Active Transportation Working Group

March 21, 2019
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Active Transportation and Special Programs
March 21, 2019
Agenda

1. 2019 Active Transportation Program Update
2. 2018 Sustainable Communities Planning Grants Update
3. Regional Programs
4. Connect SoCal Strategies
5. Go Human Update
6. ATWG Outlook
Statewide Outcomes and Regional Program

Statewide SCAG Region
• 23 projects
• $163 million total project costs
• $137 million in ATP funding
• 62% of statewide pot ($218m)

Regional
• $88 million for Implementation projects
• $4.5 million for Planning and Capacity Building
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<td>Commission adopts MPO selected projects</td>
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Next Steps

• SCAG will send provisional award letters after the April 4, 2019 RC approval of the project list
  • No ATP funded projects are approved until after the CTC adoption
  • ATP Funded Projects must receive their allocation from the CTC prior to initiation
  • SCP projects awarded ATP must also receive allocation from the CTC
• SCP SB1 funded projects will be contacted by SCAG regarding consultant selection
• For Quick Build projects, SCAG is bundling them and will complete the allocation and an RFP on behalf of the awardees
2018 Sustainable Communities Planning Grants Update

Hannah Brunelle
Active Transportation and Special Programs
March 21, 2019
2018 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) Summary

- Competitive grant program allowing jurisdictions to complete planning projects that enable implementation of the RTP/SCS.

- Vehicle for promoting local efforts to advance sustainability and active transportation goals in the region.
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2018 SCP AT Recommended Project List

Outcomes:

- 20 recommended projects (4 projects through statewide ATP)
- $6.8 total funding
  - ~ $4.5 ATP funds
  - ~ $2.3 SB1 formula funds
Next Steps:

• SB1 funded projects:
  • SCAG to contact awardees to procurement process and issue RFP

• Quick-Build ATP funded projects:
  • Provisional award letters sent to awardees after April project list approval
  • SCAG to complete CTC allocation
  • SCAG to begin procurement process and issue RFP
Regional Programs

March 21, 2019
OCTA & SCAG
PARTNERSHIPS WITH POLICE
March 21, 2018
Project Overview

Who:
• Funded by SCAG Sustainable Planning Grant (SPG)
• Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) lead
• Local Police Departments
• Alta Planning + Design, with sub-consultants (Former/Current Officers)

What:
• Policy review of existing officer trainings
• Countywide collision analysis
• Training curriculums informed by research & data

How:
• OCTA schedules with local Police Departments
• Consultant team attends 1 – 3 Daily Briefings per jurisdiction
Briefings & Trainings

• Briefings are time for departments and officers to share information

• Outside presenters uncommon, but not unheard of

• Officers often work 12-hour shifts, 3 or 4 days in a row

• Most Police Departments hold Daily Briefings at starts of shifts (usually 6:00 AM & 6:00 PM)
Challenges & Solutions 1 of 2

Coordination:
- Difficulty getting departments interested, and scheduled
  - Lots of follow-up and coordination from OCTA staff
  - Relationship-building

During Presentation:
- Time constraints sometime limit us to 10 minutes total
- Officers may be called out for emergency response
  - Keep it brief
    - Broken into 3 presentation units (Bike Crash, Ped Crash, New Laws)
    - Can be presented individually or together
Gaining Officers’ Confidence & Trust in Our Analysis

- Officers want to hear from peers – not planners
  → Experienced officers as sub-consultant provide credibility

- Most officers believe they know the laws, so framing is important
  → Keep the message simple and tight
  → ‘Sharing knowledge’ and ‘Reminding’
  → Anecdotes and ‘other officers don’t know…’

Addressing Concerns about Bias in Policing

- Officers often do not bike or walk in these communities (“Windshield Perspective”)
  → Design curriculum to meet OCTA’s mission and fit within other Police trainings
  → Project is first contact with OCTA and Officers, starting to build relationship

- Racial bias can be a factor in traffic enforcement
  → Racial bias trainings need systemic efforts across all aspects of Departments
  → Provide clarity on laws to reduce inequitable enforcement
  → Future versions of training could be incorporated into bias trainings
**Collision Data:**
- Officers respond to collisions every day. They see it up close and personal daily.
- A few pie charts to keep it simple.

**But... it doesn’t fully account for safer streets**
- Reported fault and cause are based on responding officers perceptions
- But... collision data is the most wide-ranging, documented information available
- Remember: safety is about more than collisions – it is a feeling, relative based on a person’s history and experiences

**New & Relevant Laws**
- Laws change each year
- PDT reported they received little or no specific training on bike/pedestrian laws in Academy
- PDT reported little or no subsequent training on traffic law unless promoted to Traffic Division

**But... speak to the audience**
- “Good Stop / Bad Stop”
- Protecting officers and the public by helping officers understand the law so they can enforce it equitably and fairly
So... What’s in the Presentation?

**Countywide Crash Data (SWITRS):**
- Severity Breakdown
- Compare to Mode split
- Who’s at fault?
- Primary Collision Factor by driver at fault
- Primary Collision Factor by Cyclist/Pedestrian at Fault
- Brainstorm ways to reduce behaviors causing crashes

**New & Relevant Laws:**
- Pedestrian Countdown Changes – 2018 (21456)
- Unmarked Crosswalks (21950)
- Crossing Outside of Crosswalks (21954 & 21955)
- Types of bikeways – especially new Class IV
- Three Foot for Safety Act – 2014
- ‘Bikes May Use Full Lane’ (21202)
- Opening doors into traffic prohibited (22517)
- Slow moving vehicle turnoff (21656)
- Headphones – 2016 (27400)
- Cell phones on bikes (not illegal)
- E-bikes
Status of Project & Next Steps

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**Project Next Steps:**
- Continue to **revise curriculum** based on surveys & feedback
- Continue trainings under other funding sources with OCTA
- Create recording of presentation for future use
- Coordinate with ongoing CHP projects for bike/ped trainings
- Consider coordination with POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training)
Question & Answers

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Riverside County
Safe Routes to School Program’s

PedBikeIT
Pedestrian and Bicycle Instructor Training
Train the Trainer model

High school students learn, practice and re-teach ped/bike safety education

Teach back to local elementary school students

Use of library method for shared use of Safety City
PedBikeIT

BENEFITS

- **Widespread education** throughout the area
- **Communities become less dependent** on outside assistance
- **Leadership opportunities** for youth
- **No cost** for use of equipment
- **Kids more likely to listen** to older teens
SAFETY CITY

Miniature city with street signs, sidewalks, vehicles, stop lights and crosswalks
WAY OF THE FUTURE

Safety city built into parks

Eliminates the hassle of hauling / borrowing the equipment
PedBikeIT
Training Overview

- Brief presentation
- Script practice
- Hands on practice
- Actual event with children
PedBikeIT
Community Partnerships

**Schools** Principals, ASB, Academy Teachers

**Medical Centers** Trauma and Injury Prevention programs

**Community Organizations** Nonprofit agencies, alliances

**Law Enforcement** Explorer and Cadet programs
Desert Hot Springs High School
Public Safety Academy (PSA)

- Partnered with Trauma Prevention Program
- High risk area
- Coordinated first training
- Over 50 students participated

September 28, 2017
Desert Hot Springs High School
Public Safety Academy (PSA)

- 2nd Visit
- Hands On Practice
- 10 students selected to teach at local elementary school
Desert Hot Springs students teach pedestrian safety

By Jim Borba, Special to The Desert Sun

April 28, 2017

DHS students held a pedestrian safety drill.

The students participated in a pedestrian crossing demonstration and learned about pedestrian safety.

In the drill, they learned about the importance of pedestrian safety and the correct way to cross the street.

The drill was conducted in a safe environment, allowing the students to practice pedestrian safety in a controlled setting.

The students were taught about the importance of looking both ways before crossing the street and the correct way to use crosswalks.

They were also taught about the importance of being visible to drivers and the importance of using proper hand signals.

Desert Sun

October 26, 2017
Desert Hot Springs High School
Public Safety Academy (PSA)

- **Ongoing program**
  Continued the next school year

- **Schools valued:**
  - youth leadership opportunities
  - communication skill building
10 PSA students trained incoming PSA students to implement the program
Teaching the Younger Kids

Two Bunch Palms Elementary

Newly trained PSA students were transported to a local elementary school to implement the program
Teaching the Younger Kids
Vital Partnership

Desert Regional Medical Center

- Coordinated transportation of PSA students
- Consistent Communication
- Assisted with media
Teaching the Younger Kids
Cabot Yerxa Elementary

- Another school was selected to receive education
- Plans to continue yearly
More Local Media Coverage

- Local media outlets
- Medical Center worked together with Public Health’s PIO
PedBikeIT
OTHER GROUPS

- Police Explorers
PedBikeIT
OTHER GROUPS

- Law and Protective Services (LAPS)

North High School, Riverside, CA
PedBikeIT

OTHER GROUPS

- Rotary Clubs
  
  *Palm Springs Evening Star Rotary, Palm Springs, CA*
PedBikeIT

OTHER GROUPS

- Volunteer Groups
  - Palm Springs Cares
PedBikeIT
Pedestrian and Bicycle Instructor Training

Maximizing affordability, effectiveness and sustainability

- Local resources - No consultants necessary
- Leverage using local partnerships
- Effective peer to peer training
Questions & Comments

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thank you!
PedBikeIT

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Riverside University Health Program – Public Health
March 21, 2019
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Example: Access to Transit

Strategy: Increase bicyclist and pedestrian access to transit

- SCAG will support and encourage the development of “First Mile/Last Mile” plans and projects.
- SCAG will support and encourage the development of “bike share” plans and projects.
- SCAG will support and encourage the development of coordinated land use, transit and active transportation strategies in “Livable Corridors.”
- SCAG will provide assistance to local jurisdictions and transit agencies in developing areas at and around High Quality Transit Areas to make them more pedestrian and bicyclist friendly.
- SCAG will support planning and construction of bikeways and pedestrian paths that connect communities with and along transit corridors.
Strategies and Actions

Goal:

• Identify strategies that align will allow local, county, and regional agencies to identify projects that will support Connect SoCal implementation

• Identify actions SCAG can take in the near future to support active transportation planning and project implementation across the region
Plan Supporting Strategies

- Used for alignment in SCP and ATP grants
- Used in the development of aligning local active transportation plans
- Used to develop regional vision of project typology priorities
- Provide alignment with state and Caltrans district planning documents

Possible Example: Construction of a low stress bicycle network that would allow all ages and abilities to use bicycles comfortably.

Possible Example: Safe Routes to School encouragement programs to increase rates of bicycling and walking to school and reduce congestion and VMT.
Recommended Actions

• Focus on SCAG’s core strengths and available resources (e.g. data, modeling, planning, encouragement).
• Achievable between adoption of Connect SoCal and 2024 RTP/SCS.
• Development of tools to reduce duplication and improve efficiencies of planning.
• Legislative and policy frameworks that could create paradigm change.

Possible Example: SCAG will develop a regional Level of Traffic Stress definition and planning tool.

Possible Example: SCAG will conduct a study of school travel to inform investments in transit and safe routes to school.
Questions and Group Discussion

1. When or how do you use the Active Transportation Appendix of the 2016 RTP/SCS?
2. How could the active transportation report for Connect SoCal better support your work?
Questions and Group Discussion

3. What innovative or new strategies should be supported by the active transportation section of the plan?
4. What actions should SCAG take to support local efforts or to develop regional tools?
Go Human Update

Lindsey Hansen
Active Transportation and Special Programs
March 21, 2019
Go Human Update

- Safety Leadership Symposium
  - Wednesday, May 1, 2019
  - JW Marriott Desert Springs
  - Palm Desert, CA
  - Audience: Elected Officials
  - Topics:
    - Balancing enforcement and equity
    - Education and Outreach strategies
    - Designing safer streets
Go Human Update

- Sub-Regional Safety Workshops (Summer 2019)
- Safety Webinars (Summer 2019)
- Go Human Safety Pledge
Coming Soon: New Go Human Resources

• Kit of Parts
  • “Library” of pop-up demonstration materials

• Go Human Challenge
  • 5 Interactive Learning Modules
    • Transportation Safety
    • New Mobility
    • Environmental Stewardship
    • Climate Resiliency
    • Interactive Play Streets
Get Involved

Guest Blog Opportunities

Go Human Celebrates Pedestrian Safety Month

September is Pedestrian Safety Month. SCAG’s Livable Communities Campaign is joining the California Office of Traffic Safety in raising awareness about traffic safety for all road users. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, over 10,000 pedestrians were killed in highway crashes in 2018. California is near the median for states in terms of traffic fatalities. To change this trend, we must work together to create safer streets for everyone. SCAG's Livable Communities Campaign encourages you to participate in pedestrian safety awareness activities and be a role model for safe walking.

Guest Blog: Safe Routes to School National Partnership Hosts Muscovy Sidewalks for Safety Event

Muscoy, CA — In preparation for the Safe Routes to School National Partnership, Amador-Benton-Colusa (ABC) and Yuba-Sutter Counties held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Muscovy Sidewalks, a community-led project aimed at improving safety and connectivity in the Muscoy Elementary School area. The ceremony celebrated the partnership between ABC, Muscoy Elementary School, and the Muscoy community, which worked together to increase safety and accessibility for students walking to school.

Social Media Cross-Promotion

Slow down. She’s going places.

SCAG and Go Human partner to remind drivers to slow down and encourage students to be safe during the school year.

Monthly Newsletter

Reminding Drivers to Slow Down and Encouraging Students to Go Human During Back-to-School

On Monday, August 15, Go Human partnered with the City of Glendale to raise awareness about the need for increased traffic safety to combat an annual rise in collisions as kids return to school. Officials, parents, and students gathered to remind drivers to slow down and look out for children as they start walking and biking to school.

Check out our new post for a list of back-to-school tips for drivers and for parents and students walking or biking to school. We also created a short video about Go Human’s back-to-school event.
ATWG Outlook
Next Meeting and Announcements

Active Transportation Working Group
• Next Meeting: June 20, 2019

Active Transportation Database Training
• April 9, 2019, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM, SCAG Los Angeles Offices
• Register Here: https://scag.wufoo.com/forms/zjfcm8j0pqflfx/
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