

# Newburyport Bike Share Planning Meeting

March 4, 2024

#### **AGENDA**

- Introductions
- Summary of work to date
- Survey results
- Bike share models and options
- Work to do



# Why consider bike share in Newburyport?

- Provide low-cost and eco-friendly transportation options
  - Residents and guests

Visitors

Employees

- Divert trips from cars
  - Less traffic impact

- Lower pollution
- Support City transportation and environmental goals
  - 2017 Master Plan
    - Goal T-4: "Promote bicycle use throughout the City as a viable alternative mode of transportation."
    - Goal T-6: "Promote and model sustainability."
    - Action: "Consider the development and implementation of a local bikeshare program with seasonal stations located Downtown, at the Commuter Rail, and Plum Island to decrease car dependency for tourism purposes and increase commuting options."

#### What we've done to date

- Researched comparable bike share systems
  - Minuteman Bike Share Acton/Concord MA
  - ValleyBike Northampton/Amherst MA, etc.
- SusqueCycle Harrisburg PA
- Portland Bikeshare Portland ME

- Initial meeting November 2023
  - Mayor Reardon, City Staff, MVPC, Parker River NWR, Riverside Cycle
- Meetings with vendors: Koloni Fleets, Tandem Mobility
- Community survey
- Meetings with potential partners/stakeholders
  - Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

Chamber of Commerce

- Mayor Gove
- Discussions with Parker River NWR and Maudslay State Park on potential sites
- Contacts with potential sponsors

# Seabrook (<u>1</u>) Amesbury Marsh Trail Salisbury BEACH ROAD (1A) Salisbury Beach State Reservation Mertimack River Newburyport West Newbury Parker River National Wildlife Newbury National Wildlife Refuge

# Cycling Network and Destinations

# MASSACHUSLI (110) 4.0 mi. Salisbury Beach 4.5 mi. Allen Rock 2.8 mi. Maudslay State Par Storey Avenue 2.6 mi. (113) PLUM ISLAND 4.5 mi. Middle n PRNWR Visitor Center PRNWR Lot 1

# Cycling Network and Destinations

# Some Examples



























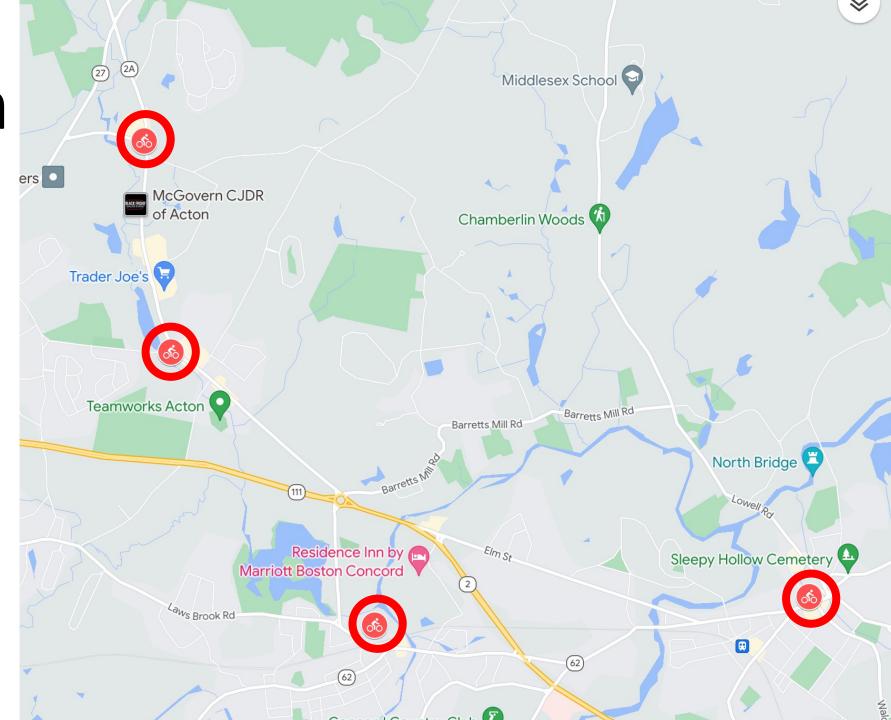




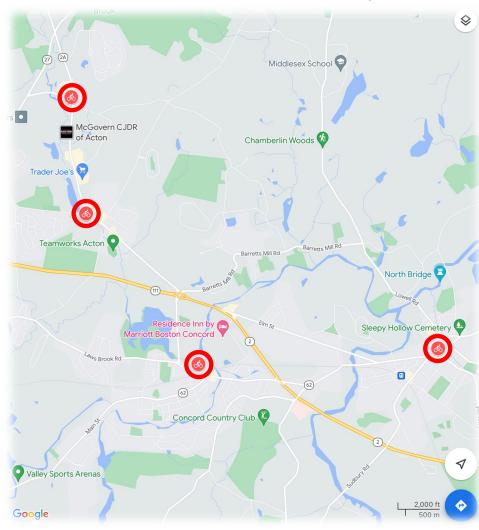


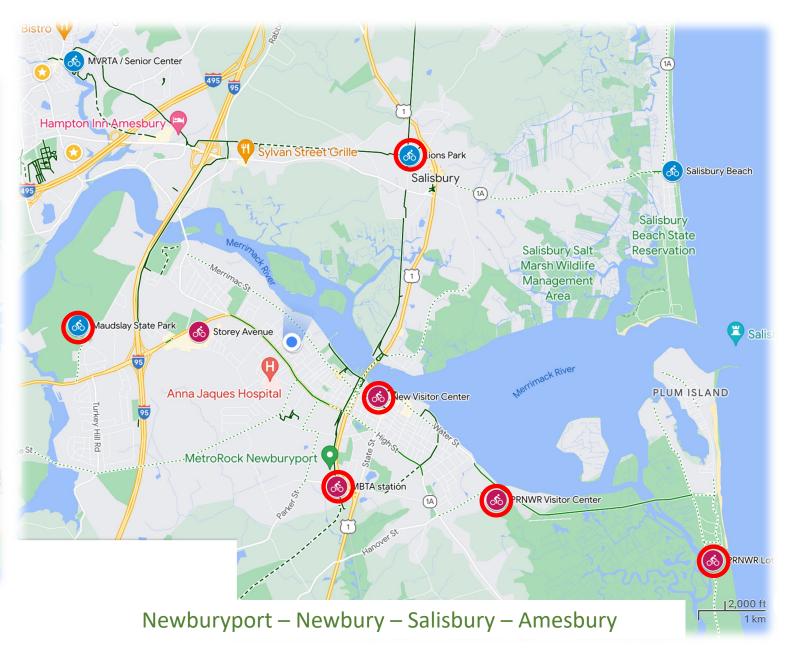


# Minuteman Bike Share



#### Minuteman Bike Share – Concord/Acton





#### **Newburyport Bike Share Survey**

A bike share system is a public transportation service that provides bicycles for short-term use. It is a convenient and eco-friendly service that promotes sustainable urban mobility.

Newburyport Livable Streets is exploring the feasibility of establishing a small bike share system for our area. A bike share system could provide a range of benefits to the City, its residents, and visitors. Such a system would be a convenient and inexpensive way to get around the City without adding more cars to our streets, especially in the peak summer season. Affordable access to bikes for short-distance trips as an alternative to private vehicles reduces congestion, noise and air pollution, improving the quality of life for everyone.

We're interested in getting your thoughts about how a bike share program could work here and what your concerns, if any, might be. On the following pages is a survey with 10 questions which should take you less than 10 minutes to complete. Questions marked with a red "\*" are required, and we have included spaces for you to tell us anything additional if you wish.

For more about our ideas, go to the <u>Bike Share</u> page on our website. Thank you for helping

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Minuteman Bike Share station on the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in Acton, MA

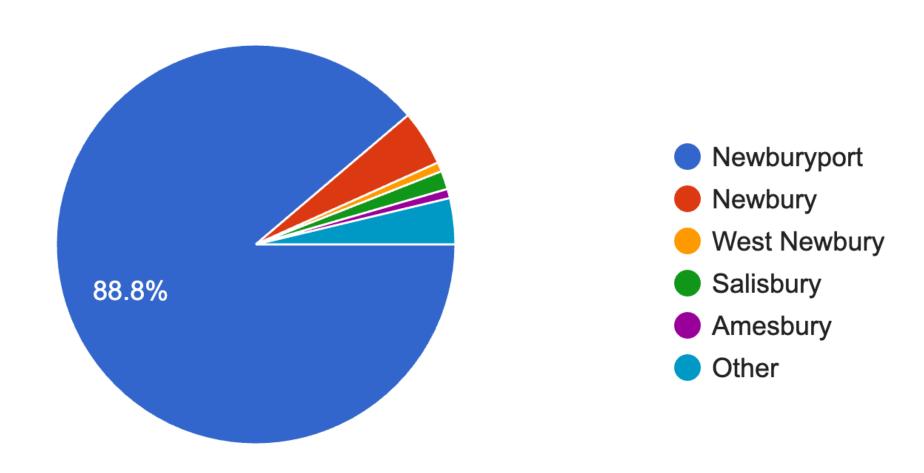


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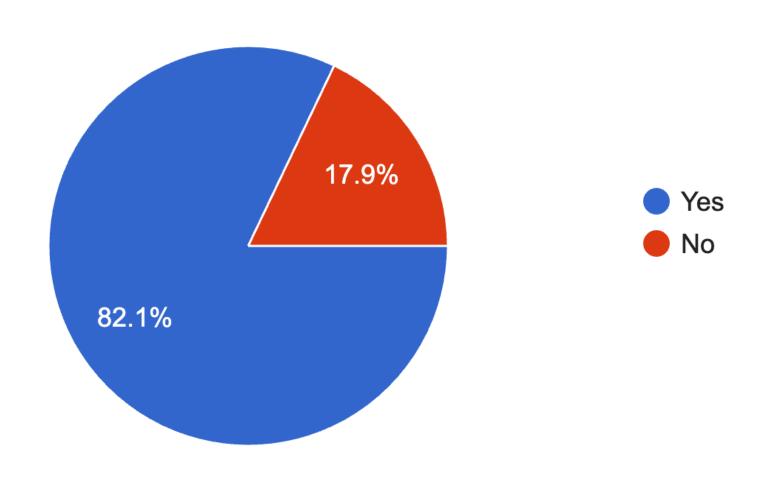
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- Outreach
  - 2/11 NLS Blog
  - 2/14 NLS Email List and Facebook
  - 2/14 Articles in Daily News and Town Common
  - 2/17 Sustainability Newsletter
- 134 responses

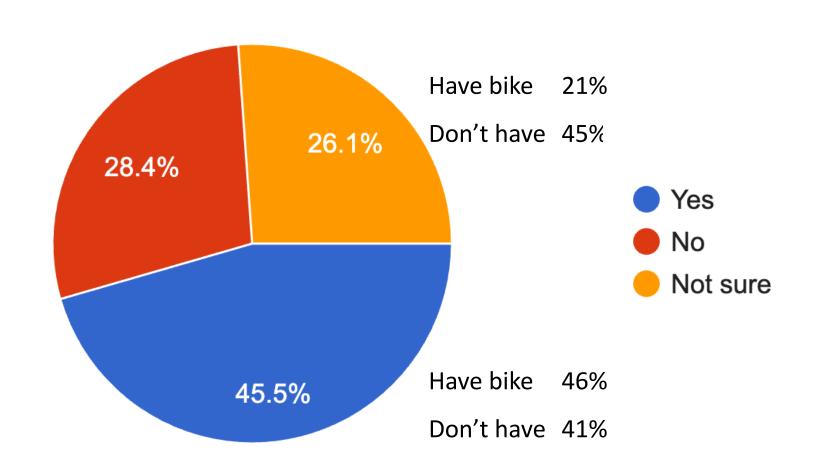
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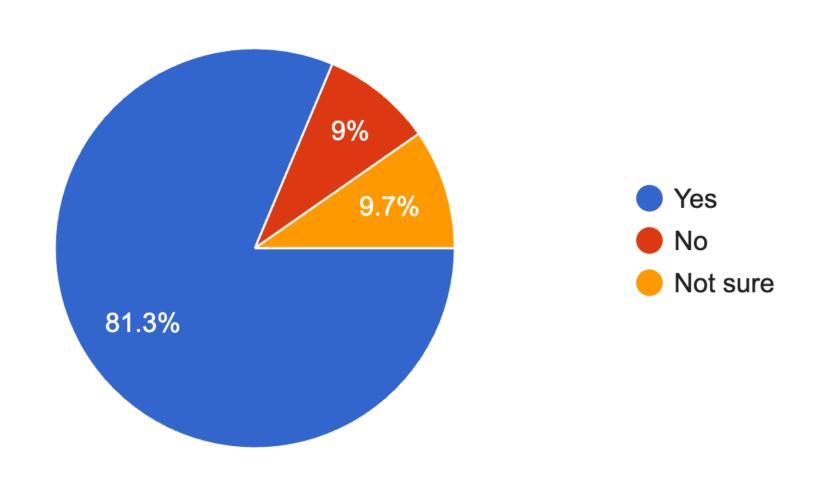
# Do you have a bike that you ride in Newburyport?



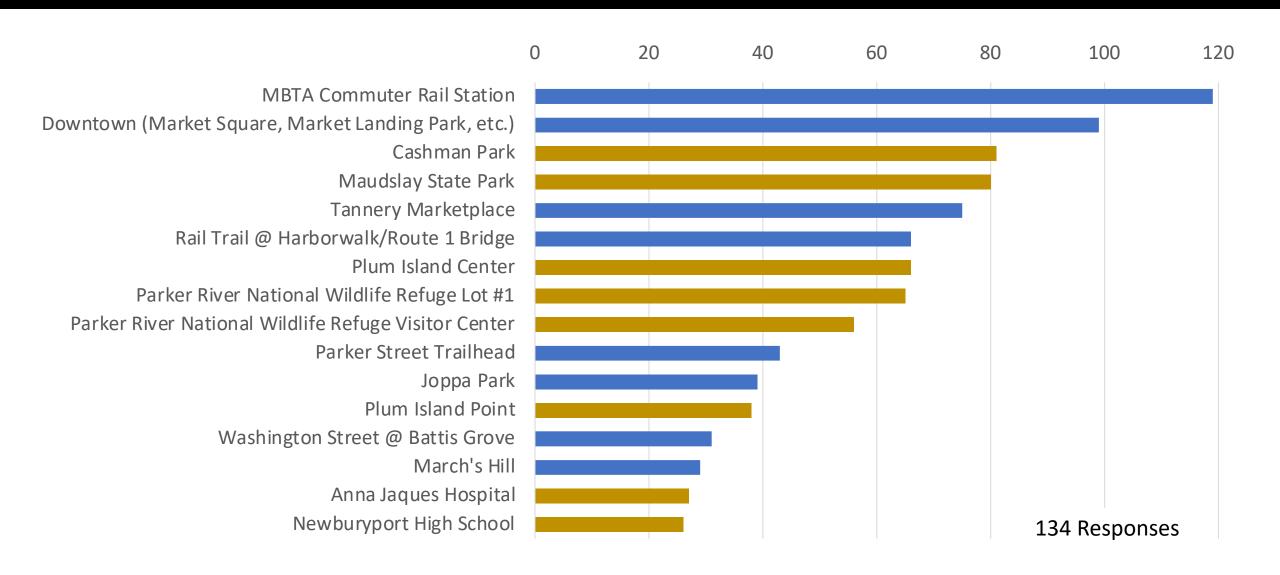
## If bike share stations were convenient, would you use the system?

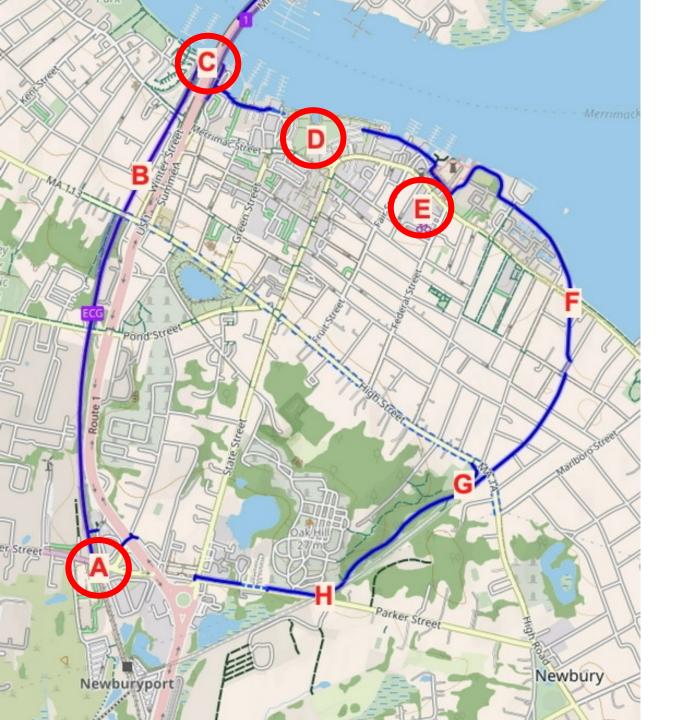


# Would you support a bike share system in Newburyport?



#### Bike Share Station Locations – Preferences





# Rail Trail Locations

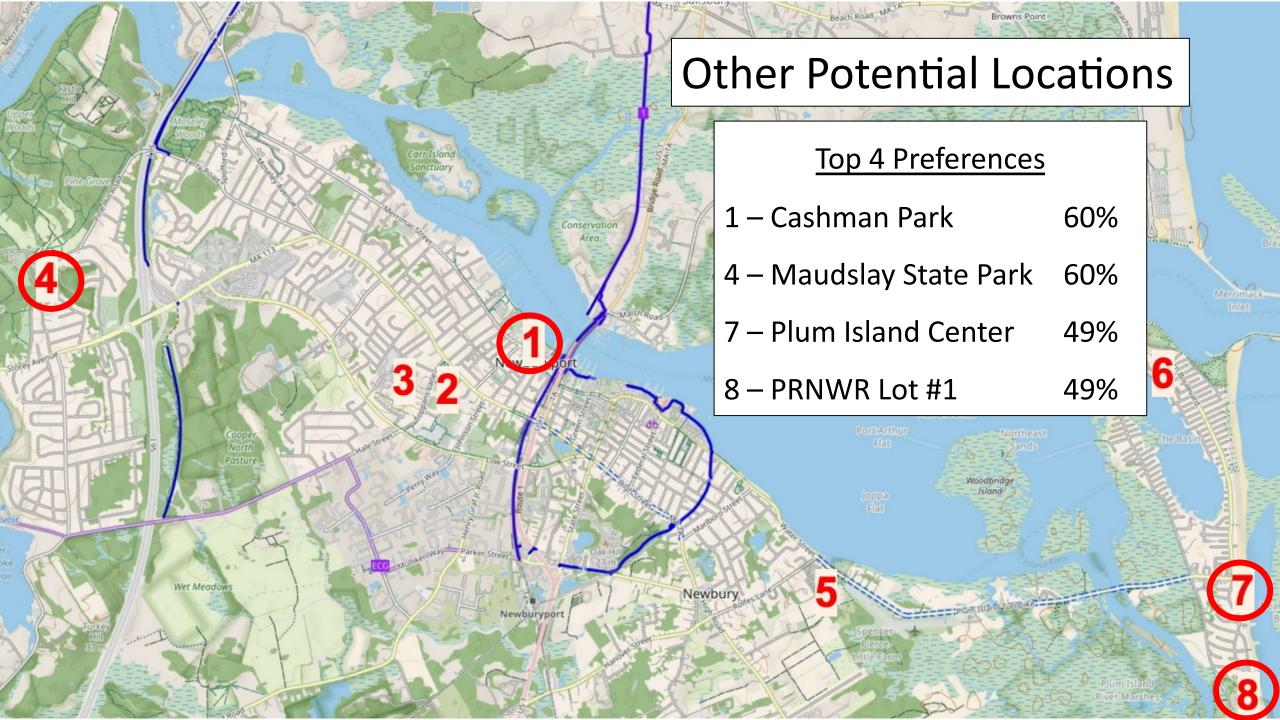
#### **Top 4 Preferences**

A – MBTA Station 89%

D – Downtown 74%

E – Tannery Marketplace 66%

C – Harborwalk/Bridge 49%



# Peak Daily Ridership

System	number of bikes	total rides per month	rides per bike per month	rides per bike per day
Portland ME 2023 - pedal bikes	150	1,600	10.7	0.36
Portland ME 2023 - e-bikes	30	980	32.7	1.09
Harrisburg PA 2023	36	457	12.7	0.42
ValleyBike MA 2022	581	17,701	30.5	1.02

# Trail Usage and Bike Share Impact

	Clipper City Rail Trail at High Street Bridge	Clipper City Rail Trail at Osprey Sculpture	
Existing Daily Trail Users (Saturday)	1,400 (980 walkers, 420 cyclists)	2,000 (1,660 walkers, 340 cyclists)	
Bike share volume 30 bikes @ 1 ride/bike/day	30	30	
% increase overall	+2.1%	+1.5%	
% increase in cyclists	+7.1%	+8.8%	

## Bike Share System Models

#### Turnkey

- City contracts with vendor to provide and maintain bikes, locks & software, and operate the system
- Higher annual cost for equipment
- Lower annual operational cost
- Lower/no liability

#### City-Owned

- City owns bikes & locks and is responsible for maintenance
- City contracts with vendor for software
- City contracts with vendor or local company for maintenance and opera@ons
- Upfront cost may be 80% funded by federal grant
- Higher annual operational cost
- City may own liability

# System Organization

#### **Initial System Types**

- Newburyport only
  - 4-6 stations, 20-30 bikes
  - Simplest to manage
- Multi-community
  - 6-10 stations, 30-50 bikes
  - Primary city contract with city/town subcontracts
  - Regional contract

#### **Expansion Models**

- City remains primary contracting entity
  - Example: ValleyBike
- Individual municipal contracts
  - Example: Minuteman Bike Share
- Regional agency contract
  - Example: SusqueCycle

# System Financing

- Municipal budget
  - Can be offset by grants and sponsorships
- Grants
  - Capital expenditures

- Sponsors
  - System vs bikes and/or stations
- Sponsor types
  - Health care
    - Boston: Blue Cross
    - Portland: Harvard Pilgrim
  - Recreation & tourism
  - Dining
  - Banking
    - NYC: Citibank
    - London: Santander

# Sponsorships – Bikes





# Sponsorships – System





#### What's Next?

- Refine pilot system design
  - System size, station locations
  - Contacts with municipal officials
  - Continue coordination with MassDCR and PRNWR
- Develop business plan and financing proposal
- Identify and contact potential sponsors
- System branding: name, logo