

COSTA MESA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

City Council Meeting

MARCH 17, 2026



2025 Committee Composition and Meeting Attendees

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Members

Andrew Barnes (Chair)
Michael Moses Nolf
(Vice Chair)
Tiia Alcazar
Alex Campoli
Farhad Khosravi
Florence Martin
Robert Morse
Joselyn Perez
Trace Yulie

Liaisons

Arlis Reynolds
Andrea Marr
Sarah Coley

City Staff

Raja Sethuraman
Paul Martin
Brett Atencio Thomas
Ramin Nikoui
Elizabeth Palacio

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION VISION

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City Council Goals/Objectives

- Advance environmental sustainability and climate resiliency
- Strengthen the public's safety and improve the quality of life
 - Implement a Safe Routes to School Program
 - Approve a plan to mitigate collisions and injuries on roadways

Goals of the Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

- Promote a user-friendly and welcoming Active Transportation System in Costa Mesa
- Create a safer place to walk and ride a bicycle
- Integrate Active Transportation Elements into the circulation systems and land use planning
- Promote an Active Transportation culture
- Promote the positive air quality, health, and economic benefits of Active Transportation
- Monitor, evaluate, and pursue funding for implementation of the Active Transportation Plan

- ▶ Met ten times in 2025
- ▶ Forum for public comments
- ▶ Presented community voices/issues to staff
- ▶ Advocated for City to apply pressure to Caltrans for safety improvements
- ▶ Provided letters of support for grant applications
- ▶ Active Transportation design review
- ▶ Advocated for road safety improvements



CONCEPTUAL FOR PLANNING PURPOSES
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

W 19TH STREET AT FEDERAL AVENUE
CONCEPTUAL STRIPING PLAN

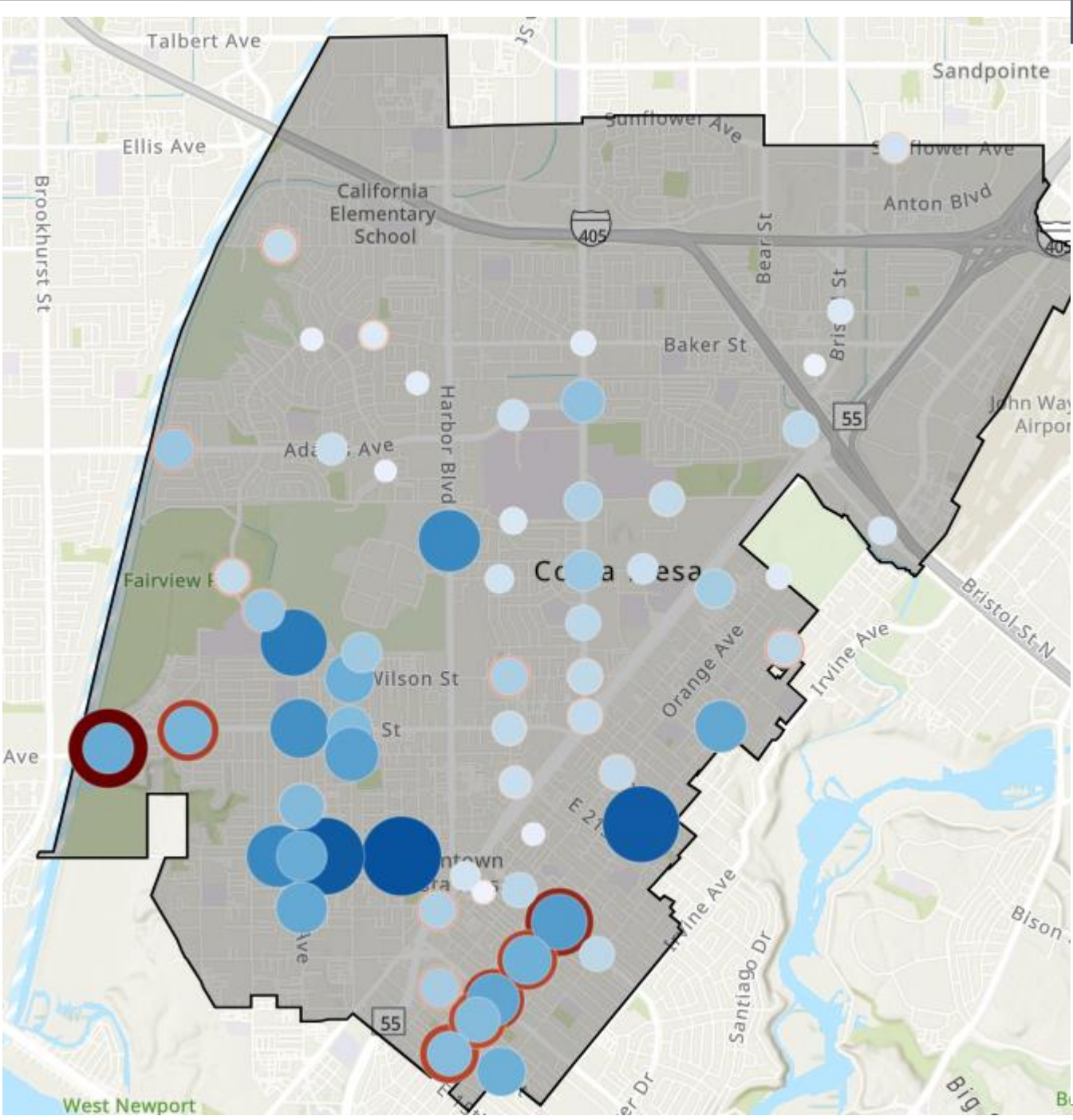


ATC Identified 2025/26 Near-Term Goals

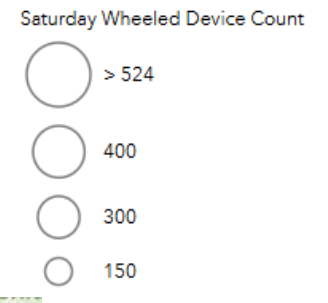
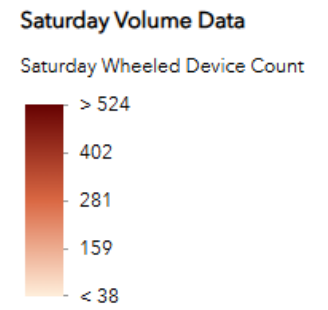
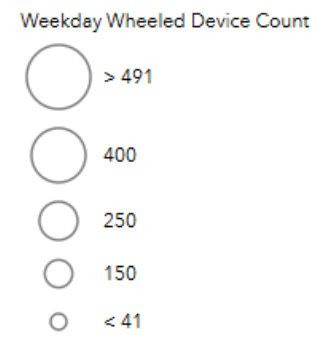
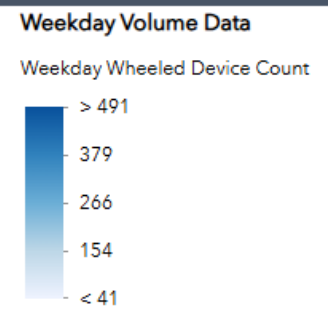
1. **Provide active transportation education and advocacy to stakeholders** (e.g., Caltrans, OCTA, NMUSD, City, County). This requires identification of specific targets and a list or matrix of activities to be conducted.
2. Develop a process for tracking progress of and **updating the Active Transportation Plan** within the Circulation Element. The outcome would be a list of activities, list of deliverables (e.g., recommendations to City Council) and an associated schedule.
3. Work with staff to develop a frequency and content of **reporting on pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle involved collisions** that will be included in the Annual Report to Council.

Bicycle Count Data

OCTA 2025



Legend



Bicycle and Pedestrian Fatality/Injury Maps

2023

2024

2025*

*Through 9/30/25

Pedestrian and Bicyclist Crash Results 2023-2025

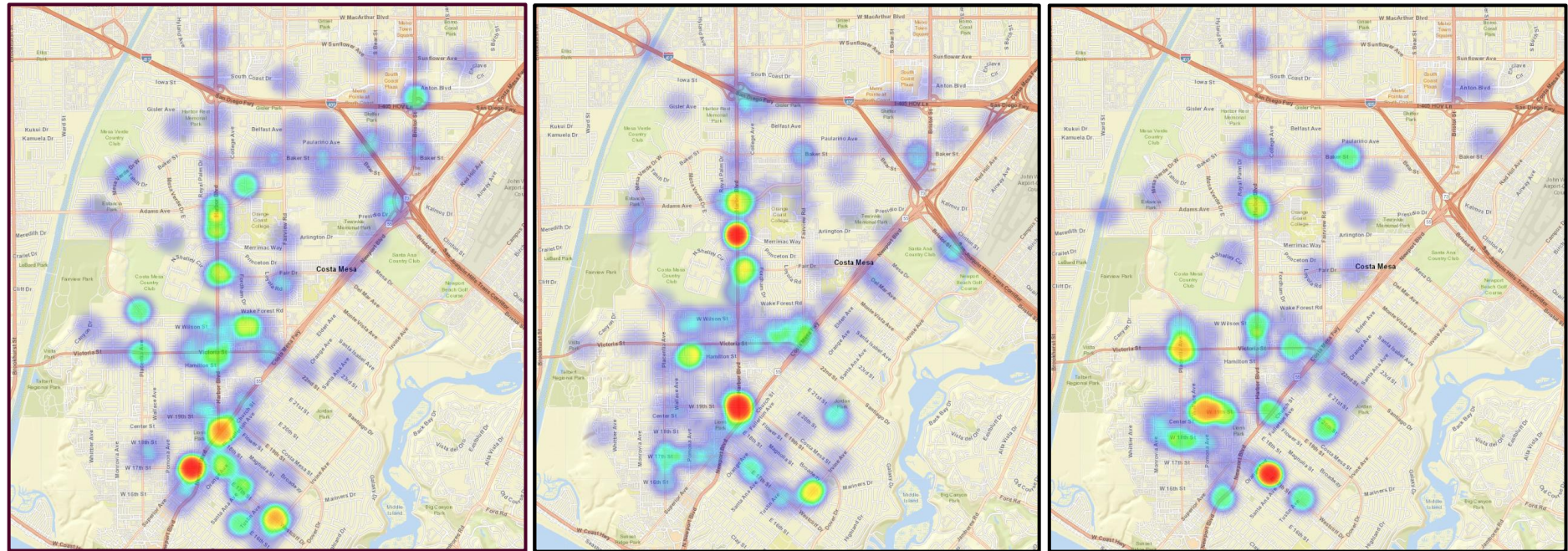
Total Crashes: 456
Total Deaths: 8

Collisions Involving Bicycle(s)

2023 – 133

2024 – 151

2025 – 112*



People, Not Statistics – Newport Blvd. Fatalities

Michael McLaughlin (Newport & E. 19th) 2009
Pedestrian

David Michael Hird (Newport & Rochester) 2013
Pedestrian

Michelle Lee Lounsbury (Newport & Bay) 2013
Bicyclist

Sudi Nsengiyumva (Newport & E. 18th) 2015
Pedestrian

Misael Espinoza (Newport & W. 19th) 2015
Pedestrian

Alexandria Faith Hill (Newport & Rochester) 2016
Pedestrian

Jorge Luis Alcazar-Arellano (Newport & Ford) 2016
Pedestrian

Patrick Charles Ogara (Newport & E. 17th) 2016
Pedestrian

David Stryder Franklin (Newport & E. 17th) 2018
Pedestrian

Jose Armando Racancoj (Newport & E. 17th) 2021
Pedestrian

Richard Harold Smith (Newport & Industrial) 2022
Pedestrian

David Jason Franz (Newport & E. 17th) 2022
Pedestrian

Hani Banil Atalla (Newport & Broadway) 2023
Pedestrian

Sharen Fay Scott (Newport & Harbor) 2024
Pedestrian

Victor Anthony Coronado (Newport & E. 19th) 2024
Pedestrian

Jose Rosario Rojasmoreno (Newport & Broadway)
2024 Pedestrian



2025 Active Transportation Improvements

— Streets Improvements ● Intersection Improvements □ City Boundary



Neighborhood Safety Improvements

- ▶ Del Mar Avenue
- ▶ Washington Avenue/Gisler Avenue All-Way Stop Sign
- ▶ Wallace Avenue/18th Street
- ▶ Westminster Avenue/16th Street
- ▶ West 19th Street
- ▶ Hamilton Street
- ▶ College Avenue/Watson Avenue



Road/Intersection Mobility and Safety Improvements

- ▶ Adams/Pinecreek
- ▶ Fairview Road S. of Fair Dr
- ▶ Pedestrian Safety Daylighting (Various Locations)
- ▶ Jordan Park Crosswalk & Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)
- ▶ Placentia Avenue Cycle Track Gap Closure
- ▶ Mendoza Drive Bike Lane



Project Recognition

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Adams Avenue/Pinecreek Drive Intersection Improvement Project

- ▶ American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) OC Chapter 2025 Award for **Outstanding Bikeway and Trails Project**
- ▶ American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Los Angeles Section 2 Award for **Outstanding Bikeway and Trails Project**
- ▶ Association of California Cities – Orange County 2025 Award for **Transportation Innovation and Mobility Solutions**



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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Walk and Bike to School Day (3,200 participants)
Earth Day
Bike and E-bike Safety Events
World Day of Remembrance



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Earth Day

TEAM SoCalCross
Cyclocross Race

Bike and E-Bike
Safety Training

World Day of
Remembrance



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Understanding the E-Issue

▶ E-Bikes

- ▶ max assist speed 28 mph
- ▶ Under 16, max speed 20 mph
- ▶ Under 18, helmet mandatory

▶ E-Motorcycles and the rest

- ▶ Max speed >28 mph
- ▶ Must meet CVC for street-legal vehicles
 - ▶ License plate, VIN, headlights, turn indicators, etc.
- ▶ Requires Class C license to operate

▶ CVC regulates safe operation of bicycles, e-bikes, and e-motorcycles

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

CIP

Receive ATC's list of recommended projects for next year's budget

Align grant applications process with CIP priorities

Collect safety data before and after CIP implementation

Safety

Safe Routes to School: Work with Staff, Consultant, NMUSD and community

Increase implementation of red curb painting consistent with CA Daylighting law AB413

Support CMPD enforcement of the CVC as related to illegal e-motorcycles, and the safe operation of e-bikes

Education

Promote Active Transportation related actions and projects on City website and social media channels frequently during May - National Bike Month

Present to the Chamber of Commerce the well-documented economic benefits of bicycle ridership to local business

Other

Adopt a bike parking ordinance that meets APBP standards

Implement no turn on red light rule at recommended intersections

Council work through legislative channels to help Caltrans improve safety along 55/ Newport Blvd corridor

Update the Active Transportation Plan

CHALLENGES

INCREASED USE OF MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION

Places a higher demand for more Active Transportation infrastructure (including permanent separation), police, staff and public awareness of new municipal code.

PACE OF PROGRESS

Mode shift to biking and walking is good but need to make more progress to meet ATP goals of 10% bicycle and 20% walking.

Budget constraints.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Existing staff split their time with other job responsibilities.

Backlog of Capital Improvements would benefit from additional PM resources.

VEHICLES & ROAD HAZARDS

Excessive speed, DUI and distracted driving.