Orange County is a large community with many high-speed streets that can serve as barriers to bicycling. Identify neighborhood or district-scale areas to target bicycle investments in order to create connected networks within those areas. In urban areas with high-speed and/or high-volume roads this may take the form of a “minimum grid” of separated bicycle lanes or similar high quality facilities. These neighborhood and district-scale networks can serve as nodes for a larger community-scale network.

Orange County has some excellent examples of working with communities within the county. Continue to grow programs, such as the Bicycle Corridor Improvement program, and pursue multi-jurisdictional planning studies, such as the upcoming county Active Transportation Plan and Active Transportation Count program. As a large county with many diverse cities the county has an important role in enabling successful local initiatives and providing support for lower-income communities to benefit from resources developed in higher-income communities in the county.

Creating a comprehensive safety plan or a broader Vision Zero policy would aid in creating engineering, education, and enforcement strategies to reduce traffic crashes and deaths for all road users, including bicyclists and pedestrians. Road diets, lane diets, and traffic calming treatments are important engineering components for addressing safety. Cooperation between local, county, and state law enforcement agencies will be important for successfully addressing traffic safety in Orange County.

Bicycle-safety education should be a routine part of education, for students of all ages, schools and the surrounding neighborhoods should be particularly safe and convenient for biking and walking. Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to develop and implement a Safe Routes to School program for all schools.

Develop outreach methods that specifically target families, women, and non-English speaking communities in addition to general non-targeted outreach and media campaigns that discuss current and new bicycle facilities, safe driver and bicyclist behavior, and events related to walking and biking.