**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING STATUS**

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

**Bike Gap Closure Feasibility Study**

**Project Manager: Peter Sotherland**

**Consultant: TBD**

*Grant/contract amount: $200k*

*Grant type: Caltrans Sustainable Community*

*End date: February 28, 2023*

Description:

* Conduct a comprehensive assessment to close bikeway gaps for the Central and South Loops as well as the Cross-County Connector bikeway providing a backbone network that links to other regional and local bikeways.
* Develop solutions to close gaps for the Central Loop, South Loop, and the Cross-County Connector
* Provide recommendations for the most cost-effective solutions to provide a continuous and high-quality bikeway network.
* Grant-ready cost estimates will be developed, positioning cities for funding pursuits or utilization of local funds to advance the bikeways.
* Recommendations will be refined based on feedback from the agency representatives and disadvantaged community stakeholders to establish ownership of solutions. The feasibility study and recommendations will consider transportation, housing, and land use planning.

Status:

* Submitted Grant Acceptance Package 7/17/20
* Board Resolution completed

**Safe Travels Education Program (STEP) Campaign**

**Project Manager: Eric Carlson and Kevin Khouri**

**Consultant: Alta Planning + Design**

*Grant/contract amount: $500k*

*Grant type: ATP Cycle 4*

*End date: June 2022*

Description:

* Deliver a range of education and encouragement activities at 25 schools that serve disadvantaged communities countywide.
* Strengthen partnerships with transportation, health, and public safety officials.
* Empower school champions to continue SRTS efforts following the project

Status:

* The distance learning modules for grades K-2 and 3-6 focus on safe and healthy ways for kids to be active (walking and biking) in their neighborhoods and/or en route to school.

**Safe Routes to School Action Plan**

**Project Manager: Peter Sotherland**

**Consultant: Nat Gale, Toole Design**

*Grant/contract amount: $300k*

*Grant type: Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant*

*Partner: Maria Minaglia, Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA)*

*End date: March 2021*

Description:

* Develop an Action Plan for scaling up SRTS activities countywide
* Includes walk to school day events/walk audits at 10 schools
* Goal is to identify existing condition of SRTS programs/knowledge county wide, build on best practices, connects stakeholders, and develop momentum for future efforts
* Deliver a toolbox of resources available for schools to develop/maintain SRTS programs

Status:

* OCTA received updated draft of plan strategies
* Project Team is moving forward with a remote approach to remaining outreach deliverables:
  + Remote walk audits
    - Solicit input from schools/parents, hold virtual meeting to review location, project team to make visits independent of local stake holders
  + Social media input campaign to replace open houses
    - Partnering with OCHCA’s walk to school outreach effort
    - Includes interactive modules

**OTS Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety**

**Project Manager: Peter Sotherland**

**Consultant: Latino Health Access**

*Grant/contract amount: $100k*

*Grant type: OTS*

*End date: September 30, 2020*

Description:

* Deliver 12 travel safe classes at strategic locations throughout Orange County.
  + Proposed COVID alternative: Deliver 12 virtual travel safe classes targeting participants from the same strategic locations throughout Orange County
* Operation Bright Lights: distribution events delivering safety equipment (lights, helmets) at key locations around the County.
  + Proposed COVID alternative: Develop educational module that, upon completion, prompts participants to attend “pop-up” distribution events.
  + This allows LHA to set up proper social distancing measures as opposed to a free-for-all event
* Operation Be Seen: distribute lights, arm bands, zipper pulls, or similar visibility enhancing items along high pedestrian incident bus routes.
  + Proposed COVID alternative: Shift distribution of materials from on bus routes to at bus stops along the same routes. Will still target areas of high pedestrian crashes, but allows for controlled interaction with transit riders, similar to Bright Lights
* Deliver a final report summarizing the project and its outcomes.

Status:

* Virtual class modules will be complete as of September 4
* Operation Bright Lights equipment distribution complete
* Operation Be Seen equipment distribution underway

**Orange County Cyclic Counts (OC3)**

**Project Manager: Sam Sharvini**

**Consultant: Counts Unlimited**

*Grant/contract amount: $50k*

*End date: June 30, 2021*

Description:

* Collect bi-directional (screen-line) bicycle volume counts at a minimum of 100 locations each year throughout Orange County including on roadways segments and off-street paths. Counts will be on two days, one week day and one Saturday.

Status:

* Counts were completed between May 1 and June 6, not on memorial day weekend.
* Collected all 120 locations identified in 2020
* Some cities have expressed interest in data
* Ongoing work with GIS to develop correlation factors using STRAVA data

**Bike to Work Week:**

* September 21-25
* Will only reflect bike-to-work week activities
  + There will be alternate activities/challenges for those wanting to participate who are not currently going into work

**APBP Webinar Series**

Status:

* Webinars are continuing to be hosted remotely
* No timetable for when these will resume in person, once we know we will begin coordination with potential host cities/locations
* We have seen good attendance with having a virtual option available for folks to view the webinar series