# **Active Transportation Working Group**

September 19, 2019



# **Agenda**



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- 1. 2019 Active Transportation Program Update
- 2. Connect SoCal Update
- 3. Disadvantaged Communities Active Transportation Planning Tool
- 4. Go Human Update
- 5. Stakeholder Needs Discussion
- 6. ATWG Outlook

# **2019 Active Transportation Program Update**

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### **Cycle 4 Funding Overview**



- Total Program Funding: \$440M
  - Statewide: \$219M (50%)
  - Small Urban and Rural: \$44M (10%)
  - MPO: \$175M (40%)
- SCAG Regional Program Funding: \$92.5M (53% of MPO Component)
  - \$88M for Implementation
  - \$4.5M for Plans/Programs
- SCAG Region Portion of Statewide Bucket: \$137M (62% of Statewide)
  - 23 projects

## **ATP Cycle 5 Overview**



- Statewide Program
  - Call for Projects in Spring 2020
  - \$440M in funding anticipated (consistent with Cycle 4)
  - Statewide guidelines development to follow <u>ATP Symposium</u> (October 29-30)
    with workshops late Fall 2019-early Winter 2020
- Regional Program
  - Regional allocation to be determined
  - Regional guidelines development process will occur in parallel with statewide
  - Cycle 4 Guidelines can be found <u>here</u>

### **ATP Resources**



- New Caltrans Resources:
  - Mode Share Action Plan 2.0
  - Interim Count Methodology Guidance
  - New Active Transportation Resource Center (ATRC) website
  - ATRC Automated Counter Loan Pilot Program

# **Connect SoCal Update**

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### Recap



### Purpose of the Plan

- 2020-45 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy
- Long-range visioning plan that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental and public health goals
- The components are required by federal and state legislation and is an important planning document for the region, allowing project sponsors to qualify for federal funding. SCAG is required to update this long-range planning document every four years.

### **ATWG Input**

- ATWG has helped guide Plan development since early 2018
- Significant input on the Strategies and Actions

### **Next Steps**



- Public Review Draft
  - Main Book and all Technical Reports
  - To be released November 7th
  - Public Comment Period to follow
- Opportunity to comment formally, as well as discussion time at November ATWG meeting

# SCAG's Disadvantaged Communities Active Transportation Planning Tool

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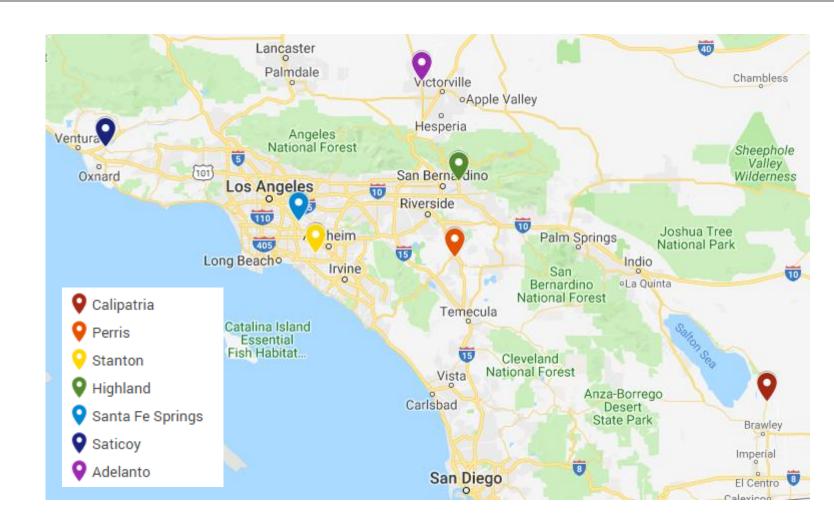






# **OVERVIEW: DACPI**

- 18-month project
- AT Plan template
  - Standardized elements
  - Outreach & Equity
     Frameworks
  - Demonstration events
- Pilot process in 7 communities





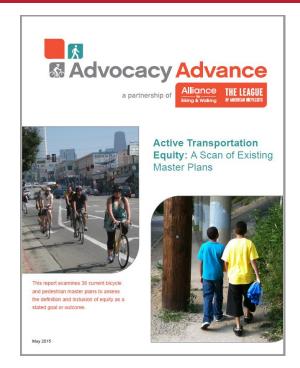


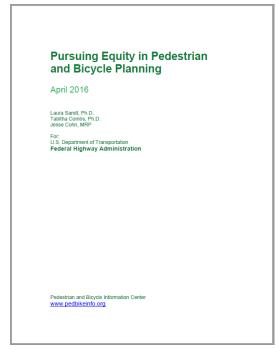




# RESEARCH

- National Scan of Best **Practices**
- Outreach + Equity **Frameworks**
- Expert Focus Group

















# **EXPERT FOCUS GROUP**

# 17 participants representing:

- California + LA Departments
   of Public Health
- Caltrans, Metro
- Cities of Long Beach, Santa Ana, Santa Monica
- OCTA, RCTC, SBCTA, WRCOG
- Safe Routes to School
   National Partnership











# **EXPERT FOCUS GROUP**

Recommendation	Application
Emphasize the data and sources required by likely funding outlets	Template
Include an overview of public health issues and the relation to transportation	Template
Include language to manage expectations of public health outcomes	Template
Acknowledge all forms of active transportation and include a section on skateboards and push scooters	Template
Consider "low speed lanes" rather than "bike lanes" and consider a different nomenclature so that the traditional bike-centric names be broader.	Template
Go to where people are and used a trusted community partner to assist with outreach, and host meeting in most common language	Outreach Framework
Include engineering-level details such as renderings and accurate cost estimates	Template
Create a folder of photos of local examples of facilities that communities can access.	Template
Include draft policies that aim to reduce adverse impacts of transportation improvements, such as housing policies, to ensure current residents can still afford to live in their community once improvements have been made.	Equity Framework









Manual **Template** Resources











#### The Manual

- SCAG's Disadvantaged Communities
   Planning Initiative
- Why Active Transportation?
- Overview of AT Plans
- How to Use the Template
- How to Use the Resources
- Getting Started
- Adopting and Implementing the Plan

Disadvantaged Communities Planning Initiative

#### WHAT IS TYPICALLY IN AN AT PLAN?

Throughout the country, AT Plans identify existing walking and biking conditions, the active transportation network, and community demographics, and make recommendations on how to improve active transportation within the community.

In California, AT Plans are guided by requirements set forth by the California Transportation Commission, and are developed to help position communities for successful funding opportunities. See Required Elements for more details.

#### HOW ARE AT PLANS USED?

Once adopted, AT Plans help guide governments in updating and expanding the network as opportunities arise (road resurfacing, construction, etc.), and help justify allocating or seeking out funding to make additional changes happen.

#### HOW ARE AT PLANS CREATED?

While some governments develop AT Plans internally, most contract outside consultants to develop plans. Costs and timeline vary depending on the size of the community and the resources available. In general, AT Plans increase in cost as the scope and depth of work increases. This Template strives to allow for the development of less-costly AT Plans that do not sacrifice on depth, quality, or outcome.

#### REQUIRED ELEMENTS

The <u>California Transportation Commission</u> (CTC) programs and allocates funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail, transit and active transportation improvements throughout California. The Commission also advises and assists the Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency and the Legislature in formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for California's transportation programs, and annually releases a set of guidelines regulating the state's Active Transportation Program (ATP). Following <u>CTC Guidelines</u> released in May 2018, an AT Plan must include the following components or explain with the component is unsvailable:

- 1 Mode share
- 2. Description of land use/destinations
- Pedestrian facilities (existing and proposed)
- 4. Bicycle facilities (existing and proposed)
- Bicycle parking
- 6. Wayfinding
- Non-infrastructure programs (e.g., Safe Routes to School, safety campaigns, open streets events; existing and proposed)

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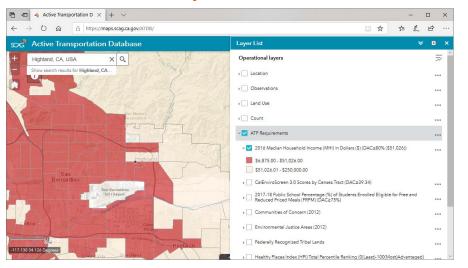




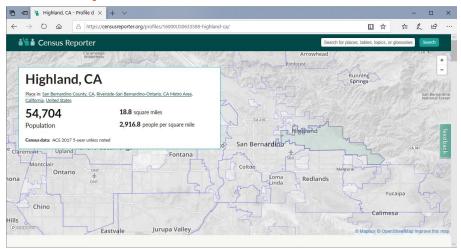




#### **SCAG's Active Transportation Database**



#### **Census Reporter**



#### **Consultant Services for Active Transportation Planning**

Service	Pre-Plan	Plan Creation	Implementation
Visioning	√	√	
Outreach	√	√	√
Data Analysis		√	√
Mapping		√	
Graphic Design	√	√	
Concept Design		√	√
Recommendations		√	√
Cost Estimates		√	√
Feasibility Assessments		√	√
Engineering		√	√
Programs	√	√	√
Grant Writing	√		√











### The Template

- Executive Summary
- 1. Introduction
- 2. The Vision
- 3. Local Context
- 4. Existing Conditions
- 5. Community Engagement
- 6. Network Recommendations
- 7. Programmatic Recommendations
- 8. Implementation
- Appendix

#### 2. The Vision

#### \*EQUITY FRAMEWORK

This Plan is guided by an Equity Framework, which asks:

- Who are the most vulnerable groups in the community?
- What is the desired condition of wellbeing that the City and residents want for the most vulnerable communities?
- How can implementation of the Plan work towards these conditions?

We identified vulnerable user groups as well as a vision and supporting goals that we believe

will advance equity, safety and health, access and comfort, affordability, and an enhanced network. We also defined future actions and ways to measure progress on these four goals.

#### Focusing on Disadvantaged Groups

Some groups of [COMMUNITY NAME] face greater vulnerabilities and disparities in the transportation system. The more groups a person identifies with, the greater the disparity. These groups include:

- People of color
- Women
- People of no- and low-income
- People with limited English proficiency
- People with disabilities
- Children and seniors
- Single parents
- People who don't own cars or do not drive



Equity means that one's

identity as a resident of

detrimental effect on the

distribution of resources.

our community has no

opportunities, and

outcomes for them.

This Plan works to serve and improve transportation for all residents of our community.

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Insert Community Name] | 3



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Remove asterisk if keeping Equity Framework in AT Plan and update accordingly. Otherwise,

remove this section and begin chapter at "Vision."



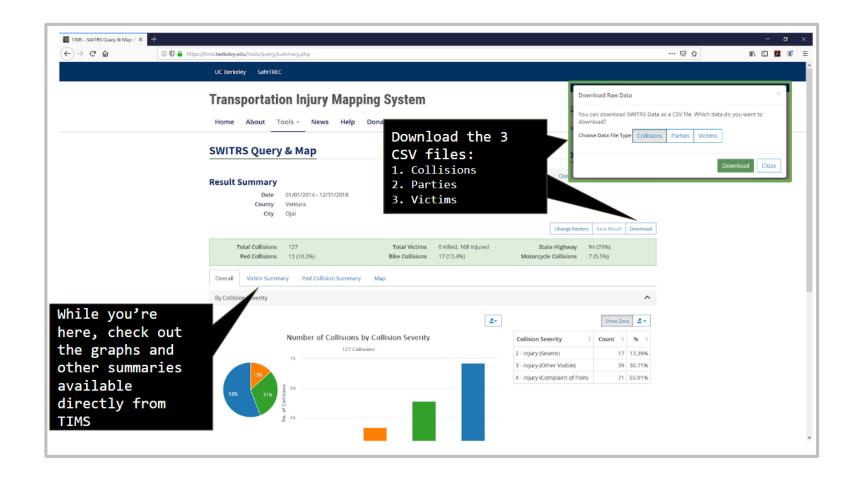






#### The Resources

- Outreach Guide
- Equity Framework
- Graphics Library
- Data Analysis Guide
- Completed ActiveTransportation Plans









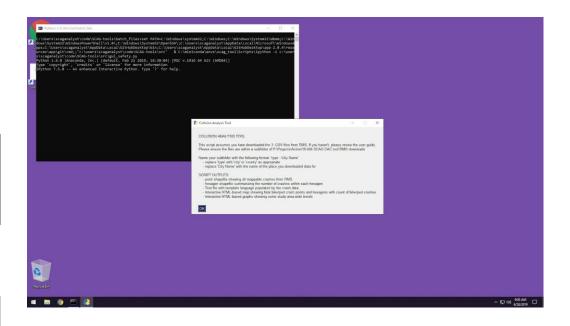


# **Automated Analyses**

Safety

Connectivity

**Equity** 



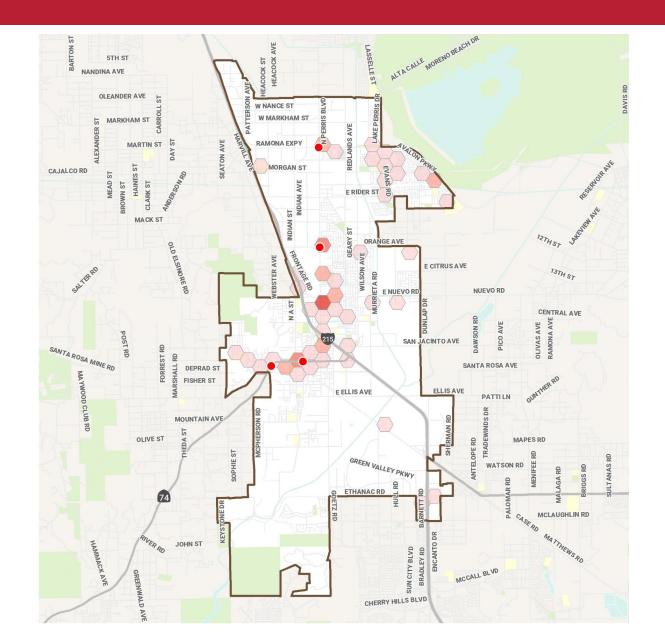












# **Safety Barriers**

**BICYCLING COLLISIONS** 

Perris, CA

Bicyclist Fatality

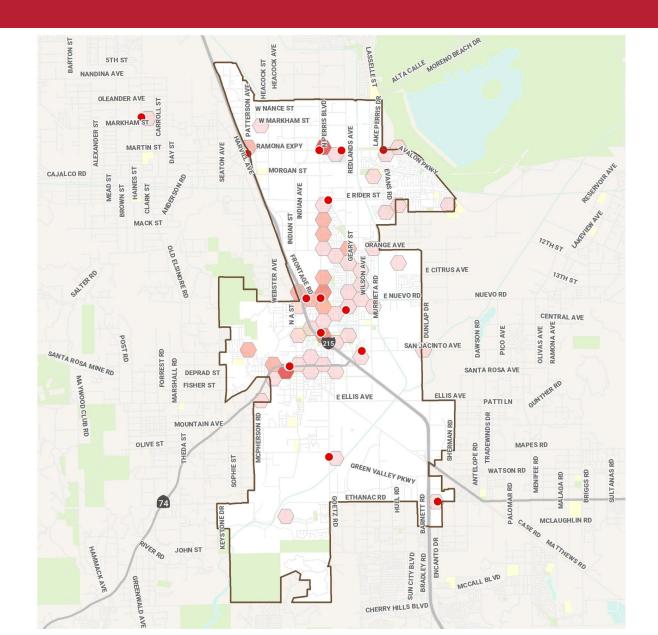












# **Safety Barriers**

### PEDESTRIAN COLLISIONS

Perris, CA

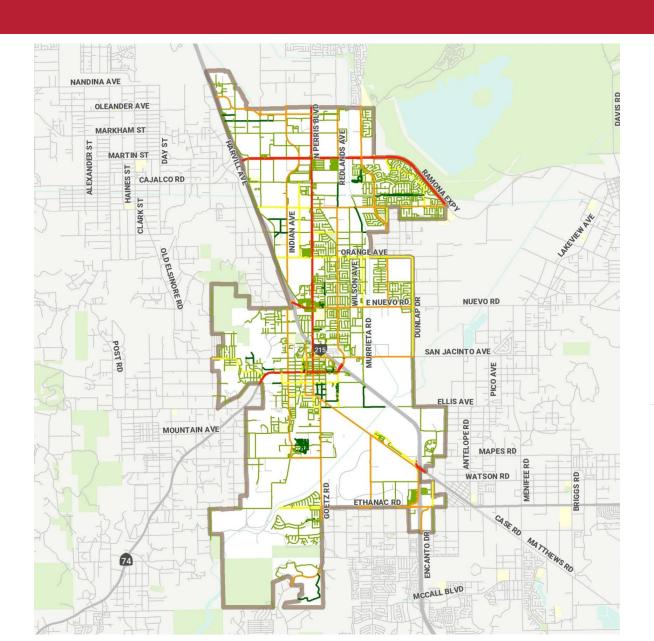












# **Bicycling Connectivity**

LEVEL OF TRAFFIC STRESS

Perris, CA







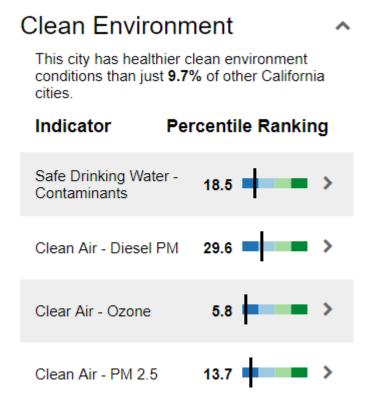




# Customized Health Assessment: Healthy Places Index

### **Variables**

- Physical Activity
- Safety
- Environment
- Health Equity



#### Neighborhood This city has healthier neighborhood conditions than just 24.9% of other California cities Indicator Percentile Ranking Supermarket Access 50.2 37.9 Park Access 4 Tree Canopy Retail Density









# **OUTREACH PLAN**

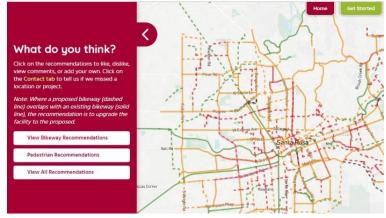
## **Community Advisory Committees**

#### **Go Human Demonstrations**

- Training 1: Active Transportation & Tactical Urbanism Primer
- Interactive Art Installation
- Training 2: Share Living Preview Plans; Train Volunteers
- Living Preview
- Curbside Open House

### **Additional Outreach**

- Website and Public Input Tool
- Walking / Biking Tour
- Targeted Outreach





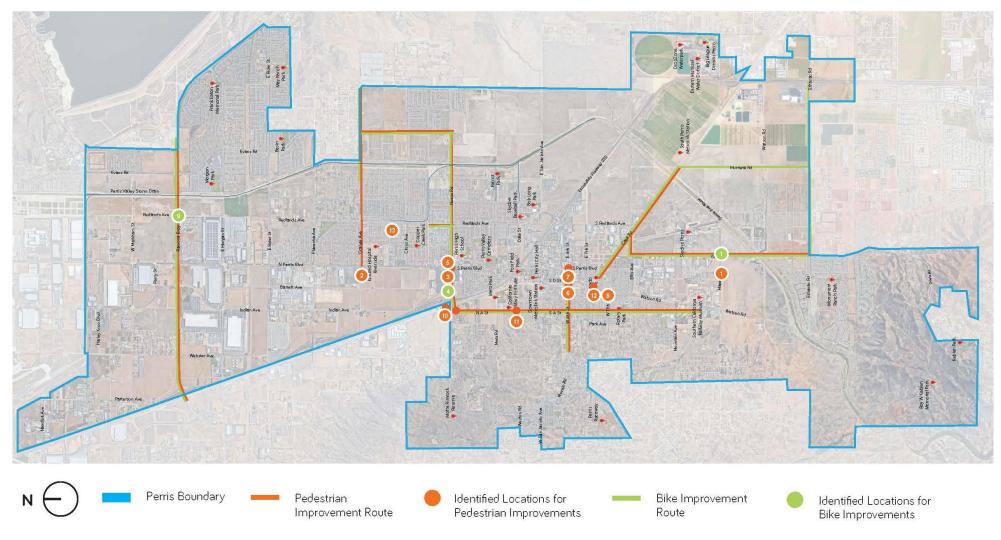








# GO HUMAN TRAINING 1











# **THANK YOU!**









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# **Go Human Updates**

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## Safety Resources: Go Human Kit of Parts



- "Library" of pop-up demonstration materials
- Free resource available to jurisdictions starting in October 2019
- SCAG manages storage in LA County. Transport options currently being explored.
- Toolkit available for easy installation/set up
- Kit includes 5 design treatments to borrow and showcase
- Pair with an existing event to conduct community outreach
- Materials also include survey tool and educational signage













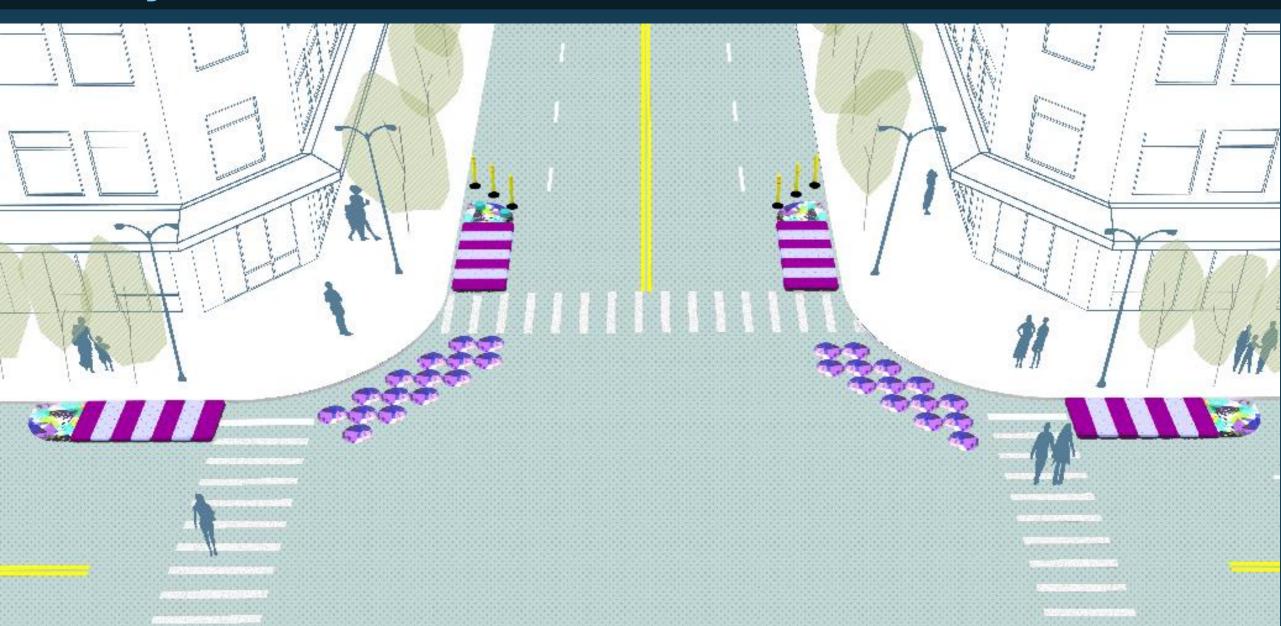






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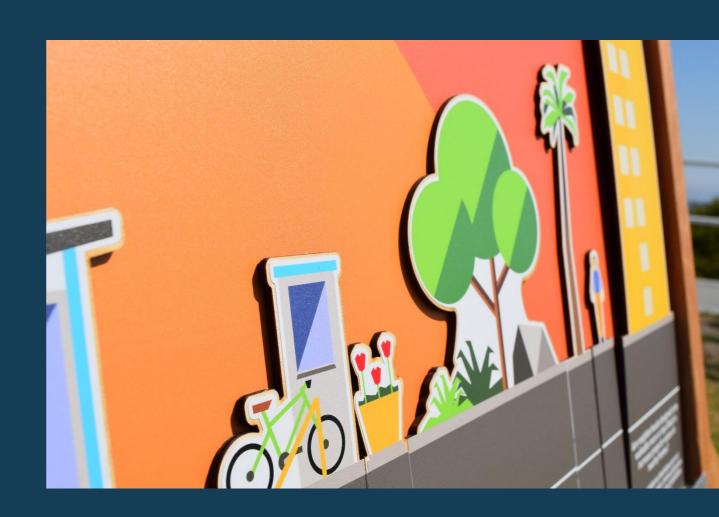




### **Educational Programming Materials ~ Go Human Challenge**



- Go Human Challenge materials enhance community engagement and educational impact
- Modules expand active transportation messaging and highlight sustainability topics
- 5 modules, different themes and interactive activities
- Free to borrow across the region to pair with existing events



## **Educational Programming Materials ~ Go Human Challenge**



#### **CLIMATE RESILIENCY**

Activity: Tic-Tac-Toe Ringtoss

#### TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Activity: Rolling Dice

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Activity: Fill in-Puzzle

#### **NEW MOBILITY**

Activity: Transportation Trivia!

#### **PUBLIC SPACES**

Activity: Street Mix



# Educational Programming Materials ~ Go Human Challenge













## THANK YOU

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## **Stakeholder Needs Discussion**



## **Grant-Funded Regional Tools/Initiatives**



- Go Human
  - Advertising Campaign
  - Kit-of-Parts
  - Challenge Modules
  - Webinars
- Active Transportation Database
  - Pedestrian and Bicycle Count Repository
  - Count Best-Practice Guidance for Regional Data Consistency
- Disadvantaged Communities Active Transportation Planning Tool
  - Active Transportation Plan Template
  - Review of National Best Practices
  - Outreach and Equity Frameworks

### What's Next?



- What other tools/initiatives could help cities, agencies, and CBOs in the SCAG region to:
  - Develop innovative solutions that improve quality of life for Southern Californians
  - Advance policy interests and planning priorities
  - Have better access to robust data
  - Enhance regional collaboration

# **ATWG Outlook**



### **Next Meeting and Announcements**



### Joint Environmental Justice/Public Health Working Group

- October 17, 2019
- The focus of this meeting will be on information sharing and how we, organizations, agencies and individuals, can work together to achieve regional shared goals of environmental justice and public health.

### **Active Transportation Working Group**

November 21, 2019

## **Thanks**

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