



Bike Newport
*then, now, next
and always!*



Bike Newport Annual Report 2020

“Then, Now, Next and Always!” This was our motto during 2020, the most challenging year since Bike Newport was founded. We started 2020 on a high note, having recently opened the Bike Blue Bike Barn and expanded our operations significantly. When the pandemic descended in March, the world changed – but Bike Newport stuck to its mission, combining community engagement with social distancing measures.

During this period, we:

- Gathered our community together for the first-ever “Ten-Spot” Ride. This citywide event showcased local streets, private residences, and cuisine. Ten-Spot gave isolated individuals an opportunity (safely) ride around Newport and sample dishes made by area chefs.
- Fixed and distributed nearly 250 bikes over the course of three months.
- Provided online suggestions and resources for community members struggling with isolation.
- Launched our first summer Bike Camp, using all precautions against COVID.
- Expanded our Bike Garage Activity, focusing on outdoor facilities at the Bike Barn.
- Advocated for priority bike routes and paths in local and statewide planning.
- Advised the Newport North End Plan, the Bike Mobility Plan, the Long Range Transportation Plan, and the Newport Transportation Plan to expand bikeway networks, improve road sharing, and reduce traffic congestion.





We also conducted a statewide online survey entitled “Biking in the Time of Coronavirus,” which collected responses to 17 questions between May and June 2020. 624 people from 46 different cities and towns across Rhode Island participated in the survey. Here are some our findings:

- 80.5% of respondents had seen more people riding bikes “compared to usual.”
- 28.3% described themselves as “Strong and Fearless” cyclists, 46.5% as “Enthusied and Confident,” 23.1% as “Interested but Concerned,” and 2.1% as “No Way, No How.”
- 68% of “Interested but Concerned” riders were riding more often during stay-at-home orders, and 65% felt safer with fewer cars on the road.
- Across the board, about half of respondents would ride more frequently if they could be separated from motor traffic.

From these data, we drew the following conclusions:

- People want to ride bikes more often.
- People will ride more often where there are fewer cars.
- People will ride less often where there are more cars.
- People will ride more often if they are separated/protected from traffic.
- People prioritize bike paths and separated/protected bike lanes above other bike infrastructure.





Bike Newport Financial Summary for the 12 months ended December 31, 2020

INCOME

Government Grants	\$133,710
All other contributions	\$330,360
Program revenue	\$20,168
Miscellaneous	\$799

Total \$485,037

EXPENSES

Program	\$228,577
Fundraising	\$41,388
Management	\$101,441

Total \$371,406

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