



Orange County Safe Routes to School

Orange County Transportation
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What is Safe Routes to School (SRTS)?



A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT
TO MAKE WALKING AND BIKING TO SCHOOL
SAFE, CONVENIENT, AND FUN.

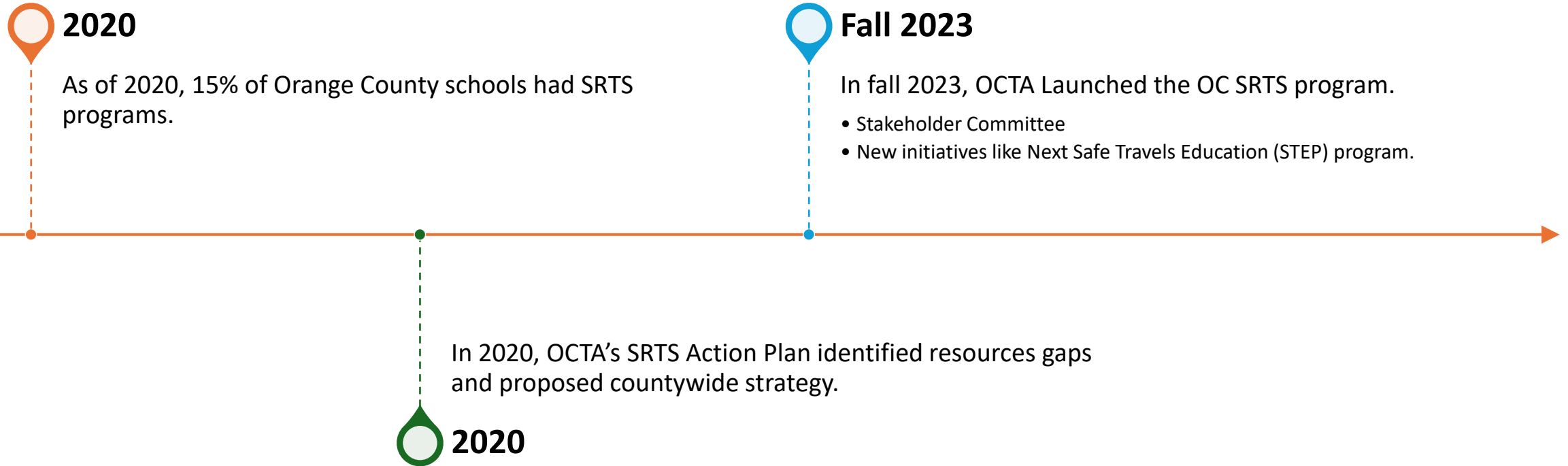


IMPROVES STUDENT HEALTH, ACADEMIC
PERFORMANCE, AND COMMUNITY SAFETY.



FOCUS ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND
BUILDING LIFELONG HEALTHY HABITS.

History of SRTS in Orange County



SRTS Partnership



Collaboration between:

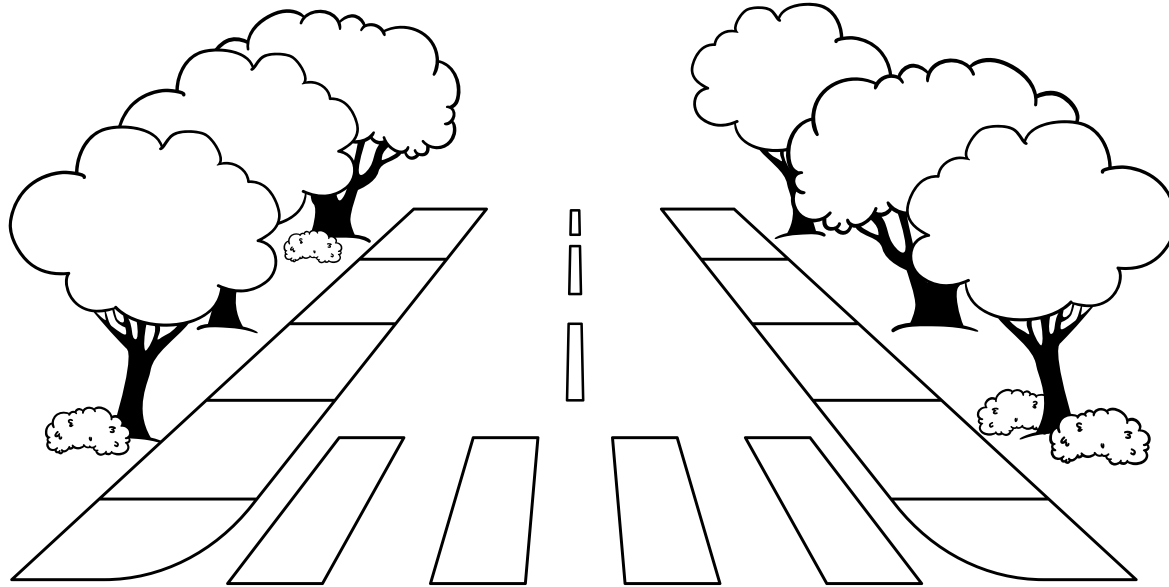
Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
Orange County Healthy Care Agency (OCHCA)
Schools, City Staff, and Law Enforcements



Goals:

Promote safety, equity, and access
Strengthen community engagement
Provide education

Benefits of SRTS



Environmental Impact

- Fewer cars = cleaner air around schools
- Supports climate-friendly transportation choices
- Especially helpful in disadvantaged areas with poor air quality

Stronger Community Connections

- Increases family and community involvement (e.g., walking school buses)
- Builds trust and teamwork between schools, cities, and residents
- Promotes equitable access for all students

Traffic Relief & Cost Savings

- Reduces congestion during drop-off/pick-up
- Saves families money on gas and transit
- Opens access to grants and long-term infrastructure investments



Health & Wellness

- Encourages daily physical activity
- Improves mental health, reduces stress and anxiety
- Builds lifelong healthy habits, lowers obesity risk

Safety Improvements

- Safer crosswalks, signage, and traffic-calming
- Promotes safer behavior through education
- Greater driver awareness = safer school zones

Academic & Cognitive Boost

- Physical activity enhances focus and learning
- Improved attendance and punctuality
- Fun events increase student engagement

Next STEP Program Overview

Next Safe Travels Education Program (STEP) supports 25 public elementary schools

Activities:

- Walk audits
- Education and encouragement
- Infrastructure recommendations



OCTA SRTS Program: Quarterly Program Activities

1

Walk/Bike to
School Kickoff
Events

2

Bike Month
(May)-National
Bike & Roll to
School Day

3

Summer
Planning

4

School Year
Education &
Engagement

SRTS Resources



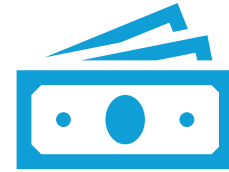
Visit octa.net/SRTS

Toolkits
Route maps
Event planning ideas



Safe Routes to School Partnership

Policy support
Toolkits
Webinars



Funding Opportunities:

Caltrans ATP
SS4A
LRSHIP/HSIP
and more

How to Get Involved with SRTS



Learn about SRTS (visit OCTA SRTS website) and contact us



Become an SRTS stakeholder, get involved!



Connect with your school



Ask your city/school if they've done a walk audit



Host an event



Promote SRTS in your community



Help connect local efforts to countywide initiatives



Ask about funding