

ITEM #1

OC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

DATE: May 12, 2021

TO: Orange County Planning Commission

FROM: OC Public Works/Development Services

SUBJECT: Initiation of General Plan Amendment T21-01 Transportation Element - Bikeway Plan Map Update

PROPOSAL: Staff is requesting authorization to initiate an amendment to the County of Orange Bikeway Plan Map, contained in the County's General Plan Transportation Element, and update segments on County's bikeways to depict the most current bikeway network.

ZONING/ GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: N/A

LOCATION: Unincorporated Areas of Orange County

APPLICANT: OC Development Services

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

OC Development Services/Planning recommends the Planning Commission:

- a. Receive staff report and public testimony.
- b. Authorize staff to initiate General Plan Amendment T21-01 – Transportation Element to update the County of Orange Bikeway Plan Map.

BACKGROUND:

The County of Orange Transportation Element contains the County's policies on the development of the transportation facilities, which is necessary to accommodate orderly growth within the County. The Transportation Element identifies goals, objectives, policies, and implementation programs that affect the transportation system and provide guidance for future planning efforts within the unincorporated area. The Transportation Element also contains the Circulation Plan, Bikeway Plan, and Scenic Highways Plan. Implementation of these plans is necessary to ensure a balanced transportation system.

The County of Orange Bikeway Plan provides the policies and practices that help to define the role of bicycle travel within Orange County's unincorporated areas. The Bikeway Plan a) supports General Plan policies; b) identifies each facility as existing or proposed, and its designated bikeway type (Class I, II, III and IV) within unincorporated areas and; c) identifies bikeways that are along the Orange County Flood Channel right-of-way.

The County is responsible for managing and updating the data on the Bikeway Plan Map. In addition, OC Public Works coordinates with Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) to ensure efforts toward active transportation planning policies and documents are complementary to each other and to avoid any duplication of efforts. OCTA reviews bikeway planning efforts, provides feedback and technical support, as needed, for agencies within the County of Orange.

PROPOSED PROJECT:

In particular, the County of Orange Bikeway Plan Map (Attachment 1) defines a network of local bikeways that interfaces with and complements adjacent local and regional bike routes. Minor amendments to the Bikeway Plan Map have been completed and approved by the Board of Supervisors as recently as February 25, 2020, but a comprehensive bikeway plan map update has not been completed since 2005.

OC Public Works/OC Infrastructure Programs is proposing a General Plan Amendment to the Transportation Element to update segment designations within the Bikeway Plan Map. These changes to the Bikeway Plan Map are necessary to ensure a balanced transportation system.

At this time, Staff is requesting authorization to initiate an update to the County's Bikeway Plan Map to complete the following revision:

1. Update the Bikeway Plan Map with designations that align with data provided by OC Infrastructure and OC Parks. Staff will revise segments on the Bikeway Plan Map to change designations from 'proposed' to 'existing', add proposed segments, and complete segments that are fragmented.

Below is a preliminary list of proposed updates to the Bikeway Plan Map, which conforms to the data provided by OC Infrastructure and OC Parks.

Bikeway Name	Status on Bikeway Plan Map (2020)	Proposed Action
Avenida Pico Class I Bikeway	Not shown on map	Add as Existing Class I (Off-street paved bike paths)
OC Loop Segments O, P, Q	Not shown on map	Add as Proposed Class I (Off-street paved bike paths)
Peter's Canyon Bikeway Extension	Not shown on map	Add as Proposed new Class I (Off-street paved bike paths) and buffered Class II bike lane (On-street striped and signed bicycle lanes)
Southern California Edison Easement Bikeway	Not shown on map	Add as Existing Class I (Off-street paved bike paths)
Borrego Wash Class I Bikeway	Not shown on map	Add as Proposed Class I (Off-street paved bike paths)
Paularino Channel Class I Bikeway	Not shown on map	Add as Proposed Class I (Off-street paved bike paths)
Santa Ana Gardens Channel	Not shown on map	Add as Existing Class I (Off-street paved bike paths)
Santa Ana River Parkway Extension	Portions of existing are shown, but dashed proposed not shown on map	Add as Proposed bikeway
Segunda Deshecha Channel Class I Bikeway	Not shown on map	Add as Proposed Class I (Off-street paved bike paths)
Foster Road	Class II to be replaced by Class III	Replace Class II (On-street striped and signed bicycle lanes) with Class III (On-street shared-lane signed bicycle routes)

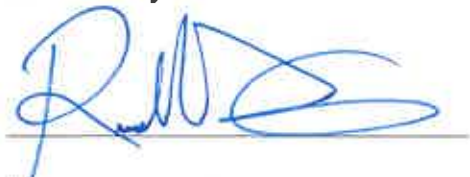
After Planning Commission authorization to initiate this General Plan Amendment, additional analysis will be conducted to identify and capture all segments that require a Bikeway Plan Map update. In addition, staff will continue to communicate with OCTA as needed, to ensure regional bikeway efforts are collaborative.

Staff is expected to return to Planning Commission with a final list of segments to recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt the General Plan Amendment in the coming months.

CEQA COMPLIANCE:

This action is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is therefore not subject to CEQA, since it does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The approval of this agenda item does not commit the County to a definite course of action in regard to a project since the action being authorized involves the initiation of an amendment to the County of Orange Bikeway Plan Map within the Transportation Element, which is administrative. This proposed activity is therefore not subject to CEQA. Any future action connected to this approval that constitutes a project will be reviewed for compliance with CEQA.

Submitted by:

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Richard Vuong, Planning Manager
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Reviewed by,

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Amanda Carr, Interim Deputy Director
OC Public Works/Development Services

Attachment 1 County of Orange Bikeway Plan Map (March 23, 2020)

BIKEWAY PLAN

County of Orange, California



BIKEWAY TYPES

CLASS I:

Off-street paved bike paths

CLASS II:

On-street striped and signed bicycle lanes

CLASS III:

On-street shared-lane signed bicycle routes

CLASS IV:

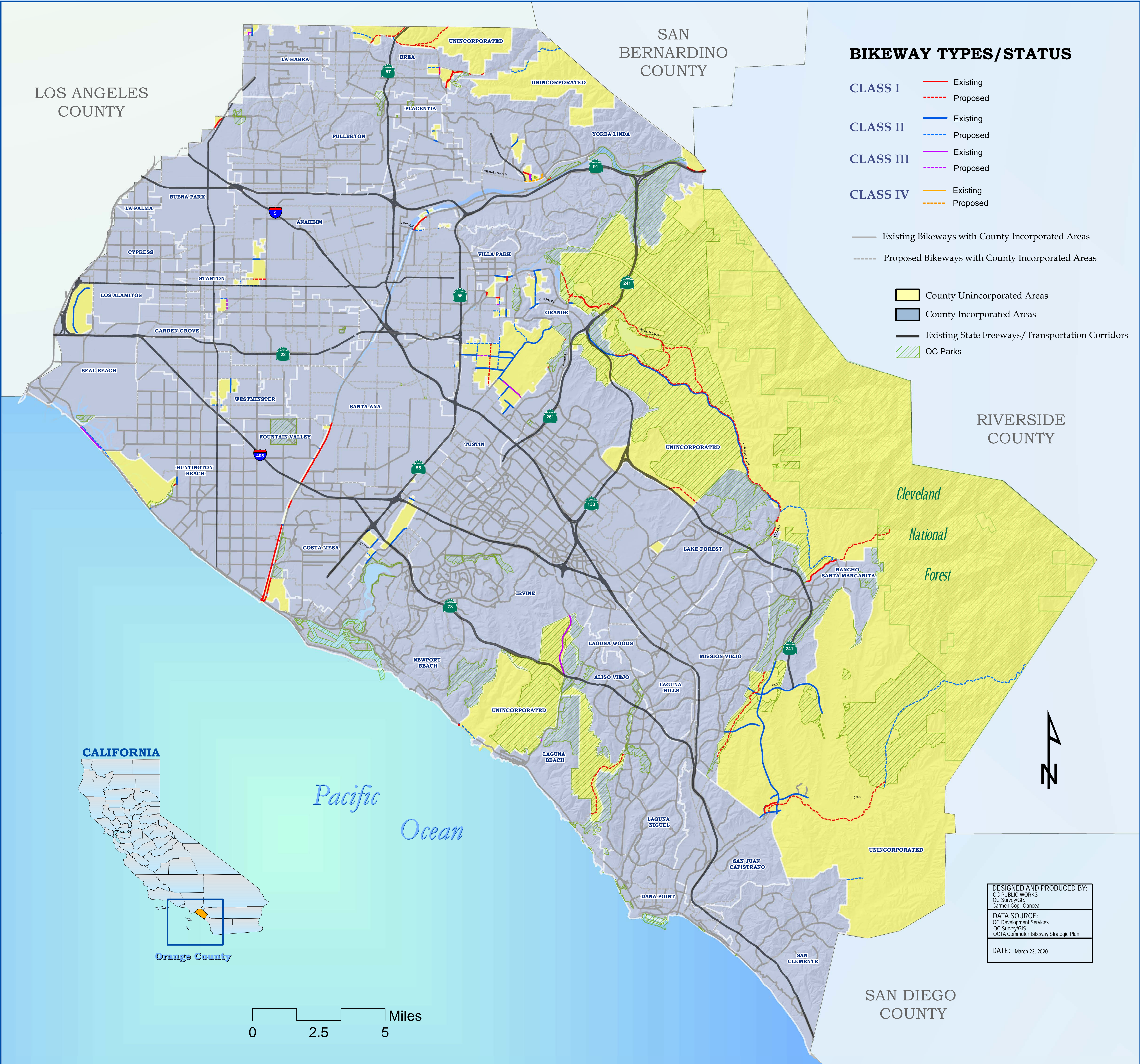
Cycle track, an on-street and separated bikeway

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE RECOMMENDED BIKEWAY PLAN WAS APPROVED AS THE OFFICIAL MAP OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN BY THE ORANGE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ON , NOVEMBER 13, 2019 AND ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-009 OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON FEBRUARY 25, 2020

KHALID BAZMI, INTERIM DIRECTOR
OC PUBLIC WORKS

NOTE: USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CHECK FOR SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS TO THE BIKEWAY PLAN.



BIKEWAY TYPES/STATUS

- CLASS I
 - Existing
 - Proposed
- CLASS II
 - Existing
 - Proposed
- CLASS III
 - Existing
 - Proposed
- CLASS IV
 - Existing
 - Proposed

- Existing Bikeways with County Incorporated Areas
- Proposed Bikeways with County Incorporated Areas

- County Unincorporated Areas
- County Incorporated Areas
- Existing State Freeways/Transportation Corridors
- OC Parks

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OC Development Services
OC Survey/GIS
OCTA Commuter Bikeway Strategic Plan

DATE: March 23, 2020