

NON-INFRASTRUCTURE | ATP CYCLE 4

Walk Downey: Active Transportation Plan

Applicant: City of Downey

Walk Downey, the city's Active Transportation Plan, aims to maximize connectivity to key community destinations in the city. Walk Downey addresses local and regional desires to improve multimodal access to regional transportation assets such as the I-5, I-605, and I-105 freeways, the San Gabriel River Bike Path, the Rio Hondo Bike Path, the Metro C (Green) Line, and the local bus service, the Downey Link. The primary goal of Walk Downey is to provide a safe, efficient, and connected network of multimodal transportation facilities that residents and stakeholders can enjoy for a variety of purposes. By enhancing the active transportation network, Walk Downey aims to reduce vehicle emissions, achieve sustainability goals, improve the health and wellness of communities, and increase local economic development and civic involvement.

WHAT ACTIVITIES WERE CONDUCTED?



Public Engagement

In order to involve the public in the development of Walk Downey, the project team conducted public engagement activities such as:

- Outreach at special events (e.g., Tour de Downey, Summer Concert at Furman Park)
- Community workshops
- Bicycling and walking assessment surveys
- Arts-based engagement activities at Stay Gallery
- Website and social media



Data Collection

The project staff engaged in several data collection efforts such as:

- Street and lane widths measurements
- Traffic counts
- Observations of motorist, pedestrian, and bicyclist behavior
- Video footage of each proposed bike route

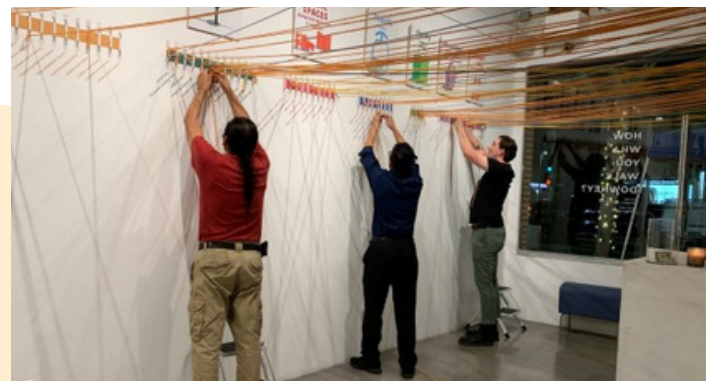


Total Project Cost

\$300,000

ATP Programmed Amount

\$300,000



COMMUNITY BENEFITS / OUTCOMES

Walk Downey resulted in a number of strategies and recommendations that will expand and improve the City of Downey's active transportation network. These include:



A plan for more robust bicycling infrastructure

Walk Downey recommended 33.6 miles of class II and class III bikeways, bike racks, corrals, and bike lockers, as well as changing facilities and storage facilities.



Increased pedestrian safety

Walk Downey resulted in a toolkit that identifies pedestrian and vehicular safety treatments at uncontrolled, stop-controlled, and signalized intersections. Walk Downey maximized connectivity to key community destinations such as Apollo Park, Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, Furman Park, and Downtown Downey.



Active transportation education

Walk Downey identified 46 programs (which include educational programs, campaigns, and engagement efforts) to increase resident and visitor knowledge of pedestrian and bicycle safety and encourage residents to walk and bike.

Proposed Pedestrian and Traffic Calming Treatments on De Palma Street



The following partners supported the City of Downey in this effort:

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For more information, check out the resources below:

- [Walk Downey Active Transportation Plan](#)