

# Active Transportation Update



# Education and Encouragement

## Office of Traffic Safety funding:

- Bicycle and pedestrian skills training and safety materials:
  - Themed bicycle classes
  - Distribution of pedestrian safety lights at OC Bus stops
  - Distribution of bicycle helmets/lights at pop up events



# Safety

## Two key efforts underway:

- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Action Plan
  - Evaluates countywide efforts and recommends actions to increase reach
  - Will create a strategic plan for a countywide SRTS Program
- Safe Travels Education Program (STEP) Campaign
  - Education and encouragement activities at 25 disadvantaged area schools countywide
- Both efforts in collaboration with the Orange County Health Care Agency



*Walk to School Day, Rossmoor Elementary*

# SRTS Plan

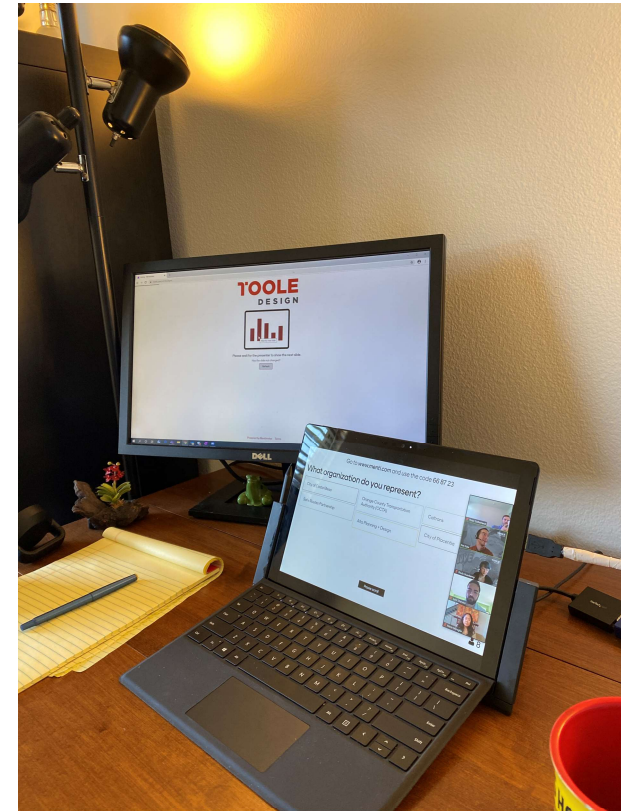
## Project :

- Goals

- Develop an action plan to guide the development of a countywide safe routes to school program
- Hold events to get community input and feedback
- Conduct SRTS activities at schools within the County

- Next Steps

- Planning and continuing with fall outreach activities, to be done remotely
- Drafting Action Plan
- CAC/Bike Ped Committee will receive draft



# Safe Travels Education Program

## Project initiation

- Kicked off in January 2020
- Completed school screening criteria
- Recruitment for 25 schools for fall 2020 campaign activities
- Developing Fall Activities
  - Virtual walking and biking education modules that fit within the physical education curriculum guidelines
- Project completion in June 2022

# System Evaluation

## Cyclic counts

- Bidirectional counts at 100 locations, including on- and off-street facilities
- May 2020 and 2021 (weekday/Saturday)
  - Video counts
  - Counts include use type and direction



*Example of count camera, Counts Unlimited*

# System Evaluation (continued)

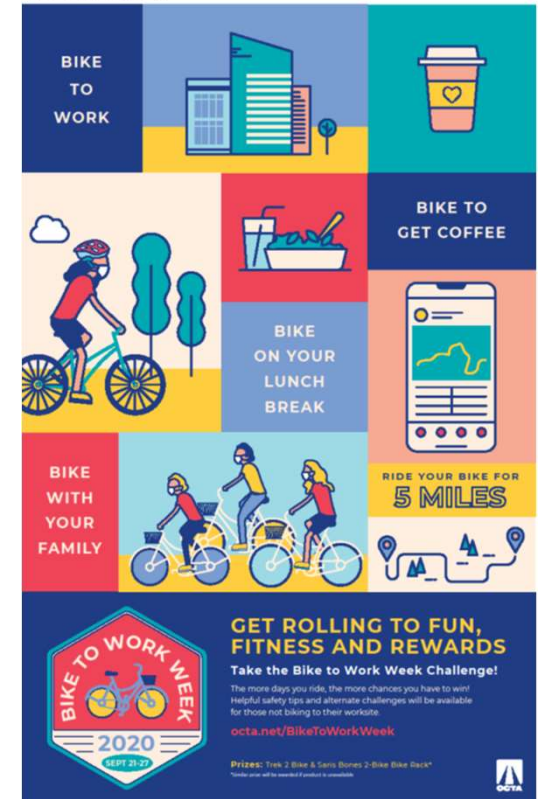
## OC Bike Map

- Previously updated in 2015
- Bike facilities background data updated for 2020 map
- Feedback from cities in process
- Completion in September 2020



# Bike to Work Week

- Challenges Planned for September
- Will have alternative activities for those working from home
- Will have giveaways to encourage participation and engagement





# Bicycle Gap Closure Study

- \$200,000 project running from Spring 2021-Spring 2023
- Assessment to close bikeway gaps for a Central and Southern Loop and a Cross-County Connector bikeway
- Recommend cost-effective solutions for a continuous and high-quality bikeway network
- Develop grant-ready cost estimates, positioning cities for funding pursuits or utilization of local funds to advance bikeways projects



# Next Steps

- Return with updates on active transportation efforts including:
  - Progress on SRTS planning and program efforts
  - Partnering with local agencies to implement active transportation projects
- Seek funding opportunities to support active transportation activities
  - Continue working with local agencies and community groups to advance active transportation measures for all Orange County residents
  - Continue to monitor novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and adapt activities to accommodate safe protocols