	⊙
Thompson, Jeff	⊙	●		●	⊙
Tordini, Damon	N/A	●		●	●
Vukcevich, Marc	N/A	●		⊙	⊙