

Orange County Transportation Authority-Adopted
Active Transportation Program Project Prioritization Methodology

Approved Methodology

On October 10, 2016, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) approved a local prioritization methodology to prioritize projects submitted for active transportation funding. Prioritization of these projects is also consistent with Board direction through the State and Federal Programming Guidelines for bicycle projects that list a project's readiness as a priority for funding.

A summary of the proposed prioritization methodology is provided below.

Plan	Points* (Maximum of Ten Points)
A planned bikeway in the Orange County Commuter Bikeways Strategic Plan	5
Project is included in the Orange County district bikeway strategies	5
Project is included in the OCTA non-motorized Metrolink Accessibility Strategy	5
Project is a sidewalk on the Master Plan of Arterial Highways	5
Project is included in a local agency bicycle or pedestrian master plan or active transportation plan	3
Project is included in a local Safe Routes to Schools Plan	2
Project is included in a specific plan or corridor plan	2
Project is included in local agency general plan or circulation element	1

*Per the Southern California Association of Governments guidelines, the maximum points that can be assigned by the county transportation commission are ten points. These local prioritization points will be added to the score provided by the state. The maximum score possible through the statewide process is 100 points.

These plans 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 projects included in the plans tend to focus on gap closure and regional bike corridors. Further, they are the most directly relevant plans that have been developed in Orange County which meet the goals of the Active Transportation Program.

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Disadvantaged Communities Methodology

In order to maximize funding for Orange County projects, staff has evaluated 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 by SB 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013). Staff will consider reprioritization of points to projects if the highest scoring projects in Orange County do not meet the requirement.