

**Orange County Transportation Authority
Active Transportation Program Project Prioritization Methodology**

On September 14, 2020, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors approved a prioritization methodology for projects submitted for Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding, consistent with plans adopted by local and regional governments within the County.

For the 2023 ATP cycle, staff will continue to use the previously approved methodology below. There are no proposed changes at this time.

Plan	Point Value (Maximum of 20 Points ¹)
A planned bikeway in the Orange County Commuter Bikeways Strategic Plan or OC Active	10
Project is included in the Orange County district bikeway strategies	10
Project is included in the OCTA non-motorized Metrolink Accessibility Strategy	10
Project is a sidewalk along a roadway on the Master Plan of Arterial Highways	5
Project is included in a state or local agency bicycle or pedestrian master plan, active transportation plan, or complete streets plan	5
Project is included in a local safety plan, including but not limited to, Safe Routes to Schools, Local Roadway Safety Plan, Vision Zero Plan, or implements countermeasures to identify crash typologies in the project area consistent with the Orange County Systemic Safety Plan	5
Project is included in a specific plan or corridor plan	2
Project is included in local agency general plan or circulation element	2

The plans that are referenced above were developed consistent with OCTA’s mission to develop and implement transportation solutions to enhance the quality of life and keep Orange County moving. The approved methodology prioritizes regional connectivity and focuses on closing gaps and cross jurisdictional connectivity. Projects that received the maximum points typically help deliver the OCTA identified countywide regional bike corridors. Further, they are plans that have been developed in Orange County and align with the goals of the ATP.

¹ The adopted 2023 ATP Southern California Association of Governments Regional Guidelines establish that the maximum points that can be assigned by the county transportation commission is 20 points. These local prioritization points will be added to the score provided by the state.

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OCTA-led projects will be eligible for the additional points in the same manner as the local agency projects. The regional plans listed in the methodology were developed in coordination with Orange County local agencies.

Disadvantaged Communities Methodology

Staff will evaluate the points assigned to each project to confirm that 25 percent of the regional funding goes to projects that will benefit disadvantaged communities as required through the ATP. Staff will consider reprioritization of projects if the highest scoring projects in Orange County do not meet the requirement.