

Newburyport Bike Share Survey

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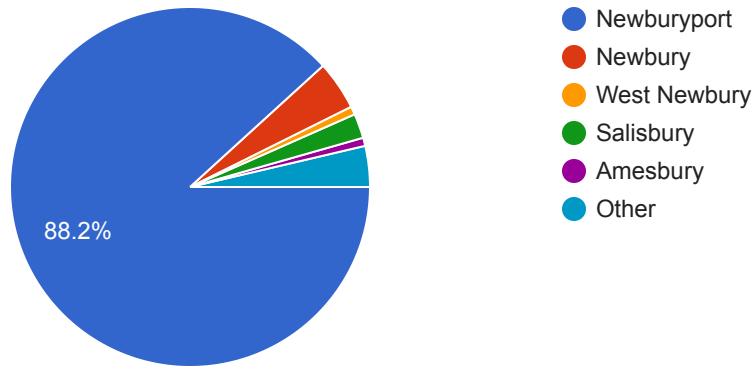
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Bike Share and You

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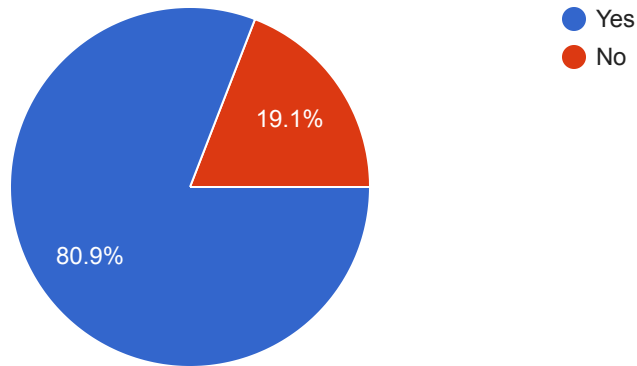
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Do you have a bike that you ride in Newburyport?

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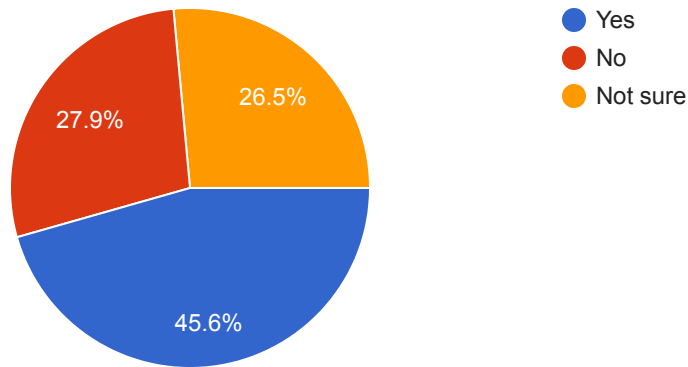
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If the bike share stations were convenient, would you use the system?



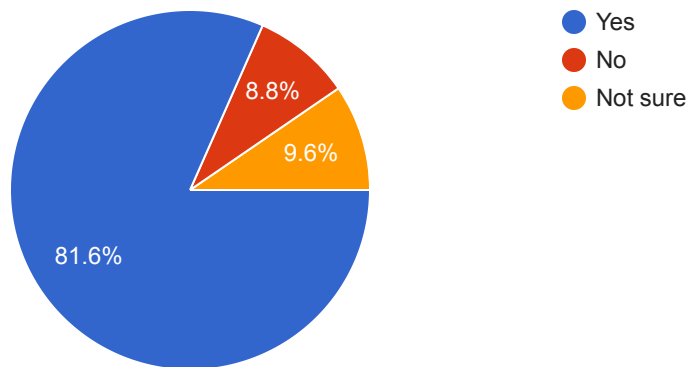
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Regardless of whether you would use it, would you support a bike share system in Newburyport?



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Bike Share Stations

An initial system in Newburyport might have 4 to 6 stations with 4 to 6 bikes at each station. These stations could be existing bike racks or new concrete pads with or without racks. Additional stations and bikes can be added as the system becomes established and gains support.

The next two questions ask what station locations you think would be the most useful initially for residents and visitors. The locations are identified by letter or number and are keyed to the maps.

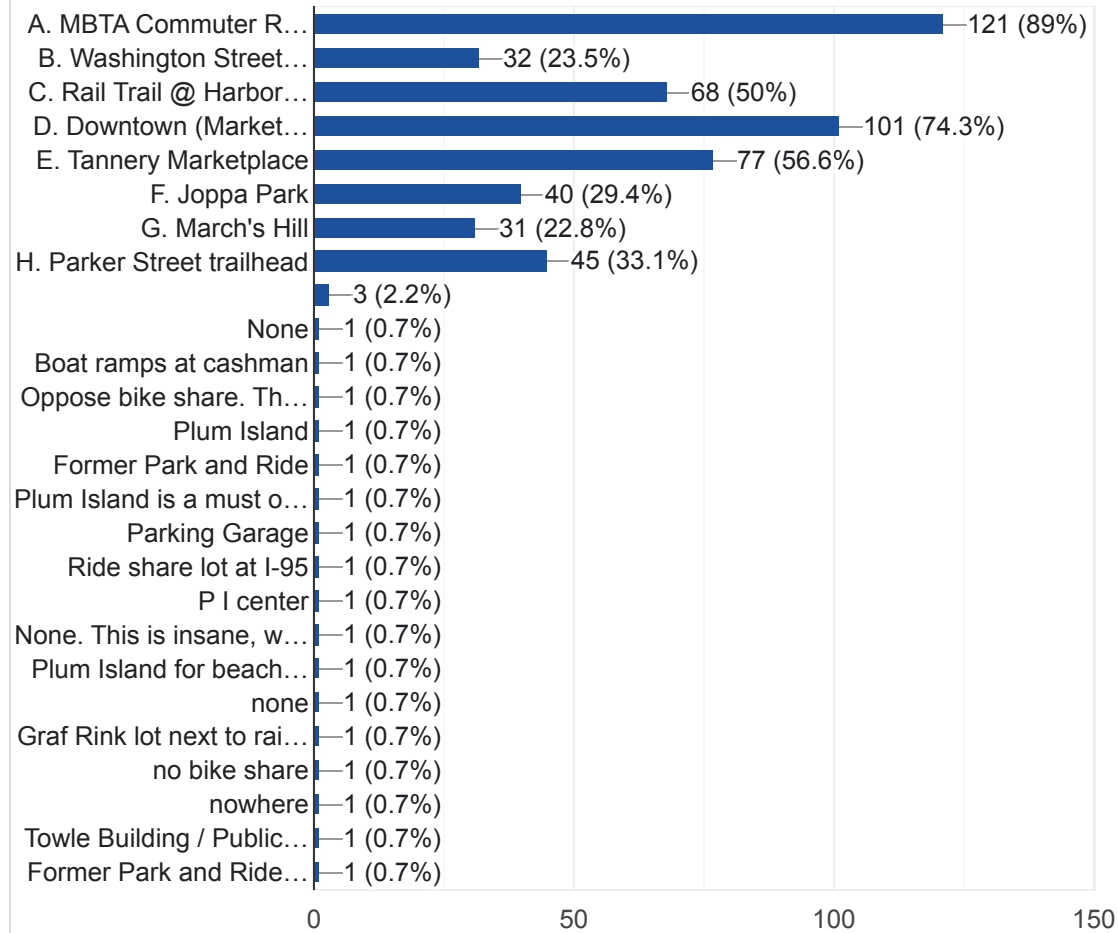




Along the Rail Trail

What locations along or close to the Clipper City Rail Trail should be among the first 4 to 6 stations in the bike share system?

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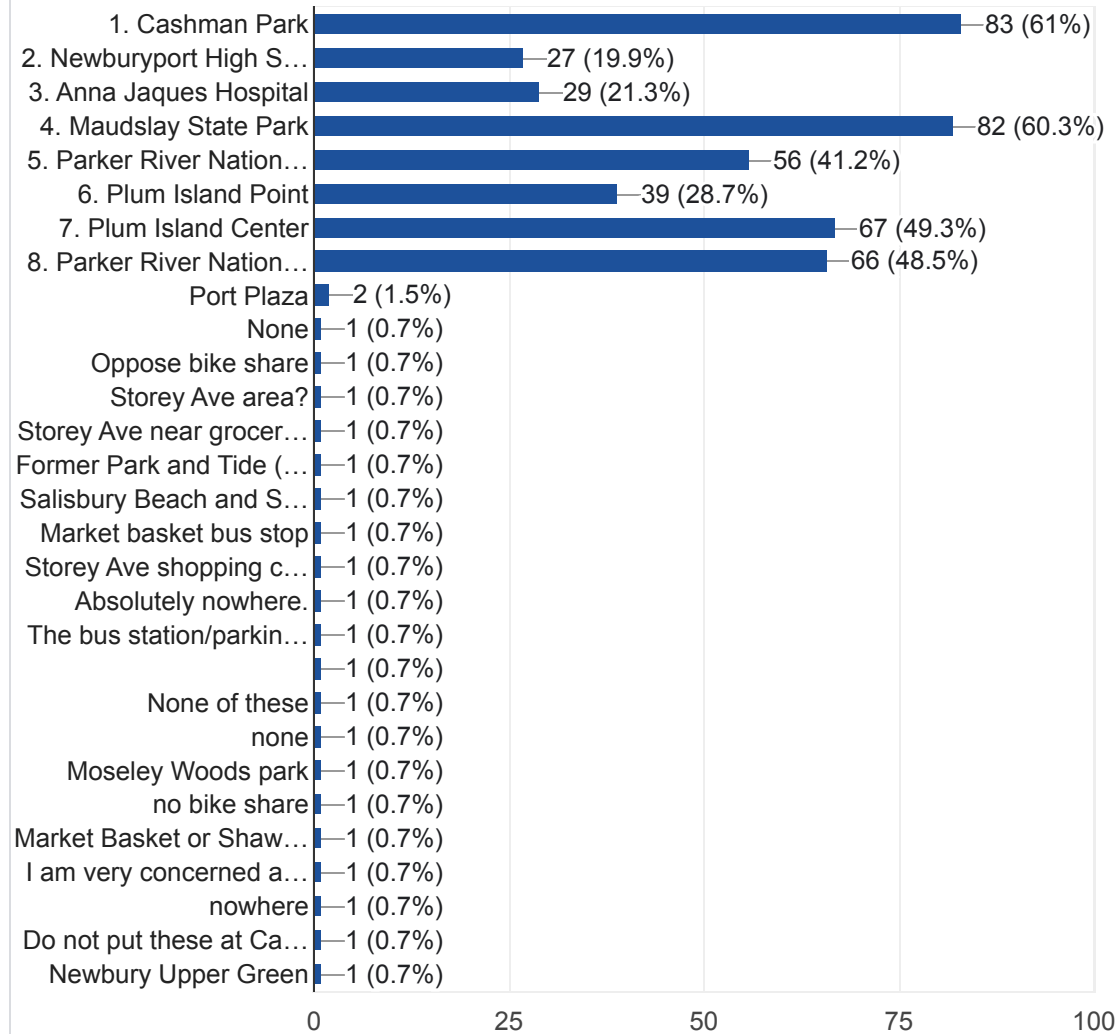




Away from the Rail Trail

What locations elsewhere in the City should be among the first 4 to 6 stations in the bike share system?

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Additional Thoughts



What excites you about having a bike share program in Newburyport?

108 responses

having access to bikes when i have people visiting !

Anything that reduces cars on High and Merrimac

It reflects the value of biking as healthy activity that connects people to the out of doors which can lead to a greater appreciation for nature and our environment.

Accessibility for visitors and students

Being able to grab a bike on a whim and ride around newburyport if near a station.

Nothing

I'm looking forward to exploring downtown and the rail trails by bike and biking to the beach! Parking is always difficult on Plum Island near Sunset Club, this would be super convenient to bike here and walk to the beach. I'm also looking forward to taking visitors on the bike share.

Great way to get around town

Less cars and great mode of local transport for residents and visitors

ability to take a bike when convenient, even if I don't have mine

Guests visiting us can easily go biking with us around town. Also it's a wonderful way to bring tourists taking the train in for the day to shop and eat downtown without more street traffic or filling up parking spaces.

I love using these in other cities and it would cut down on seasonal traffic. Just moved out of town after 15 yrs because of traffic /parking.

As the founder of the Newburyport Eco Angels Bike Group I see only good that would come from having Bike Sharing in Newburyport. We need to do more to promote cycling.

Wouldn't have to worry about locking the bike up, just jump on and jump off

Progressive !

Reduces tourist car traffic in town

Having the flexibility to not drive downtown.



Ability to have the use of a newer bike to get some exercise and view Newburyport. We both have very old bikes.

Nothing. Bikes will be left on side streets. Bikes will break. Bikes will be vandalized. Residents won't use the bikes as most residents that would - already have bikes. Or they're close enough to walk. Let's not add more unnecessary traffic and clutter to the trails.

environmentally makes sense

Seeing people being active

Encouraging tourists to explore more of our city in an environmentally friendly way.

More visibility for cycling as a means for travel locally.

Adding to the variety of convenient non-vehicular modes of transportation available to our community.

Being able to get around the city without a car!

Moving away from automobiles

It's a wonderful way to cut down on traffic, create less pollution and draw tourists into the city to support the economy.

Being able to cycle around the city with little planning

If it was an effective help to commuters and visitors to the city I would support it.

Having friends and visitors to our city use them. Getting more cars off the streets.

Facilitating options for local travel (recreational or errands) other than cars.

Reducing vehicular traffic.

Easier access for people coming to NBPT via commuter rail both to visit and to work as well as potential to give people downtown an alternative way to get out to Plum island to reduce parking constraints there

Recreation opportunities and backup transport use

Giving residents and visitors a non-polluting method of transportation around the city. Particularly residents who don't have space to store a bike.



I think this would be convenient and even contribute to less dependence on using automobiles to get around town. It also encourages healthy habits.

I think having accessible bikes would be a huge draw for tourists.

Less traffic, more bikes!

I'm not excited because it is not very safe to ride a bike in Newburyport except on the multi use trail, which is already too overcrowded at certain times/locations for bikes. I'd rather see a local bike shop rent bikes to tourists. I would support for commuting from train station to in-town.

Hopefully improved bike lanes and less traffic

Reduction in car traffic.

Connections with the train station

I own Metzys - Aaron from Riverside & I have discussed this idea multiple times, and i also met with past State rep Jim Kelcourse to discuss this in the past - I would LOVE to see some momentum on this idea - I have given this idea tons of thought over the years - pls call if you can to discuss

Great for visitors. More bikes will encourage more people to ride them.

My Visitors can get a bike without forking \$50 a day

Good for the environment, accessible to all

Love the option and think it would be great for tourists

Fewer cars!

Getting more people out on bikes, and having an easy way to let visitors see the town by bike with ease!

Visitors and residents in Newburyport would enjoy having a bike ride around town.

Increasing the visibility of cycling and providing an environmental mode of transportation with the city for residents and visitors!

For visitors arriving by train, it's a long walk into downtown. This would be a great asset for day-trippers. Also, parking on Plum Island is difficult in the summer. Being able to ride a bike



out to the beach and drop it would be fantastic. Expanding to Salisbury Beach would be great, too.

Fewer cars on the road / moving away from cars as the kings of the road / reducing congestion from vehicles, greater culture of cycling / safe cycling, gateway opportunity for community members to get into biking, option for young people to safely and autonomously explore our city, eco friendly

Bike sharing could help ease parking concerns and lessen emissions for greater Newburyport!

Less cars on the road!

Great to get exercise , cut down on traffic

Less cars on the road

It encourages more people to ride and attracts visitors to our beautiful city. It will help commuters make healthier choices.

It feels like it should be here to provide access to enjoy the surroundings for both residents and visitors and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

I very much want to bike ride with my child (and we have great access to the rail trail), but we have limited storage for bikes. This would also be a great option for friends and family who visit who want to explore the rail trail.

Absolutely nothing. Worst idea ever. We are not Nantucket. We do not need this. We need better infrastructure for our sidewalks, streets ALL OVER THE TOWN, not just where the money is and downtown. We literally have our kids walking in the street (no lights) on Hale/West End. DO SOMETHING FOR US.

get around city quickly

Everything! Less car congestion=less traffic and pollution. Also (this might sound counterintuitive) with MORE bikes on the road I think it's actually safer, b/c drivers will be used to it and go slower/be more careful and aware.

Cuts down on traffic. Good for the environment. Good for tourists/day-trippers to the city.

We have visited other communities with bike share and it is such a fun way to get to see a city. I think it is a great selling point to our community- esp with people coming on the train from Boston.

Access to low emissions transport around the city. Great for tourists coming in by train. This entry point should be encouraged!



Expanded transportation options

Easier to get around town without taking a car.

It means we might get scooters too!

Great for visitors and for residents needing a quick ride to a destination

not really excited .. would be nice for tourist especially at mbta station ..., not sure it's better than having bike rentals available at reasonable cost Down town

While I like the idea of promoting more biking, you should also be asking about concerns and potential issues people would expect to be addressed. The way this survey is written, you're only gathering positive information and the next question has too small a character limit.

Recreational use without having to purchase a bike

I have a lot of questions about the viability of this initiative

I like the idea of making bikes more accessible to people.

Getting from home on Plum Island to Newburyport without a car.

Most of Newburyport is far too congested with vehicular traffic to accommodate any increase in bicycling. We already have dangerous and ridiculous bike lanes on High St that are outboard of parked cars and adjacent to moving traffic. I can already see lawsuits against the City by injured visitors.

Add another way to get around on a bike without having to worry about locking your bike up somewhere.

Make the city welcoming to T riding visitors, encourage bike travel to useful destinations (hospital, Maudsley) making NBPT a true bike first city

Ease of use, less time behind the wheel.

Ease of transport. Less congestion from traffic.

Makes it easier for visitors/residents to use bikes instead of cars to travel around town.

A bike share system is a bad idea in Newburyport. We are unlike large cities whereas most people who want to bike own a bike and ride the bike. There is no obstacle to bike ownership for Newburyport residents that one living in a large city would deal with (i.e. having a place to store a bike)



If I'm walking from home and around the city, I can easily jump on a bike for convenience, to get around quicker. I think the city has great biking and would encourage people to come spend time and money here if they can easily add biking to their visit and enhance their experience.

Great idea!!!!

It could provide alternative transportation.

To help low-income residents

Getting more people on bikes and out of cars.

Expanded non vehicle transportation and an additional mode

Less cars downtown.

Great for environment

Less cars and no parking worries

Could help people get around the rain trail that may have problems walking that distance.

Green, alternative transport- yes!

Nothing yet.

Increase amount of people riding bikes in our town

Nothing

Lessening traffic, decreasing emissions

wasting tax money.

Just to be able to ride a bike as apposed to a car!

8 more responses are hidden



Do you have any other thoughts about a bike share program in Newburyport that haven't been covered above? Let us know!

72 responses

No

Kreep up the good work

get the chamber involved. have maps or apps tied to the system and Clipper Trail network.

This survey seems slanted towards only approving this program. I think these programs cause more congestion on streets and sidewalk from people who don't normally ride bicycles so don't know the rules of safe bicycle riding. This would make getting around downtown in summer even worse.

Bike caution signs, share the road signs, bike lanes, etc. should be improved so that we can keep the bikers safe. Especially if the bike share connects to Maudslay, to the beach or to the high school.

Will bikes be left irresponsibly throughout the city?

I love this idea so much. I just would start small... put stations at only the most heavily tourist trafficked areas to start. Also, instead of Maudsley as an option, why not at the William Garrison bike trail on Ferry Road?

It's an environmentally responsible idea.

Several more streets will need to set aside bike lanes

I think it will only make Newburyport more accessible to all.

no

Don't do it

I think locations for the bike spots would be different if the purpose were to encourage visitors to use them versus residents. I'd be curious to know more about the perspectives of locals who would choose to use this system. Who are these people and what are their needs? Recreational? Commuting?

More bike racks and covered storage at distributed locations, in addition to any racks or spots reserved for the bike share program itself. More bike lanes/routes.



Funding - there are many other city priorities to consider

I would hate to see abandoned bikes at barely used stations. The locations of the stations have to be very well thought out.

Great to include Town of Newbury in the discussions as well as other partners eg Refuge, Audubon, and of course will be interesting to hear what residents themselves think

Safety first. Signs at all bike locations and major entry points via roads to Newburyport. Good maps at locations as well.

My gut says that the program will be mostly used by people coming from outside NBPT so the value to locals, other than reducing parking congestion, is a bit in question to me. Do we make it free to residents to make it feel better especially if we are paying for part of it ourselves?

Expand to Salisbury - only needs to be in two spots there Salisbury Beach and Salisbury Center

I wonder if Whittier welding students or local artists/welders could create some unique bike racks.

I think it's a superb idea

See previous answer

Would you consider e bikes ?

I like what has been inferred with the maps/proposed potential sites - Without a core/baseline service station/contract (to fix and service bikes), its hard to imagine a program succeeding. Riverside seems like an obvious/logical choice. Also, what about a station at PI Airport?

Need more focus on bike safe street eg water street and Merrimack st and then finish the high street markings

Market self guided tours of town, the breweries, the beaches

Considering shopping centers would be great, bikes are a great way to do errands and reduce the need to use a car for short trips!

Great way for teens to get around.

Well done NBPT, keep progressing!

We will need more "share the road" reminders.



I love this idea and think it would be a great addition to our city.

Important to have easily adjustable seat height!! Some of us are very short; others way too tall.

I have always wondered what implications there are for bike share programs of having more cyclists without helmets. Are there more head injuries?

Make people get a license and learn the rules of the road before they bike. Make them pay taxes, why am I paying for bike lanes, shouldn't they do the same?. Make it more worthwhile to your residents not just appeasing the 15 people that can't be bothered to buy a bike of their own. Ridiculous.

Can we also get the "shadow bike route" that snakes along Washington and other streets parallel to High designated as such? I'd love a big green lane and no stop signs for cyclists there to help with traffic flow in that direction. And/or better bike lanes along High Street all the way to Maudslay.

The bikes should be electric, this will increase uptake by residents and visitors. Make sure you speak to the local bike shops who rent bikes to make sure this won't have an adverse affect on them.

Building/painting designated bike lanes in and around the city would be great!

I think all those spots on the rail trail would be pretty good as they're at all the major stops along the route.

Ensure that bikes must be returned to a station. Otherwise, bikes will litter the streets.

they should be e-bikes

1. Cost- How would we pay for the initial set up costs and maintenance? We cannot continue to raise property taxes. 2. Resources - Who would maintain the bike stations, gather bikes left around town, repair bikes? 3. Bike Safety - Would the city add more bike lanes? Helmets?

Safety. Biking on the rail trail would be safe but I worry about biking on Merrimack or Water Street.

1. Newburyport is not Amsterdam, which has dedicated bike lanes separated from traffic by curbing, not worthless paint stripes.
2. It doesn't snow in Amsterdam and all the streets are flat.
3. Taxpayers should not be funding a bike system for visitors. Bike rentals are readily available downtown.

The rail trail will need to be expanded to handle the increased number of bikers. It's too narrow



and unsafe in some places already.

Q: Why wasn't Port Plaza an option?

There is already enough traffic congestion with bicycles in Newburyport. In addition, many bike riders do not know nor observe the rules of the road for bicycles.

Include all of the schools! You stated NHS, but don't forget that RVCS and Nock/Molin are in close proximity to the Rail Trail, too. Students and staff could ride.

Good luck!

Bike share programs would lead to bikes being damaged and left randomly in downtown tourist areas leading to the decline of downtown cleanliness and order and ultimately to people wanting to visit Newburyport. its a nice idea on paper, but the reasons for doing so does not add up for Newburyport.

Bikes should have a cargo carrier--basket on the back where people can store their takeout boxes and shopping packages.

Unless people come here on the train and have no other means of transportation, I don't know who would use this. I don't think there is enough of a need to have the city spend money on this along with the constant upkeep of the bikes.

My observations of bicycle riders in Newburyport leave me with an extremely negative opinion of bikers. They seem to think they are beyond the laws of the roads and trails. MOST bikers of all ages do NOT obey traffic laws on streets or rail trails and never are held accountable.

Too much traffic on main streets (High Street) that makes riding a bike unsafe. So many people in the summer using trails making them too congested for bikers.

It is difficult for low-income residents to grocery shop due to transportation issues

The road to Plum Island and the Refuge are nightmare sfor bikes. The Plum Island Turnpike should have a wider bike path. And, shame on the Refuge for not having a bike path at all.

Need to address bike, auto, and pedestrian safety.

Do it!!

Might be that only tourists use it

How long during the year would the bikes be available and where will you store the bikes in the winter.



1. Not sure of cost but could companies sponsor a bike?
2. Could there be a few smaller/kids bikes?
3. Could a bike-repair program be created with students at River Valley Charter School , so they could help maintain the bikes AND/OR help paint, establish, maintain the bike racks?

The only reason I said I wouldn't use it myself is because I have a bike and live close to town.

Bike share programs have been tried all over the world and the result is litter and bikes left everywhere. Check of the messes in China and London. This is a really bad idea that has already failed in other countries

Use local bike shops to maintain the bikes

Even in Boston it's a novelty. My wife and I ride bikes around town, we get charming and looks of awe. People don't ride bikes for necessary travel. Nobody uses our existing bike lanes enough to warrant having them. We're not in Europe.

No, just think it's a great idea!

I think it would be fun for visitors as well as residents - and give them a chance to explore more of Newburyport beyond downtown.

Will bikes be left anywhere or just at the pick-up and drop-off locations?

I think anything that could potentially take more cars off the road is a good thing! Now we need to ensure we have adequate bike lanes and infrastructure

More bike lanes will be needed on other roads, NBPT drivers are not the most considerate. Instead of lanes a 'share the road' signage giving bikes right of way on shorter, one way streets. Basically, bikes are a vehicle on the road and not to the side of the street since law requires 4ft distance

Safety issues need to be publicized and ubiquitously displayed. Cyclists MUST know rules of the road. Sponsors, eg, local businesses, have everything to gain from such a program.

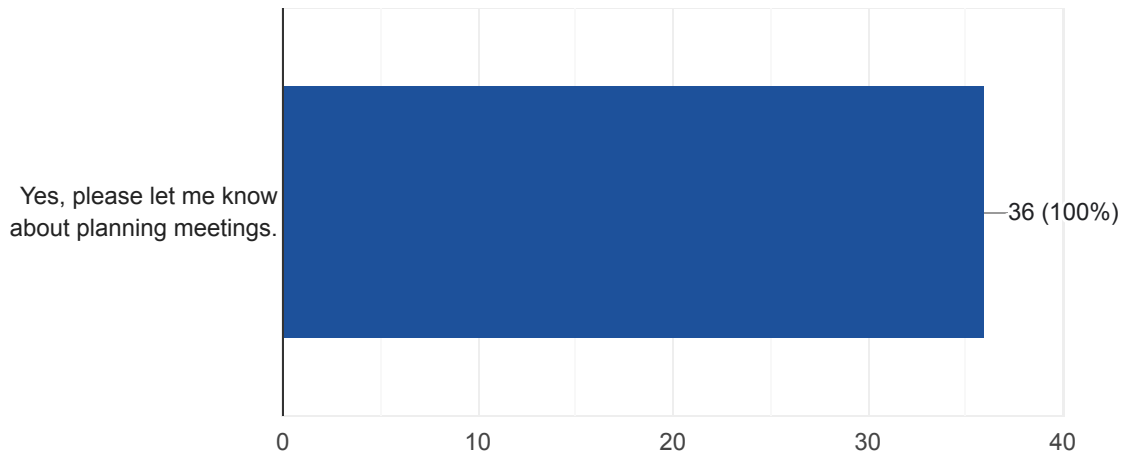
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Are you interested in helping us to plan and move bike share forward?
Check "yes" (and enter your name and email address below) and we will add you to our planning group.



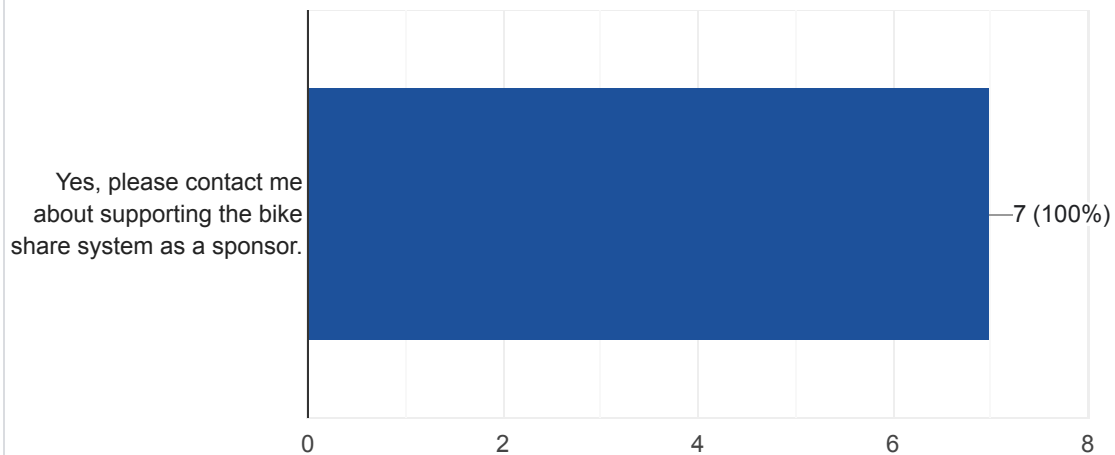
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We expect that we will need outside funding sources to start a bike share program. If your organization or business might be interested in sponsoring bikes or stations, check "yes" below and enter your name and email address.



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If you answered "yes" to one of the questions above, please complete the following so that we can contact you:



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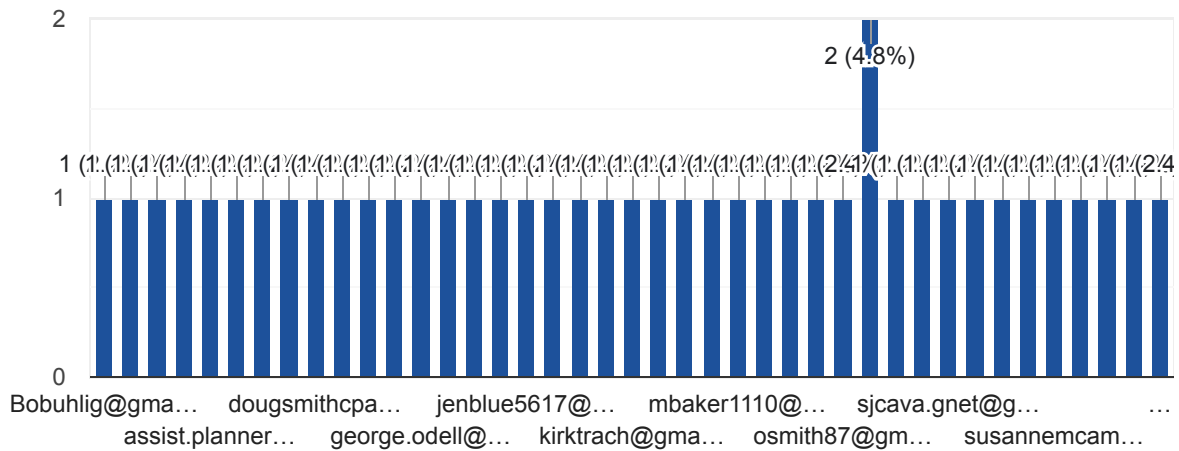


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