

Orange County Safe Routes to School Action Plan Project Overview



CAC Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee

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What is Safe Routes to School

- Safe Routes to School is a national and international movement to create safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to walk and bicycle to and from school. We know that walking to and from school offers many benefits, including for a student's health and learning environment.
- Federal program in U.S. started in 2005.
- Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Evaluation, Equity

Recent Safe Routes to School Activities

- OCTA

- Walk to School Day events
 - 2018 – 3 schools
 - 2019 – 5 schools
- Distributed Go Human lawn signs
- Received ATP grant for SRTS Action Plan

- OCHCA

- Facilitate walkability audits
- Teach students civic engagement process through walk audits
- Provide technical assistance for Walking School Buses
- Support Walk to School Day events



Action Plan Purpose and Vision

- The Action Plan will be a **path forward** to create and deepen Safe Routes to School for every school in Orange County. It will:
 - Support and expand current SRTS work
 - Outline specific ways to improve traffic safety and support more walking and bicycling
 - Establish a countywide program structure
 - Define roles and next steps for ongoing and potential stakeholders
 - Identify potential funding sources for specific action items

Public Engagement Deliverables

- Host multi-disciplinary Working Group to solicit input/ideas
- Survey Schools & School Districts
- 3 Open Houses
- 10 Community Organization Presentations
- Demonstration events at 10 schools

Working Group

- Multi-disciplinary group
 - Public, private, not-for profit, etc.
 - Planners, engineers, law enforcement, school administrators, etc.
- Advise the project team on key elements of the Action Plan



Demonstration Events

- Seeking 10 Partner Schools
 - Facilitate Walk to School Day Event
 - Facilitate Walk Audit at Schools
- Scheduled Walk to School Day Events
 - 10/2/19: Clinton Elementary School (Garden Grove)
 - 10/9/19: Orangethorpe Elementary School (Fullerton)



Walk to School Day



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School Walk Audit

Next Steps

- Data-based analysis to determine where SRTS efforts are most needed
- Develop four tiers of need with potential to:
 - Impact the most students
 - Benefit the most vulnerable students
 - Promote increased travel by walking and rolling
- Utilize outreach and analysis to develop SRTS Action Plan recommendations

Thank You!



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