

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ride the LINK between Rhode Island and Mass.

On Saturday, April 25, enthusiastic bicyclists will be gathering to celebrate the first "LINK" that will one day tie two historic cities together—colonial Newport, RI and the industrial revolution city of Fall River—in a future off-road bike path. The LINK that is already in place is the Sakonnet River Bridge Bike Lane, which now connects the towns of Portsmouth and Tiverton, RI.

Bike Fall River is asking all cyclists, joggers, walkers and anyone who loves the great outdoors to join us in supporting the call for the construction of a bike path that will someday run along Mount Hope Bay in Fall River and Tiverton, cross the Sakonnet River Bridge and run along Narragansett Bay on Aquidneck Island all the way to the Atlantic Ocean

in Newport. Such a path would be one of the most beautiful multiuse paths in New England. This safe, off road path would serve you, the walkers, joggers, roller skaters/boarders, and bicyclists to enjoy and meet your needs for recreation, exercise, and commuting.

It would also be a tremendous draw for cyclists throughout the region.

The gathering location will take place at the beginning of the bike lane entrance in Tiverton, on Evans Avenue, at 1 p.m.

There will also be a 12-mile group bike ride for intermediate riders and above starting at 11 a.m. The ride will begin at the Portsmouth Park N Ride in Portsmouth R.I and the riders will proceed to the Sakonnet River Bridge into Tiverton. The ride will

go through the Nannaquaket area and then back to the bridge for the 1 p.m. celebration. After the celebration the riders will then cycle back to the Park N Ride to their cars. Visit "www.bikenewportri.org/celebratethebridgelane" for details or email Bike Fall River at btrekman@comcast.net. The event is being held by the newly formed "Bridge Bike Partners" made up of the Tiverton Trailblazers, Bike Newport, Bike Fall River, Rhode Island Bicycle Coalition, and partnered by the Narragansett Bay Wheelmen.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

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