



Citizens Advisory Committee: Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee Teleconference Notice

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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/Pedestrian Subcommittee

550 S. Main Street, Orange CA, Room 07
September 15, 2020 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
[Teleconference Meeting](#)

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call – Attendance**
- 3. Presentation Items**
 - A. Bike to Work Week Update – Kristopher Hewkin, Marketing
 - B. Active Transportation Program Project Prioritization Methodology Update
– Louis Zhao, Planning
 - C. Safe Routes to School Action Plan Update – Nat Gale, Toole Design
- 4. OCTA Staff Updates (*5 minutes each*)**
 - A. 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**

September 17, 2019 | 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 Subcommittee meeting.

2. Presentation Items

A. SR-55 Project Update

Jeannie Lee provided an overview of the SR-55 project area and funding. Calina North provided information on the SR-55 outreach efforts. She said in June 2018, more than 100 people participated in a public information meeting. OCTA has also reached out to stakeholders in the area. A public hearing will be held on October 16, 2019. Calina said OCTA will be reaching out in various ways to let the public know about the public hearing. OCTA staff will also be briefing city councils in the project area.

Jeannie Lee said the draft environmental document has been prepared and will be circulated for 30 days starting September 30th. Public comments will be incorporated into the environmental document after the review period. Next, the project team will provide a recommended preferred alternative for approval by Caltrans. Early next year, the project report and environmental documents will be complete.

Christina Byrne said this document will be made available at four libraries, the Public Hearing and by request. Christina said links on how to get information or provide comment on the environmental document will be on OCTA's website.

The subcommittee asked if there would be broader outreach effort to those who commute through the area. Calina North said OCTA is partnering with the Orange County Register and some other local newspapers to post legal notices as well. She said this information will be boosted on social media to let people know in the other areas of the county.

The subcommittee asked if there would be paid advertisements in addition to the legal notice. Calina North said the legal notice is a paid advertisement in the classified section. She said there will be media releases as well.

The subcommittee asked if information could be pushed out to the 91 Express Lane users. Alice Rogan said OCTA is not allowed to send information out to those users due to privacy issues.

The subcommittee said it looks like at the Fourth Street interchange it will be signalized with a crosswalk and thanked OCTA for making it safe. The subcommittee asked why improvements are being done at Fourth Street, but not Seventeenth Street. Jeannie Lee said after extensive analysis, it was determined this improvement was the most efficient improvement that could be done without causing impacts to the community.

The subcommittee said the ramp at intersection of the northbound SR-55 at Seventeenth Street eastbound is excellent, but the other ramps in the area are not conducive to walking or riding bikes. The southbound exit in that area is not ideal and the on-ramp to the SR-55 could be improved. Roy Shahbazian encouraged OCTA to bring these intersections up to today's safety standards. He said the southbound SR-55 to the westbound Seventeenth Street has potential to be a good ramp, but the visibility is very challenging due to a fence covered with ivy making for low visibility. Roy also said there is a free right turn from Seventeenth Street to the freeway. Jeannie Lee said OCTA is not making any changes to this area, so it is not included in this project. She said the project is many years off, but if we can identify additional funding these changes may be incorporated.

The subcommittee said the intersection of the SR-55 at Katella Avenue, there is one free-right turn that is concerning. Jeannie Lee said she believes Caltrans is looking at that ramp.

The subcommittee talked about the possibility of adding Active Transportation elements/analysis into the Scope of Work for the Request for Proposal. The subcommittee reiterated the use of a complete streets checklist to coincide with the projects. Jeannie Lee said OCTA is trying to optimize the improvement with the least disruption to the community. If an on-ramp is being reconstructed, then it will be brought up-to-date with Active Transportation and ADA elements. She said, as for the checklist, OCTA uses it for all freeway projects and works with Paul Martin to make as many improvements as possible. Marlon Regisford, Caltrans, said he appreciates the comments from the subcommittee. He said he pledges to work closely with Brian Liu on the environmental document to make sure the bicycle and pedestrian safety measures are considered.

B. Safe Routes to School Action Plan

Paul Martin presented the Safe Routes to School Action Plan funded by Caltrans. He said this plan is aimed at increasing walking and bicycling to school by students and their guardians. Paul said an inventory is currently being done and then, OCTA will consider a more cohesive plan. This plan will include education and engineering of the safe routes. He said Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) has dedicated a lot of time to this program and they are a partner in the OCTA action plan. Public engagement includes stakeholder meetings and they will be the advisory group for the program. He said there will be an interactive open house with this program as well as presentations to outside groups.

Alice Rogan asked if any of subcommittee members would like to participate in Walk to School Day or Bike to School Day, please contact Christina Byrne or Paul Martin.

The subcommittee asked what day is Walk to School Day. Paul Martin said October 2nd is International Walk to School Day.

Laurel Reimer said in Ladera Ranch a walk audit was conducted and the county said none of the suggested changes could be made. Paul Martin said it depends on the issues and how the engineering can be done.

C. Go Human: Beach Boulevard Open Streets

Paul Martin introduced Dr. Swati Meshram from the City of Buena Park who is the point of contact for the Meet on Beach – Go Human Event. Dr. Swati Meshram said the Meet on Beach event is scheduled for November 17th. She provided background on the coalition of cities along Beach Boulevard. The City of Buena Park, on behalf of the coalition, applied for funding through the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for a Go Human event. This event will be 21-miles of fun with seven events along Beach Boulevard. Paul Martin said the Safe Routes to School team will be at the Anaheim/Buena Park location. Dr. Swati Meshram said the coalition, along with their consultant, is still working out all the details. She said there is a website for the event where details can be obtained as they become available.

The subcommittee asked about coordination with the businesses in the areas where streets are being closed. Dr. Swati Meshram said the consultant is working with the businesses and the City of Buena Park has teamed up with Knott's Berry Farm where there will be a hub at Independence Hall. She said the consultant has done many of these events before and they currently have the traffic management plan being reviewed by Caltrans for the City of Anaheim portion.

Roy Shahbazian said he and the subcommittee are excited to hear that the City of Buena Park is making strides in the area of Active Transportation. He also asked about bus service through the area where streets will be closed. Paul Martin said it will be detoured. He said OCTA's transit team is used to having to re-route due to

5K event, etc. and they will implement a plan for letting people know ahead of time. He said Bravo Route 529 will not run on that day, since it is a weekday service and Route 29 will be re-routed.

Marlon Regisford thanked the City of Buena Park for taking the lead in this event and encouraged subcommittee members to get involved with the events.

D. Rideshare Week

Kevin McMichael presented Rideshare Week which is nationally recognized as the second week of October. This year Rideshare Week starts on October 7th. He said OCTA, LAMTA, VCT, San Bernardino and SANDAG come together to choose a shared theme. This year's theme is "Reimagine Your Commute." Kevin said Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) training was held on September 11th and OCTA talked about promoting all forms of non-single occupancy methods of travel. He said last year, when people were asked how they plan to participate in Rideshare Week, OCTA received 2,500 pledges. Of these pledges, 292 were for bicycling. Kevin said OCTA will track pledges again this year and give out prizes. He presented promotional materials in which OCTA is using the animal theme once again.

Paul Adams liked the promotional materials and said it really looks like OCTA is getting people thinking about bicycling as an alternative form of commuting.

The subcommittee asked about using RideMatch.Info for those commuting outside of the county. Kevin McMichael said his understanding is this site is funded through a majority of the transportation agencies in Southern California and is shared within those counties.

3. OCTA Staff Updates

- A. Active Transportation Update – Paul Martin thanked Dr. Swati Meshram and Marlon for their hard work and dedication to the Meet on Beach – Go Human Event. He said the subcommittee should have received the updated OC Loop fact sheet. There's a good amount of progress on this loop. Paul said the Office of Traffic Safety has paid OCTA to host bicycle skills classes and bike rides. This has been branded as OC Bike Adventures. He said a flyer for this will be sent out.

Marlon Regisford said there is an open call for the Sustainable Transportation Funding Grant for FY 2020/21. This is for the planning phase only. A flyer was passed around with more information. He said there is a lot of money available for Sustainable Communities as well.

Dan Kalmick asked if cities should be the ones to apply for these funds. Marlon Regisford said yes. He said he does not believe he has seen anything from the City of Huntington Beach.

- B. I-405 Improvement Project Update – Christina Byrne said the Slater Bridge was opened in August. She said Harbor will be the next bridge to start construction. Talbert and Bushard bridge demolition is underway.

Dan Kalmick asked which bridge is behind schedule. Christina Byrne said the McFadden Bridge is running behind schedule due to the bridge being more complex than originally thought, along with weather related delays.

4. Subcommittee Member Comments

There were no subcommittee comments.

5. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next CAC meeting is on October 15. The next Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 17.

**CAC Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Attendance Record**

● = Present

⊙ = Absent

R = Resigned

Members		
	6/18/19	9/17/19
Adams, Paul	●	●
Kalmick, Dan	●	●
Novak, Margaret	⊙	●
Paredes, Mark	⊙	⊙
Shahbazian, Roy	⊙	●
Taylor, John	⊙	⊙
Thompson, Jeff	●	⊙
Reimer, Laurel	●	●
Orozco, Lisandro	●	⊙