

**City of Newport**  
**Transportation Master Plan Public Engagement**  
**Final Report**

February 7, 2020

**Introduction**

The City of Newport, Rhode Island (city) is developing its first Transportation Master Plan (TMP) in over 20 years. The TMP will establish a vision for transportation infrastructure and services based on an objective assessment of existing conditions. The city will use the process to establish short and long-term improvements to its transportation policies and planning. Those improvements will support the city's Comprehensive Land Use Plan as well as other city goals for complete streets, preservation, sustainability, resiliency, and community development.

Prior to the drafting of a Request for Proposals to solicit the services of a consultant to develop the TMP, the city determined that it was necessary to identify the transportation priorities of those who live, work, and visit Newport through public engagement. The first phase of the engagement was outreach at the City of Newport tent during the annual Broadway Street Fair, an event that attracts more than 15,000 attendees. Members of the city's Planning Board volunteered to staff the booth handing out information about the TMP, seeking volunteers to act as TMP Ambassadors, and, most importantly, inviting street fair attendees to fill out a Transportation Priorities Survey.

The Transportation Priorities Survey, the second phase of engagement, was launched online on October 12, 2019. The third phase of engagement was a Transportation Master Plan Workshop held on November 14, 2019 at Innovate Newport.

This report details the purpose of the preliminary engagement strategy, the results of the outreach events, and the survey results through the date of this report.

**Public Engagement Strategy Purpose**

The purpose of the preliminary public engagement is to inform the development of a Request for Proposals to solicit a consultant to develop the TMP. It has been the collective experience of members of the Planning Board and community members active in transportation issues that engaging the public prior to the develop of a Request for Proposals results in a more focused and results-oriented procurement.

The preliminary public engagement was suggested to focus the work of the selected consultant on the transportation priorities identified by the public through outreach activities and the online survey. The engagement was also intended to identify transportation strategies and tactics that the public suggested as being viable to solve the city's transportation challenges.

The engagement strategy was developed to achieve these goals:

- Raise public awareness of transportation issues
- Build public understanding and support for the Transportation Master Plan
- Identify and prioritize the public's issues and concerns with the current transportation infrastructure and services
- Increase public understanding of the city's transportation infrastructure
- Establish a climate of trust with the public
- Ensure equity compliance with special attention to Title VI requirements

The preliminary engagement strategy puts the public's 'fingerprints' on the TMP from day one of its development.

In order to raise public awareness, the city developed a key benefits statement- *Keep Newport Moving*, from which a project mark and theme were designed for all outreach materials.

### **Summary of Engagement Results**

#### **Phase 1 - Broadway Street Fair, October 12, 2019**

The merchants located along the City of Newport's Broadway stage an annual street fair in October to promote neighborhood businesses and activities located along the street. The fair runs from Noon until 6pm and historically attracts over 15,000 attendees.

The City of Newport made accommodation for members of its Planning Board, the primary advocate for the TMPs preliminary engagement, to staff a booth in order to distribute information to street fair goers and promote the November public workshop, to have attendees complete surveys on tablets or paper, and to engage the public in discussion about what a Transportation Master Plan is and its intended benefits.

During the six hours of the Street Fair, over 100 surveys were collected with many members of the public engaged in conversation and provided with handbills and post cards with TMP and survey information. The survey responses on and shortly after the

date of the fair had the highest number of respondents who do not reside in Newport. Additionally, the fair offered the opportunity to engage with representatives from different community organizations, such as Bike Newport and the Florence Gray Center, and provide them with materials to distribute through their channels.

## **Phase 2 - Online Survey**

The City of Newport developed a project page on the city website, which offers information and updates on the TMP. All outreach materials and communications direct the public to the project page where a link to a seven question online survey was available. The survey was developed by members of the City of Newport's Planning Board and staff to collect public input on transportation issues and priorities. The survey was distributed to city and community partners as well as through links on local media websites including those of the Newport Daily News, Newport This Week, and WJAR NBC TV's turntoten.com.

The survey remained open through January 20, 2020. Since being posted, 482 people took the online survey; city residents comprised 82% of survey respondents. 118 survey respondents (25%) signed up to support the development of the TMP by becoming Ambassadors to help raise public awareness throughout the development of the plan.

The results of the survey are included with this report as an attachment (responses to Q8 are not included because personally identifiable information was provided).

The following is a summary of the survey data:

- 482 responses
- 82% residents; 18% non-residents  
*Top Modes of Travel: Driving alone (87%), Walk (51%), Bicycle (25%)*
- While only 8% of respondents selected "Other" as a travel mode, nearly half of those specified using a moped or scooter
- Top Reasons for Mode Choice: Convenience/Travel Time (80%), Weather (47%), Parking Availability (33%)
- Transportation elements receiving the highest number of "Poor" marks: Parking, Traffic Congestion, Street Conditions, Bike Lanes, and Enforcement
- Respondents identified specific issues in these elements including parking supply, keeping cars out of Newport, safety issues for active transportation modes, speeding, concerns for worsening conditions due to rise in development activities, and increasing public transit options.

- *Respondents prioritized transportation elements to be addressed in order of most to least important as follows:*
  - *Reduce traffic congestion*
  - *Improve the quality of streets*
  - *Improve parking*
  - *Improve pedestrian walkways & safety*
  - *Optimize traffic signals*
  - *Improve bicycle lanes & facilities*
  - *Improve bicycle safety*
  - *Increase public transit and on-demand service options*
  - *Improve accessible services & facilities*
  - *Clearing the streets after storms*

A couple of points about the survey itself:

- *Many respondents felt the rating system for question 5 was not well laid out, primarily because there was no option between “poor” and “good.”*
- *Respondents also remarked that they would have ranked elements differently based on seasonal shifts, particularly concerning traffic, parking, and active transportation modes.*

### **Phase 3 - Transportation Master Plan Workshop, November 14, 2019**

On Thursday, October 14, 2019, the City of Newport’s Planning Board staged a Transportation Master Plan Workshop at Innovate Newport located at 513 Broadway. This location was chosen because the facility is within walking distance to the city’s North End, is served by public transit, accessible for those with disabilities, located near major traffic arteries, and has ample parking.

The workshop was promoted in local newspapers, online news, and local blogs; through city email and social media campaigns; through community channels and websites; and at community events and public meetings.

55 people attended and participated in the two-hour long workshop session. The workshop was led by a professional, volunteer facilitator whose experience includes conducting similar sessions for cities and regional transportation and planning organizations. Attendees were assigned to tables randomly to gain a cross section of opinions on transportation issues in the city. The facilitator set the evening’s agenda by discussing the importance of transportation to the city’s economy and quality of life, reviewing key recommendations of the last circulation study done in 2000, and the

relation of the TMP to the city's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and citywide policies and goals.

The facilitator established the workshop goals and ground rules giving the attendees instruction on their duties, which were to identify transportation problems they encounter traveling in the city and identify solutions or transportation concepts that would respond to these challenges and unmet needs for travel. The facilitator instructed each group to select a spokesperson who would deliver the results of their deliberations at the end of the 40-minute discussion period.

The attendees identified many challenges/problems with the existing transportation infrastructure and services that echoed those identified in the survey. Additional issues arose around topics of climate change, resiliency, servicing schools, planning for seasonal shifts, the Pell Bridge realignment, blue (water) friendliness and travel, complete streets, and smart cities.

The most identified priorities to be addressed by the TMP were:

- Safety: from road conditions to protecting vulnerable road users
- Traffic congestion: finding opportunities in the Pell Bridge realignment and under or unused lots
- Improving public transit: frequent service, right size vehicles, pricing, service to schools
- Shifting the car-centric culture and keeping cars out of the city
- Adjusting for seasonal traffic
- Increasing water travel options
- Improving conditions and coordination for truck/commercial deliveries
- Street Maintenance
- Traffic signal maintenance/upgrades
- Improving wayfinding signage
- Coordinating street design and complete streets
- Incorporating mobility hubs
- Better regional connections to major hubs and destinations, such as airports and train stations
- Responding to climate change and the need for resiliency

The ideas or concepts that the attendees thought would improve travel by making the infrastructure more effective and service more efficient included:

- Removing cars and creating pedestrian and bicycle only access zones
- Develop incentives for people not to travel by car (ex. public transit pricing)

- Eco-tourism (event specific travel planning, services, incentives, and marketing)
- Public private partnership for infrastructure and services
- Community benefits agreements for funding infrastructure and services
- Commuter/Transit benefit programs for employers
- Parking technologies to better utilize the existing parking inventory
- Develop ordinances to support improvements and to guarantee enforcement
- Use technology to identify trip patterns and therefore needs
- Deploy strategies to remove cars like park and ride services
- Add moped parking spots
- Consider a senior bus service
- Use models from other cities like Amsterdam
- Take a holistic approach to planning
- Improving communication and coordination with neighboring towns

Attendees were enthusiastic and took a step beyond their assigned tasks by defining the following considerations for the development of the Request for Proposals:

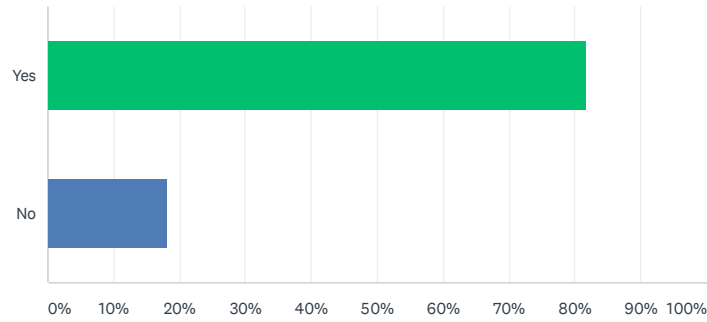
- Data driven development
- Consider all modes and connections
- Ensure equitable access and connections
- Robust community engagement; ensure ample opportunities through location choices
- Preservation of the character of Newport
- Build a foundation to accommodates future change
- Improve the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors

The response to the preliminary engagement stages has been strong and genuine. This has resulted in a momentum that should be highlighted though out the RFP and fostered during its development.

This report was prepared for the City of Newport by professional transportation consultants, John Gobis- a Newport resident, and Melissa Pattavina, Planning Board member, who volunteered their time to complete work associated with early engagement.

## Q1 Are you a resident of Newport?

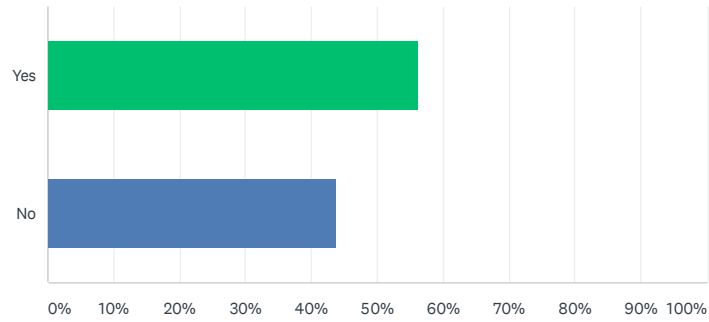
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.74%	394
No	18.26%	88
TOTAL		482

## Q2 Do you work in Newport

Answered: 482 Skipped: 0

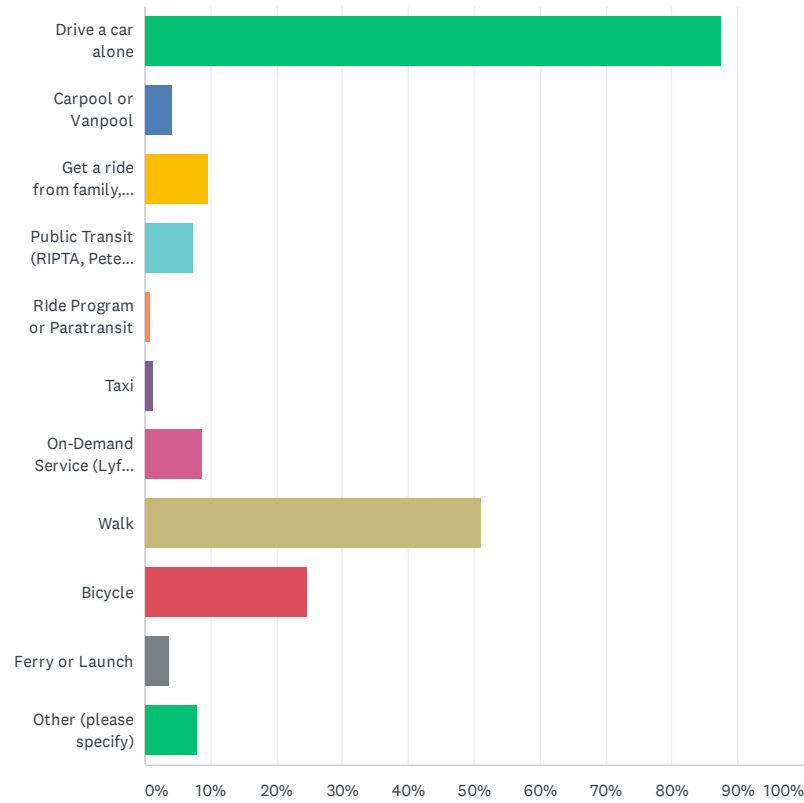


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.22%	271
No	43.78%	211
TOTAL		482



## Q3 How do you travel on a day to day basis? Select all that apply.

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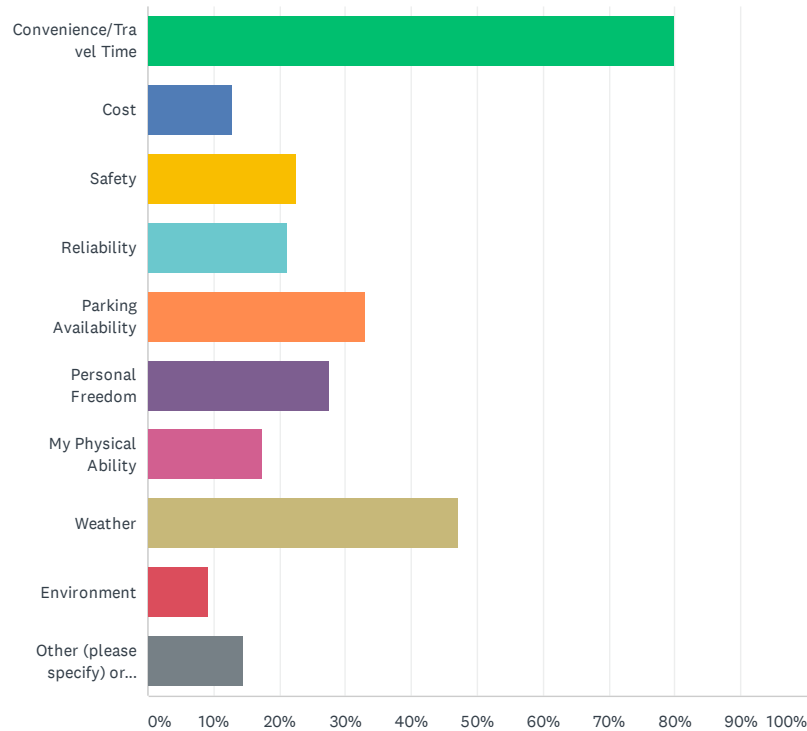
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Drive a car alone	87.34%	421
Carpool or Vanpool	4.15%	20
Get a ride from family, friend or caregiver	9.54%	46
Public Transit (RIPTA, Peter Pan, MBTA)	7.26%	35
Ride Program or Paratransit	0.83%	4
Taxi	1.24%	6
On-Demand Service (Lyft, Uber)	8.71%	42
Walk	51.04%	246
Bicycle	24.69%	119
Ferry or Launch	3.73%	18
Other (please specify)	7.88%	38
Total Respondents: 482		

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I have to transport tools & supplies, so other forms don't work for me.	12/2/2019 10:14 PM
2	Moped during summer	11/18/2019 12:48 PM
3	Most of the time drive to work, seasonally bike to work (3 miles to YMCA) recreationally Run, Walk, Bike and drive around town.	11/17/2019 1:26 PM
4	Drive Uber or Lyft to pick up riders or drop them off.	11/15/2019 10:12 AM
5	motor scooter	11/13/2019 6:19 PM
6	scooter	11/12/2019 6:36 PM
7	scooter - gas	11/12/2019 6:31 PM
8	also work out around Newport on my bike	11/12/2019 6:19 PM
9	work from home	11/12/2019 6:05 PM
10	Uber	11/9/2019 8:09 AM
11	Yamaha scooter	11/9/2019 6:44 AM
12	Less Bicycling because it's so dangerous with so much traffic. Visitor's and some residents not being mind full of speed limits and the residential aspect of our downtown area's (The Hill, the Point). We have children that live here, people walking there dogs, residents entering and leaving tight driveway spaces, people who want to ride a bicycle for so many good reasons but concerned about safety.	11/1/2019 11:54 AM
13	MTM	10/31/2019 3:59 PM
14	Vespa	10/22/2019 8:38 PM
15	Tried riding bike but was too scary w cars	10/21/2019 10:55 PM
16	scooter when weather permits	10/21/2019 7:00 PM
17	work from home	10/21/2019 1:10 PM
18	work at home	10/16/2019 10:08 AM
19	Vespa	10/15/2019 4:18 PM
20	I'm a native Newporter and I've been driving for 46 years. I've been a taxi driver for the last 10 years or so and I know our roads and streets extremely well. I instinctively get to know which side of the lane to avoid the bad spots, etc. So please take my opinion seriously. Thank you!	10/14/2019 6:21 PM
21	Are you kidding....? Try all of the above and only on a good day!	10/14/2019 4:15 AM
22	Wheelchair	10/13/2019 11:47 AM
23	moped	10/13/2019 9:04 AM
24	Moped	10/13/2019 8:28 AM
25	Work from home	10/12/2019 11:13 PM
26	home office	10/12/2019 10:45 PM
27	Drive to work alone, back usually giving a co-worker a ride.	10/12/2019 2:40 PM
28	need a choice for "retired" for #2; #1 should be do you live in Newport?	10/12/2019 12:08 AM
29	disability scooter	10/11/2019 10:39 PM
30	Newport should be much more walkable	10/11/2019 8:30 PM
31	Scooter	10/11/2019 5:47 PM
32	scooter	10/11/2019 3:00 PM
33	Uber	10/11/2019 2:12 PM
34	Pedicab	10/11/2019 1:54 PM
35	Moped	10/11/2019 12:40 PM
36	Scooter	10/11/2019 12:28 PM
37	Scooter	10/11/2019 11:29 AM
38	scooter when weather permits	10/11/2019 11:27 AM

## Q4 I choose how I travel based on...

Answered: 482 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Convenience/Travel Time	79.88%	385
Cost	12.86%	62
Safety	22.61%	109
Reliability	21.16%	102
Parking Availability	32.99%	159
Personal Freedom	27.59%	133
My Physical Ability	17.43%	84
Weather	47.10%	227
Environment	9.13%	44
Other (please specify) or Additional Comments	14.52%	70
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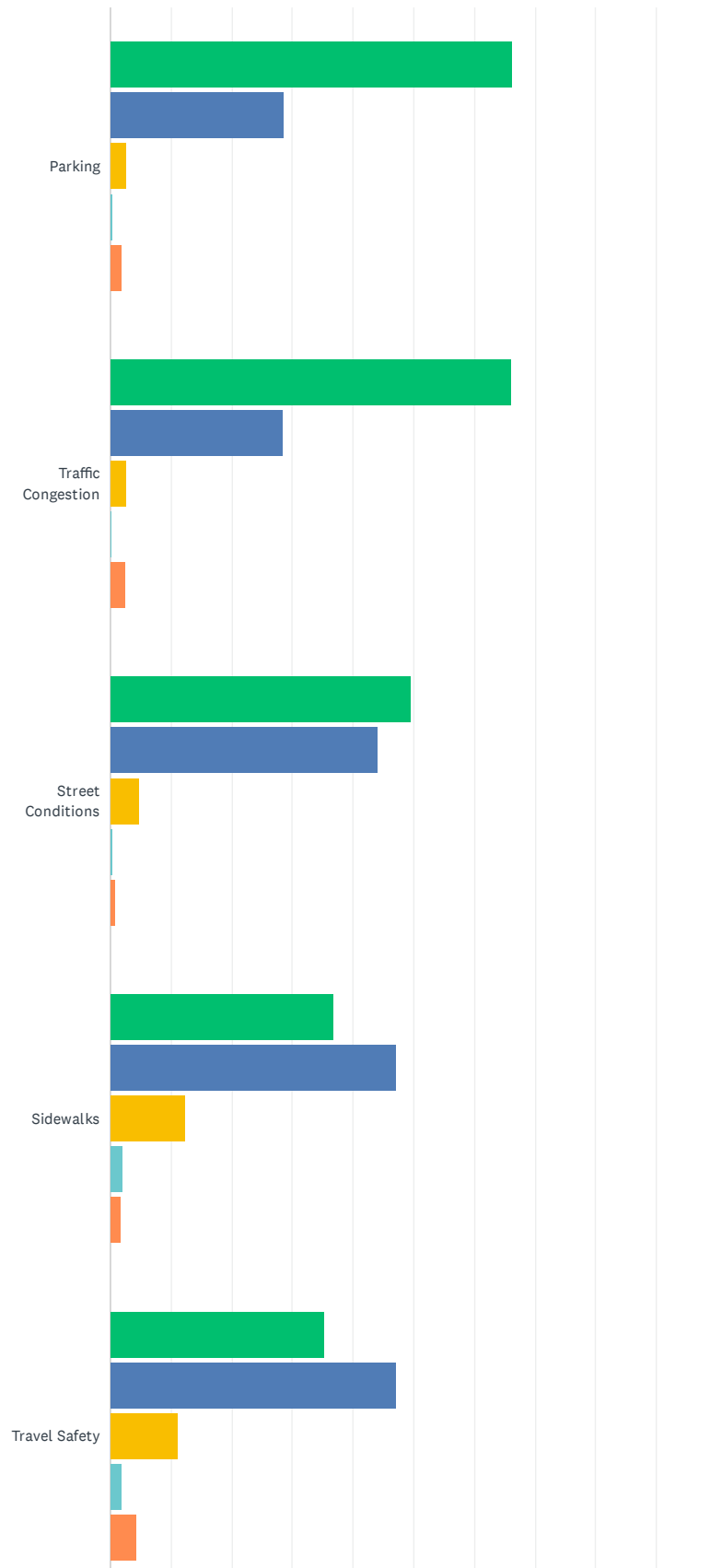
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) OR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	DATE
1	i take my car all the time	1/17/2020 9:57 AM
2	Traffic congestion	12/25/2019 8:31 PM
3	and the need to transport tools & equipment from job to job	12/2/2019 10:14 PM
4	In the summer I prefer to bike or run based on parking availability and weather. Physically very capable of doing both so would prefer to do that over driving.	11/17/2019 1:26 PM
5	Risk....i.e. traffic	11/16/2019 6:00 AM
6	Need to drive my vehicle to Newport as part of my full time job as a Uber-Lyft driver.	11/15/2019 10:12 AM
7	lack of knowledge of bus fares, transfer possibilities between bus lines, bus stop options, schedules. Nothing on side of bus about bus fare options	11/14/2019 3:52 PM
8	usually no options so I drive...would rather use Mass Transit	11/14/2019 2:40 PM
9	Need to travel to daycare prior to start of work day	11/14/2019 1:22 PM
10	Live in Middletown	11/14/2019 11:44 AM
11	have car at work	11/13/2019 6:33 PM
12	proximity	11/13/2019 5:39 PM
13	disabled	11/13/2019 5:19 PM
14	It's the only option I have!	11/13/2019 12:42 PM
15	scooter is only way	11/12/2019 6:31 PM
16	fitness	11/12/2019 6:19 PM
17	By safety, I refer to the lack of bicycle lanes. Biking here is scary, especially in summer.	11/12/2019 9:52 AM
18	Whether I indulge in adult beverage	11/12/2019 6:55 AM
19	If I need to move things to a friend, store or boat, then I will drive	11/9/2019 6:15 PM
20	Tourist Season	11/9/2019 12:56 PM
21	Uber	11/9/2019 8:09 AM
22	distance	11/8/2019 5:53 PM
23	Events in the area slowing travel	11/7/2019 6:55 PM
24	Distance	11/2/2019 9:36 PM
25	Work schedule and work needs	11/1/2019 6:38 PM
26	I would bicycle more often if there were lanes or a physical barrier between me and cars, landscaper trucks with trailers, wide delivery trucks etc.....	11/1/2019 11:54 AM
27	I live in Newport and work in Middletown. I would bike more frequently but the roads are in terrible condition, speeding is the norm and there few bike lanes. I would walk on occasion, but again, if sidewalks exist, they are not in the best condition. The Middletown side of things is simply walking and bike hostile.	10/30/2019 6:03 PM
28	The fact that there are no other options.	10/30/2019 9:30 AM
29	We have young kids with school & after school activities all over town	10/29/2019 1:10 PM
30	all factors contribute but my concern for the environment is a long-term dedication. in the short term, my busy schedule dictates that I think about travel time and parking, and weather is a big factor on a daily basis as well.	10/28/2019 2:11 PM
31	My job	10/26/2019 6:10 PM
32	distance- if too far to walk or bike than I drive	10/22/2019 8:33 PM
33	Use car for job	10/22/2019 2:41 PM
34	I'd ride bike more if it was safer	10/21/2019 10:55 PM
35	I bring a lot back and forth to my office and drive from place-to-place a lot for work.	10/21/2019 10:46 PM
36	Try to walk in town whenever I can.	10/21/2019 8:47 PM
37	accessibility to public transit	10/21/2019 1:10 PM
38	lack of public transportation to my usual destinations, esp. Naval Station Newport	10/19/2019 2:23 PM
39	Traffic	10/19/2019 12:03 AM
40	Traffic congestion.	10/17/2019 5:51 PM
41	distance, walk, bike or drive based on how far I need to go	10/16/2019 10:08 AM
42	walk more for exercise, better for environment, don't have to deal with traffic	10/15/2019 10:54 PM
43	I love walking and biking and I love how Newport has the potential to be outstanding on both fronts. It needs the mindset, money, and commitment to do so.	10/15/2019 4:03 PM
44	getting to work on time through this disaster and trying to find parking without getting fined although i am a Newport resident. There should be a thought out plan for an innovation hub for	10/15/2019 2:43 PM

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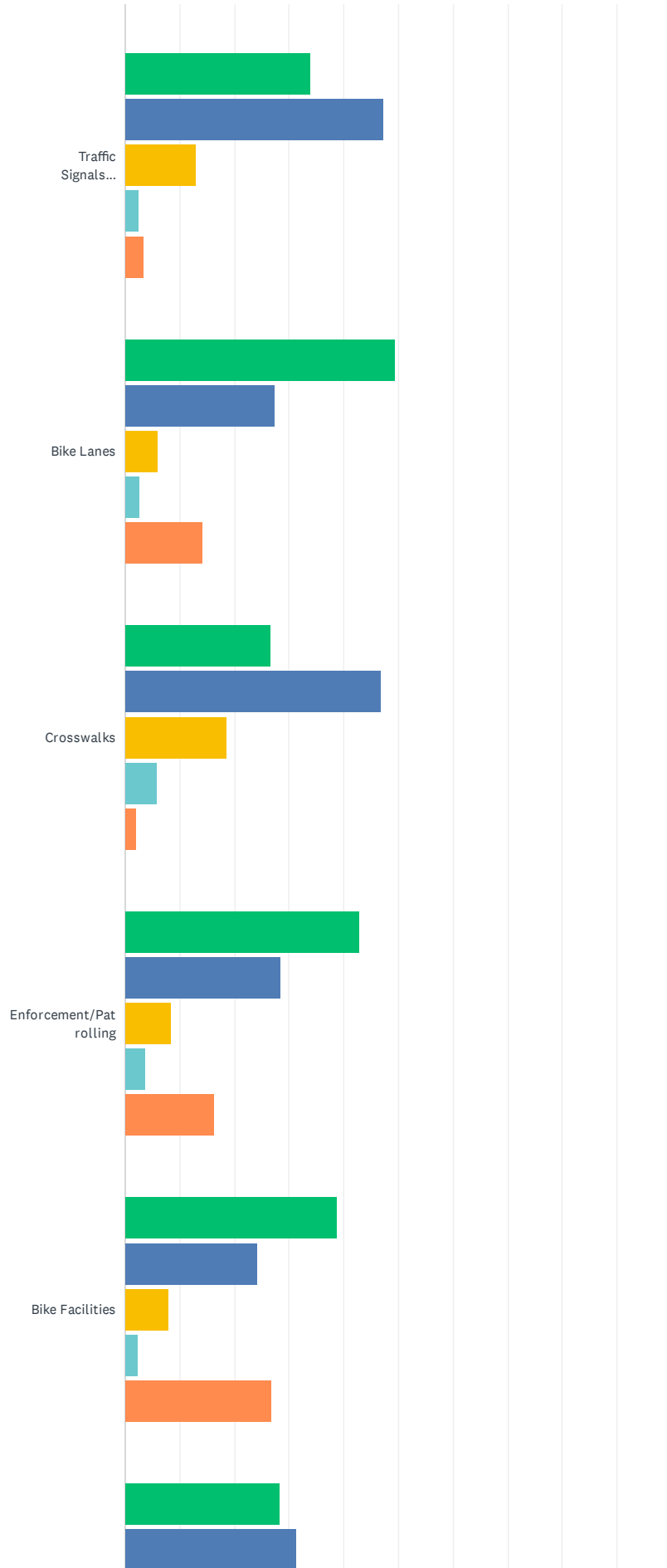
	transportation before any of these hotels and more congestion come in. Its out of control.	
45	Seasonally Different! 100% bike and walk in summer. More car off season	10/15/2019 9:54 AM
46	Vehicle is used for work.	10/15/2019 8:02 AM
47	Work sometimes in Newport and other times on the road.	10/14/2019 9:49 AM
48	Profession	10/14/2019 8:28 AM
49	I just don't go any where near downtown...	10/14/2019 4:15 AM
50	How busy soma area become. I will avoid complicated , congested areas.	10/13/2019 9:34 PM
51	Tourist activity in town. Cruise ships, etc.	10/13/2019 12:09 PM
52	i am retired. i do have an airbnb and rental property. I also am a artist vendor at Fairs. i walk to most places in Newport.	10/13/2019 10:38 AM
53	Distance to work	10/13/2019 9:31 AM
54	Whether I will be consuming alcohol or not	10/13/2019 6:42 AM
55	Work	10/12/2019 6:46 PM
56	Usually am on closing shift, do not want to walk home at night.	10/12/2019 2:40 PM
57	Events	10/12/2019 1:07 PM
58	Distance	10/12/2019 1:05 PM
59	Traffic	10/12/2019 11:44 AM
60	I drive less than 10 miles/day.	10/12/2019 9:33 AM
61	Known Newport Events	10/12/2019 8:51 AM
62	Transporting young kids	10/11/2019 9:56 PM
63	No other convenient city transportation	10/11/2019 7:16 PM
64	Availability and easy to use public transport	10/11/2019 6:08 PM
65	To me, "parking availability" means whether I'll be able to park on my street when I return home.	10/11/2019 4:00 PM
66	I try to walk and bike as much as possible (distance and weather permitting)	10/11/2019 3:44 PM
67	avoid drunks and prople on cell phones	10/11/2019 2:25 PM
68	It depends on how busy the town is because it takes too long to drive very often and it's very difficult to find parking even with a sticker	10/11/2019 1:32 PM
69	My job requires me to drive from one location to the next, several times each night	10/11/2019 12:24 PM
70	Work considerations	10/11/2019 11:36 AM

## Q5 How would you rate the following elements of the city's transportation infrastructure and system?

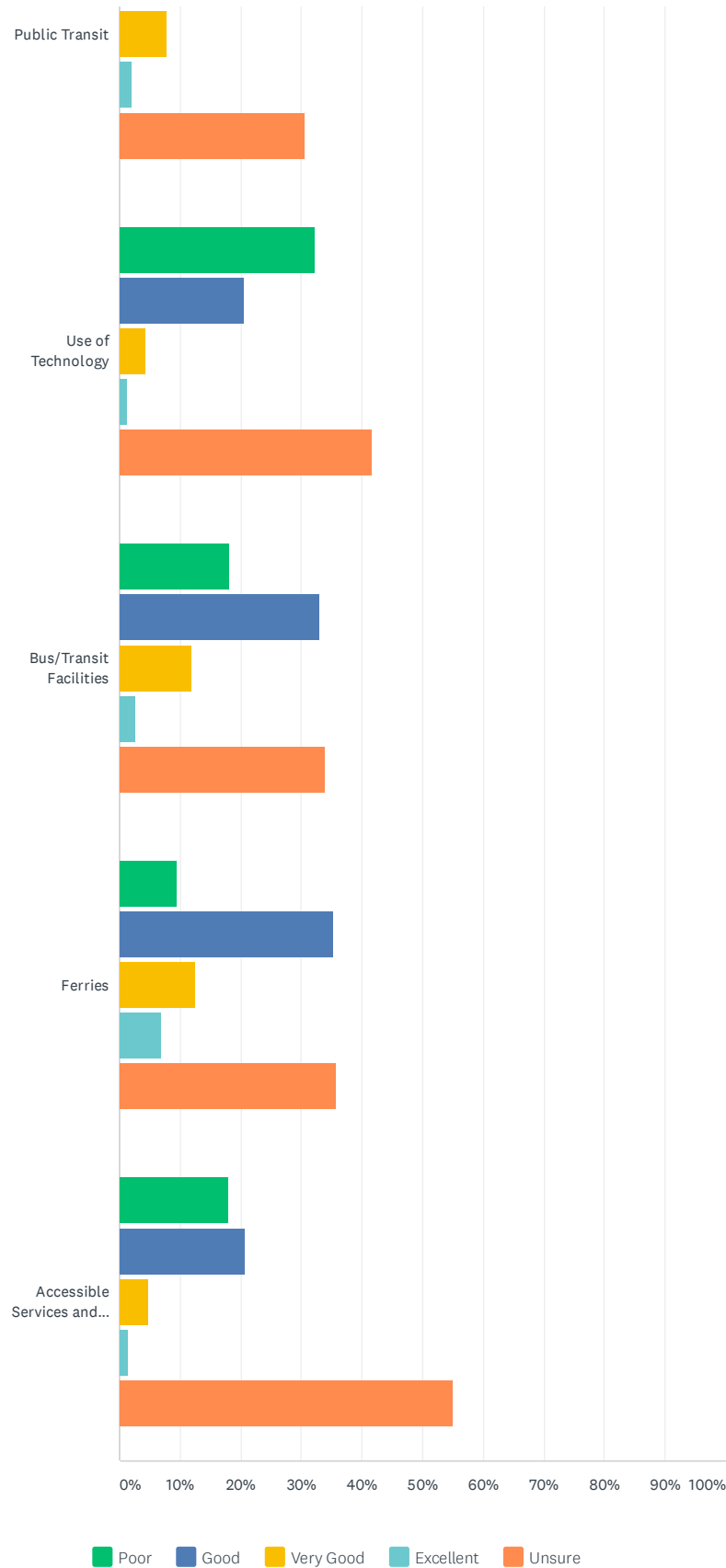
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	POOR	GOOD	VERY GOOD	EXCELLENT	UNSURE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Parking	66.24% 310	28.63% 134	2.78% 13	0.43% 2	1.92% 9	468	1.43
Traffic Congestion	66.03% 309	28.42% 133	2.78% 13	0.21% 1	2.56% 12	468	1.45
Street Conditions	49.69% 237	44.23% 211	4.82% 23	0.42% 2	0.84% 4	477	1.58
Sidewalks	36.79% 174	47.15% 223	12.26% 58	2.11% 10	1.69% 8	473	1.85
Travel Safety	35.44% 168	47.05% 223	11.18% 53	1.90% 9	4.43% 21	474	1.93
Traffic Signals (timing)	33.83% 160	47.36% 224	12.90% 61	2.54% 12	3.38% 16	473	1.94
Bike Lanes	49.47% 234	27.48% 130	6.13% 29	2.75% 13	14.16% 67	473	2.05
Crosswalks	26.47% 126	46.85% 223	18.70% 89	5.88% 28	2.10% 10	476	2.10
Enforcement/Patrolling	42.98% 202	28.51% 134	8.30% 39	3.83% 18	16.38% 77	470	2.22
Bike Facilities	38.68% 181	24.36% 114	7.91% 37	2.35% 11	26.71% 125	468	2.54
Public Transit	28.17% 131	31.40% 146	7.74% 36	2.15% 10	30.54% 142	465	2.75
Use of Technology	32.16% 146	20.48% 93	4.41% 20	1.32% 6	41.63% 189	454	3.00
Bus/Transit Facilities	18.18% 84	33.12% 153	11.90% 55	2.81% 13	33.98% 157	462	3.01
Ferries	9.37% 43	35.29% 162	12.64% 58	6.97% 32	35.73% 164	459	3.24
Accessible Services and Facilities	17.98% 82	20.61% 94	4.82% 22	1.54% 7	55.04% 251	456	3.55

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#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	parking is almost non-existent due to the number of residents, workers and visitors. You can't keep building things that require more parking spaces, taking away spaces to build those things, and expect people to come and not get really annoyed and never come back. Not a good way to keep business going. As a former Newport resident, and a current Aquidneck Island resident, I rarely go to Newport anymore due to the parking situation. And that's sad. I love Newport. It's why I moved to RI 24 years ago. But I moved out of town about 10 years ago due to the traffic congestion and lack of parking.	1/17/2020 9:57 AM
2	Traffic is terrible!!! Parking is a nightmare especially in the summer. I would ride my bike but the roads are far too dangerous for cyclists. Sidewalks are congested with tourists in the summer. Impossibly hard to get downtown. Need to park in residential areas and walk 20 minutes to work in Bowens Wharf. Stop building ugly hotels which can't even provide enough parking for themselves.	12/26/2019 11:48 AM
3	This should be a two phase question: Tourist Season vs Winter & Spring.	12/21/2019 6:07 AM
4	Roads are narrow and not made for HUGE modern cars & trucks much less bicycles. Sidewalks are narrow and now have even bigger telephone poles on some sidewalks. No enforcement of leaves, shoveling, shrubbery growth re sidewalks. Minimal traffic enforcement of cars or bicycles, not to mention skateboards. Non-Existent bus shelters for the most part.	12/9/2019 12:22 PM
5	They should bring back beat cops in Broadway area..	11/30/2019 9:12 PM
6	Sidewalks are in desperate need of repairing. Most are uneven and or cracked or uneven. Greater law enforcement needed for cars that are unlawfully parked in illegal parking spaces, or too close to street corners (making it difficult to turn on narrow streets). All along Pelham and Mill Streets, cars are parked in front of yellow marked curbs where it is illegal and blocking resident driveways.	11/29/2019 5:25 PM
7	Newport residents should be able to park here for free, year round. I have a residential parking permit but honestly there is barely any parking available in peak season and depending on location on the island. Walking in certain areas is not possible and seems to be an option only for the tourist side of town. The ridiculous amount of condo and hotel construction is contributing to traffic pollution also. A possible solution could be to replicate the Little Rody pilot program which was implemented in Providence and would be very successful here in Newport, convenient for residents and tourists alike, reducing traffic, parking issues and a host of other transportation incidents.	11/19/2019 12:32 PM
8	More use of patrol on memorial blvd and document it if possible via social media! I always see patrol near first beach catching tourists (25mph should be 30mph easy) but the largest problem lies on memorial. If everyone slowed down in that section it would make it so much safer for cyclists and walking pedestrians. My wife works on Memorial and one night waiting for her to leave I saw an elderly woman trying to cross the street (6pm and in a crosswalk) and counted easily 20 cars that either didn't see her or purposely didn't allow her to cross. After 5 minutes I stepped out of my car and physically made myself known to vehicles by waving my hands to help her cross the street. There is no need for this and it needs to be addressed.	11/17/2019 1:26 PM
9	There should be another option between or after good / poor.	11/17/2019 7:17 AM
10	Too many drivers running stop signs and lights. Tourists distracted trying to figure out where they are going.	11/15/2019 6:45 PM
11	During the height of summer, traffic is horrid. Out of town era often have no regard for rules of the road, nor public safety, and the police do not seem to care about addressing this. The speeding, running stop signs, and egregious disregard for road etiquette is making Newport's roads very unpleasant. The signs that say there is a state law re: crosswalks is a joke because drivers are rarely, if ever, stopped for blatantly running crosswalks. There should be similar signs announcing it is highly dangerous to cross at a crosswalk, and the risk is yours alone.	11/15/2019 10:07 AM
12	Sidewalks: Have tripped and fallen on Newport sidewalks. Still have a discolored right knee from a fall. ALL sidewalks need to be examined for uplift of cement from tree roots; and, need to grind down more of the concrete edges. Traffic Safety: Need to police Memorial Blvd for speeding into Newport from Middletown line to Bellevue Avenue. I usually drive maybe 5-miles over the speed limit going into Newport and am way too slow for the string of cars that ends up behind me. When Memorial Blvd opens to two lanes, I have been passed by cars doing probably as much as 50 mph. I have sent emails to local Newport PD about this, but never received a response...don't even know if NPD received my email. I would expect a response, but never got one.	11/15/2019 6:08 AM
13	Ratings pertain mostly to the summer season.	11/15/2019 6:07 AM
14	More ferry options would be great.	11/15/2019 5:17 AM
15	I bicycle. Bike lanes are very inconsistent from great to too close to parked cars to non-existent. But the lanes that have been put in are better than no lanes at all, and I'm grateful! I look forward to bike rentals around NPT, esp at Fort Adams so I can part my car there and ride to work around the drive. I hope it becomes a reality.	11/14/2019 6:10 PM
16	Many exceptions to above answers: Congestion ok except May to Mid- November, E.&W.Main Rds are unsafe at best. Parking is a time bomb with huge need for expensive parking garages unless growth is restrained now, "Newport became so popular nobody goes there anymore." Visitors don't come to Newport for hotels, congestion, hassle, stress; they come to see the architecture, water & relax. Too much of a good thing (excess) destroys the experience.	11/14/2019 3:52 PM
17	Parking is a huge problem along with traffic congestion during the summer. If tourists could park at a satellite lot with shuttles to downtown I think, they would appreciate not having to maneuver around downtown to find parking.	11/14/2019 3:41 PM
18	Take a page out of cities in Europe and close certain streets to cars...have a shuttle service	11/14/2019 2:40 PM

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	from various locations and let people leave their cars on the outskirts of town	
19	I would like to see more enforcement of speed limits and full stops at intersections.	11/14/2019 2:28 PM
20	traffic congestion and public transit responses refer to summer season	11/14/2019 12:30 PM
21	no transportation for HS or nightly events or for those wishing to go to meetings. last bus at 5pm.	11/14/2019 12:24 PM
22	I would like to see the harbor itself used to transport people around the city in a system where one could call a ride - an Uber Float perhaps. Also, I appreciate the free 3 hour parking in lots for residents. Bike riding on sidewalks has subsided somewhat for which I am grateful. 4. I love the Gateway Center and wish people would stop trying to stick the bus station outside of town. It looks beautiful, especially with the sculptures and the swales. Leave it alone please!	11/14/2019 12:22 PM
23	bike lane needed on Spring Street!	11/14/2019 12:14 PM
24	my dream is Newport without cars!	11/14/2019 12:07 PM
25	1)Many of the streets are in deplorable condition, patched and repeatedly patched over patches. Washington St. in particular is very bad, and not a good thing for visitors traveling to the historic point, to experience. . 2)I am also afraid of the Memorial/ Bellevue traffic intersection. The walk light are synced with the green arrow to turn left, so if you are driving to take a left, pedestrians are crossing at the same time. Also, pedestrians do not abide by the crosswalk lights and cross in front of traffic. 3) congestion on America's Cup is very bad on weekends and we stay out of that area. 4) we do not shop very much in downtown Newport because the parking and bathroom situation is abysmal. Remedying this might attract locals to shop in non tourist times. Better parking so elderly people do not have to walk so far would be helpful.	11/14/2019 11:44 AM
26	This town is unsafe for pedestrians in most areas - I was struck by a vehicle in a crosswalk, and see cars running stop signs multiple times a day. There is insufficient parking, and too many special use zones (resident only, 2 hour, metered). The condition of most streets is reprehensible due to potholes and poor patching jobs.	11/14/2019 11:22 AM
27	This scale is bad. Very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent makes a lot more sense. As is typical with most American towns, Newport over-emphasizes personal cars to the detriment of other modes of transport. We need divided bike lanes.	11/14/2019 10:20 AM
28	it is impossible to cross the street safely anywhere around the rotary. I will travel an extra mile to avoid the rotary on my bike	11/14/2019 7:48 AM
29	A historic colonial city of of 24,000 year round residents' infrastructure needs to accommodate a community of over 100,000 people during season. Allowing more hotel development (destination drivers) along the main downtown thoroughfare will only put more stress on this antiquated infrastructure and also present health and safety issues for all Newport residents. If you don't have a driveway, you're out of luck for parking during season. People are inconsiderate of others by using 1 1/2 spaces for parking ince nothing is marked. In 2017-one year, I had 2 legally parked cars on Dearborn Street that were sideswiped (one hit by a large camper because a truck that was double parked was making deliveries to the Thames Street restaurants) and another time my new used car was totaled by an oversized semi trying to make a turn onto Thames Street	11/14/2019 6:47 AM
30	parking should be further reduced to discourage driving	11/13/2019 6:43 PM
31	crosswalks in poor places on Thames and Memorial.	11/13/2019 6:32 PM
32	bike lanes confusing; BF in bad spots	11/13/2019 6:28 PM
33	things unchecked depend on time of year	11/13/2019 5:16 PM
34	no one knows what a stop sign means, or a NO right on red sign, or a dead end sign.....	11/13/2019 3:25 PM
35	I do not ride my bike in Newport because I feel it is unsafe. I cannot understand why there isn't a bike path connecting all of Aquidneck Island from Newport through Portsmouth.	11/13/2019 2:31 PM
36	Much work needs to be done. A better local, affordable transit system where cars can be left outside of downtown. Many of our streets are jammed with pedestrians and should be safer.	11/13/2019 11:38 AM
37	speeding through residential streets, large trucks and tour buses out of control; intersection poorly planned, parking allowed too close to intersections (ie in front of La Forge at very busy intersection)	11/13/2019 7:43 AM
38	I visit my family several times a year and usually bike or walk	11/12/2019 6:21 PM
39	even police don't stop at crosswalks	11/12/2019 6:10 PM
40	Surveys are made for the desired outcomes. I would have rated many things Fair, if you had this category between good and poor.	11/12/2019 5:26 PM
41	Traffic backing up at major intersections is worsening every year. Pedestrians crossing outside of crosswalks is very dangerous for drivers being rear-ended ... all along lower Thames and especially around the area of Bellevue and William St.	11/12/2019 10:56 AM
42	Summer traffic is crazy. We need to run a "welcome to Newport, you're on vacation" campaign. While locals stop for pedestrians and let cars make left turns, our visitors are in a big hurry.	11/12/2019 9:52 AM
43	Ferries? Am I missing something or does Newport not have a public ferry service.	11/12/2019 9:06 AM
44	Eliminate traffic lights. Kill the courthouse area traffic disruption. Build parking structures not hotels. Too much development	11/12/2019 7:17 AM
45	Bikers do not follow traffic rules. Many run stop signs, run red lights, turn in front of traffic, go down one way streets the wrong way, ride on sidewalks, and place themselves and others at	11/12/2019 6:50 AM

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	risk. There is no enforcement.	
46	Driving, and parking, in Newport sucks. The roads are always in awful condition. There is never any parking near the down town area and there are no large reasonably priced parking areas, like parking garages, for when there are large events in town. The bus depot near downtown is a waste of otherwise prime space. The shared bike lanes all over town are awful and don't make biking in town any safer, they just make people in charge feel like they've done something. Cross walks and signals at busy intersections, like Memorial and Bellevue, are timed wrong and no safer than making a mad dash. Lastly ride share services while great in many ways, like reducing drunk driving, are awful for traffic with drivers stopping wherever they want whenever they want and there is no enforcement by police. I think the city should regulate where they can pick up/ drop off similar to taxi stands and designate areas near hot spots to ease the problem.	11/12/2019 12:32 AM
47	It's very complicated but I think that we need to create a culture where people walking will allow the cars to move. I like utilizing big paid parking lots (Hi Li) and giving people a bus pass for the day.	11/9/2019 6:15 PM
48	None	11/9/2019 12:56 PM
49	T	11/9/2019 9:03 AM
50	Good to please see police on foot and bicycle	11/9/2019 8:28 AM
51	Our police department in Newport needs to take responsibility for traffic control! Traffic lights are not good enough in the summer. Gridlock on America's Cup, Thames, Spring, Mem Blvd, etc is terrible for the environment. Year after year nothing changes. Yet we invite more and more cars into Newport by building more hotels. Tax paying residents are 2nd class citizens in the summer.	11/9/2019 6:44 AM
52	I find it hard to answer the traffic congestion and parking question. During off season, they are fantastic. During summer, they are horrible.	11/7/2019 9:45 PM
53	With narrow streets, it is important that people park properly and use their driveways. This is not the case.	11/7/2019 6:55 PM
54	It depends a lot on which part of the city is being rated.	11/6/2019 6:50 PM
55	Wow-your rating system leans to the positive feedback 3 to 1. How about Bad, Poor, ok, good etc.... seems a bit rigged.	11/1/2019 11:54 AM
56	Placement for particular crosswalks should be assessed. Examples: intersection of Lower Thames and Memorial (Red Parrot) is dangerous and causes traffic NIGHTMARES all summer. The crosswalk at Gidley should be moved BEFORE it's currently location, this is a one way street and drivers turning off Gidley onto Thames are not looking in both directions but only in the way traffic is flowing; making this spot dangerous for pedestrians. Also, the crosswalk is aligned to 41 North's parking lot. Drivers On this side are also not looking in both directions but for oncoming traffic. The crosswalk on Spring and Mary Streets doesn't allow pedestrians to use the walk onto a sidewalk continuing up Mary St. you need to move that crosswalk before the stop sign at that corner so pedestrians can cross safely and continue onto a sidewalk. Do you need a picture of this? Also, enforcement is needed for bikers and people on skateboards moving in the opposite direction of car traffic. People riding bikes on sidewalks is another issue.	10/31/2019 10:23 PM
57	Would be nice to have affordable options for elderly people to get around to doctor appointments and other places.	10/31/2019 3:59 PM
58	I think the answers above are misleading. I answered "good" because it was the next highest from Poor. Maybe "could use improvement"?	10/28/2019 3:43 PM
59	The road are for cars	10/27/2019 6:46 PM
60	Light timing and pedestrian signals are off creating frustration and confusion for walkers. MY main mode of transportation is walking.	10/27/2019 1:21 PM
61	Terrible bike safety at corner of Americas Cup and Thames and in Middletown at the corner of Memorial and Purgatory at the Beach Club. The bike lane ending is atrocious and some one is going to be killed.	10/24/2019 4:11 PM
62	Walking down Beacon St is dangerous without sidewalks ( most people walk from W. Main Bus stop done to public housing. Parking on that same street. Getting out on the W Main at the Beacon intersection is ridiculous, there should be a light. The Broadway & Admiral Kalbfus light is ridiculously long as is the one near the Viking. Parking on Princeton and Union often congested. I wish there was more regular public transportation available to go to MA and PVD and Warwick. It takes the better part of a day to go to Warwick from Newport. I would like to take public transportation more but I can't afford to lose that many hours of my life. I do not understand how people with no car can do it in a timely fashion.	10/24/2019 2:35 PM
63	Quality of life for fifth Warner's is a nightmare in the summer because of too many car, too much speeding, people who constantly pull over and block the roads and lack of parking. Riding my bicycle is terrifying in this city.	10/23/2019 5:01 PM
64	Very dangerous place to bike Very dangerous intersections to cross on foot in numerous locations due to distracted / speeding / running red light drivers in vehicles	10/22/2019 8:33 PM
65	No easy parking at City Hall	10/22/2019 2:41 PM
66	It is not clear if at all red lights it is ok to turn on red after a complete stop. A lot of signs for instance 'No Left Turn' are on the wrong side of the street - a no left turn should be on the side of the street where you do not want people to turn as drivers are looking in that direction - signs are on the right hand side of the road, but no one is looking there when they want to turn left.	10/22/2019 1:27 PM
67	Bike infrastructure is basically non existent. Biking on street does not feel safe anywhere in	10/22/2019 11:48 AM

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	Newport. Crosswalks are high quality particularly on Broadway but don't feel safe due to driver inattention and bad behavior. We have more than sufficient parking. Parking should be reduced to encourage transit/biking/walking. Several roads encourage too fast driving especially Broadway north of Eq park and Memorial east of Bellevue. Pedestrian light timing on Memorial crossings at Spring and Bellevue is very poor, encouraging jaywalking.	
68	I think we need to move away from a focus on how can we make it easier for cars and trucks to circulate in the heart of town toward a focus on outlying parking and circulator vehicles. No matter what is tried to make it easier for cars in the city, use will quickly grow beyond the limits of accommodation. Many cities have proven this with their transportation studies.	10/22/2019 9:10 AM
69	I live on Annandale Rd which signs say No Buses or Trucks. Buses drive down Annandale all the time presenting a safety hazard for pedestrians. ZERO enforcement. Also there needs to be speed bumps to mitigate speeding on Annandale from Parker to Naragasett. Again, ZERO enforcement. Occasionally police stop drivers from running the stop sign at Annandale and Parker, but nothing else is done for safety.	10/22/2019 6:02 AM
70	We've given far too much real estate to cars. There's parking everywhere, and very little of it is paid. This encourages everyone, even though who have options, to drive. We need far better bike and pedestrian facilities. And more motorcycle/moped parking, which should be a much more popular mode of travel here.	10/21/2019 11:07 PM
71	I've almost been hit twice while crossing Broadway in crosswalk by cars passing person stopping to let me cross. North end is ignored by traffic police as those coming thru lights at Adm Kalbfus are going faster than 25 and never stop for pedestrians in crosswalk.	10/21/2019 10:55 PM
72	Please revert back to TWO lanes going down Broadway past Washington Square by Stoneacre. It USED TO BE two lanes and that was great to allow left turning cars up Touro not to have to wait until all those waiting to turn onto Thames via the poorly timed traffic light. TWO LANES AGAIN, please.	10/21/2019 9:09 PM
73	Little visible enforcement of proper crosswalk use, bikes, scooters, skateboards also, cars rolling through stop signs and red lights.	10/21/2019 8:47 PM
74	Lack of consistency is a huge problem. Some sidewalks are fine, others in horrible shape. Others peter out all together. Road markings and signs are not consistent, and some crosswalks have pedestrian signs and others do not. Public Parking is haphazard, and should not be allowed on some main streets, such as areas of Spring Street. Lack of safe bike lanes is a huge problem. Encouraging alternate modes of transport is not viable if it is not safe. Ocean drive was paved months ago, and STILL no lines! And, no 25 mph signs. Just a couple of 15 mph at the curves. People speed like crazy. Very few bus shelters, and no decent crosswalks near the welcome center. A dangerous nightmare for kids and wheelchair users.	10/21/2019 7:56 PM
75	Need to keep tourist cars in parking garage just off bridge, then shuttle tourists in town; no tourist cars in town	10/21/2019 7:00 PM
76	Newport could use a traffic light or a crosswalk speed bump at the corner of Gibbs Ave and Memorial Blvd. Very dangerous crossing. I think the City tries to keep streets paved and sidewalks safe, but it's a challenge given the weather and age of the City. I think the traffic signal at Memorial Blvd & Bellevue does not allow enough time for pedestrian crossing.	10/21/2019 1:10 PM
77	Crosswalks should be better lit, perhaps using a lighting system that notifies drivers when a pedestrian is ready to cross. A big problem area is the Memorial Blvd/Bellevue intersection. There is no right on red for cars to turn and when light is green to turn right, the crosswalks open for pedestrians. There should be a 4-way crossing period for 20 seconds to allow all pedestrians to cross at one time. This way when the lights are green, cars have the right of way which will allow for a more continuous flow of traffic. Also there needs to be parking lines for all street parking so cars no what space they can park in. Broadway, Spring and Thames do not have delineated parking spots so cars park randomly and do not allow for maximum use of parking spaces.	10/20/2019 12:42 PM
78	Enforcement of traffic violations is poor.	10/19/2019 4:00 PM
79	Total lack of enforcement on blown traffic signals and stop signs - enforcement could be paid for with fines; use retired/reserve police. Been close to run over several times while crossing at crosswalks/stop signs.	10/19/2019 2:23 PM
80	Add speed camera to Memorial Blvd.'s hill. Add ability for pedestrians to activate cross walk warning (and deactivate once crossed), vice a red light that stays red well after pedestrian has already crossed.	10/19/2019 9:13 AM
81	RIPTA needs to install projected arrival times electronic signs at their stops.	10/19/2019 12:09 AM
82	Most Crosswalks are not visible to drivers except at traffic lights. Most other cross walks are simply a dull white paint not visible to drivers especially at night. Most drivers do not take such crosswalks seriously especially where cars are parked along the side of the road and do not stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. Crosswalks need to be brightly marked by lights, electronic signs and cones. Otherwise they create risk to pedestrians rather than reduce risk.	10/19/2019 12:03 AM
83	I put "poor" for travel safety because I specifically mean safety for people on bicycles. There's too much room given to people driving or parking their cars when this space could be used to make it safer for people to bike, walk, or take transit.	10/18/2019 11:12 PM
84	Room for improvement all around	10/17/2019 9:33 PM
85	Traffic on Thames St is agonizing slow because drivers creep along instead of driving. Bicycle police should keep the cars moving at a constant rate.	10/17/2019 5:51 PM
86	The crosswalks are dangerous because cars are allowed to park too close to the crosswalks. This is particularly problematic if it is a large SUV or pickup truck. The sidewalks along Bellevue are disgraceful.	10/16/2019 10:10 PM

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87	Accessing the town via NNE routes (Rotary or Broadway) is difficult. Traffic doesn't flow well and congestion. Tend to choose 138 instead, though Memorial becomes backed up.	10/16/2019 7:28 PM
88	Hard to answer all the above. I never use public transportation within the city. I mostly walk around town and only get into a car to go the beach or food shop. The roads are in dire need of help and I believe there is not enough enforcement of the parking and driving ordinances.	10/16/2019 6:00 PM
89	Too many cars in Newport! We must limit the number of cars, esp. during Summer. Mandate that visitors park cars off island or at old Newport Slots, etc... and board Trolley's designated for various parts of town. Additionally, the bridge toll is not enough. Raise the toll similar to NYC bridge tolls. This will not detract from volume. Newport should study / assume more of the Nantucket mode; higher prices, higher element of tourist, rather than day trippers. There is no shortage of tourists in Nantucket! We must use / ferries as a year- round means of transport to and from Providence as well as other coastal towns to/from Newport. A seasonal tourist ferry to Providence is not enough.	10/16/2019 1:53 PM
90	Hard to use these standards as they vary so widely from location to location in the city.	10/16/2019 10:08 AM
91	It's very clear where Newport puts it's money when it comes to transportation infrastructure, with emphasis on downtown and neglecting neighborhoods with little regard to communication with residents or equity.	10/15/2019 4:03 PM
92	The busses don't run frequently enough. It requires scheduling your day around the bus which is annoying.	10/15/2019 3:25 PM
93	Obviously certain neighborhoods have better conditions than others ie: sidewalks on Bellevue Avenue are great but sidewalks on the Point are horrendous.	10/15/2019 9:18 AM
94	Seasonal issues with congestion, parking and travel safety. There are plenty of crosswalks if only people would use them. The bike lanes are good however I seldom see bicyclists adhere to them.	10/15/2019 8:02 AM
95	I walk, bike, and drive, so I "get" all 3 views. I don't use public transportation, because it's not at all efficient. To get to the town next door, it takes 45-60 min, because everything requires going back to the central hub. Public transportation and shuttles cannot get me to the airport for a 6am flight. As a pedestrian, I note that not all streets have sidewalks, or they have them and are not in good repair. People don't shovel in the winter. Twice I have almost been hit in a crosswalk...they were patrol cars! Drivers are still using handheld devices while driving. As a driver/biker, I'd like to see pedestrians USING those crosswalks, instead of crossing the street in the middle of the block(I'm looking at you, Annie's on Bellevue, and the intersection of Touro and Thames is one where pedestrians ignore the crossing signals, making a left turn onto Touro nigh impossible at times), and I don't see that changing without some tickets given to pedestrians. Between the crosswalks, where we HAVE to stop, and the jaywalkers, we have to stop every 10 feet. We have the safety measures there;we just have to enforce them, and that means pedestrians have rules to follow, too Work on getting skateboarders to stop at stop signs, especially the blind stop at Warner and Thames, and the stop at Marlboro and Thames. There needs to be an easier way off the island for residents. Spring Street was changed to accommodate pedestrians who can't cross a street, and now we have to loop around. It's peaceful now, but when summer traffic is back, people already on Broadway will ignore that stop sign, and there will be backups. All of that for a park that no one will use, because it will be occupied by the people who currently panhandle in Washington Park. Most of them are harmless, but people who don't know them won't know that, and will be creeped out. As a biker, I'd love to see safety measures out on Ocean Ave, one of our greatest assets. I know we can't do a bike lane, but on some tight hills (SVF and Wildacre), there is NO shoulder to ride on, and you're on a hill and tight curve, on a road where drivers are gawking at the houses, and not always watching the road. Finally, we can't keep putting up structures without parking. Mary St lot cannot hold everyone. There needs to be a convenient location not right downtown for tourists to park, with a shuttle to get them back and forth. I live on the hill between the beach and Bellevue. This summer, pretty much every weekend was filled with sirens, from Friday afternoons til Sunday evening.	10/14/2019 8:10 PM
96	need central parking - perhaps with golf cart buses	10/14/2019 7:19 PM
97	This question needs to be asked twice - once for summer/tourist season, and once for the rest of the year. Answers are different based on that factor.	10/14/2019 6:36 PM
98	Where is the category for fair?	10/14/2019 5:25 PM
99	Can we just station one cop on lower Thames to hand out tickets to people riding bicycles the wrong way up Thames? The officer would probably pay for him/herself in tickets in 20 minutes. Sidewalks are also a disaster.	10/14/2019 1:54 PM
100	I am retired and do not work. Fix survey. I live in the southern part of the city and when I travel out of my house I am negatively impacted by traffic at main city intersections such as Bellevue & Memorial.	10/14/2019 9:32 AM
101	obviously parking and congestion change dramatically in season and off season - off season not really an issue but in season choke points like America's Cup - Memorial Blvd-Thames St., and Spring & Memorial Blvd. are a big problem. Condition of Coddington Highway is a disgrace	10/14/2019 9:09 AM
102	Basically - don't live or travel to Newport if you own a car or can't ride a bicycle.	10/14/2019 4:15 AM
103	Traffic light are poorly timed. Some streets need repair. These new hotels are going to exacerbate downtown congestion.	10/13/2019 9:34 PM
104	Terrible short sighted or non existing leadership in solving traffic deadlocks/traffic jams created mainly by decades of a City Council lacking in any long term planning capabilities. Same holds true for most infrastructure issues especially, sewage, schools, and harbor management.	10/13/2019 11:47 AM
105	I live on Annandale where there are signs for No buses or trucks. There are always tour buses and sport team buses in Annandale Rd. There is never any enforcement of No buses or trucks	10/13/2019 9:31 AM



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	which presents a safety hazard for pedestrians.	
106	I drive/moped through town for work several times a day, south end to north end. The number of times I witness cars blowing through stop signs and red lights is appalling . This I am involved with at least 3 - 5 times a day. Never have I seen anyone stopped by the Police. I have even seen police cars running stop signs. Another issue is the number of tour busses going 5 MPH down America's Cup and Thames conducting their tours. Can there be another solution ? Can they be required to speed it up to 15 MPH ?There was a pull over lane created along side Perotti park, yet the Police car is there with lights flashing and multiple Tour busses blocking the right lane thus closing down 1 lane on America's Cup creating a traffic snarl, why cant the tour busses load 1 bus at a time in the pull over section and the remaining busses wait at the Bus Depot until the 1 spot is available for them to load or discharge for the cruise ship passengers and give us back out 2 lane road ?	10/13/2019 9:04 AM
107	Options to answer are very limited. While I do not think Enforcement/Patrolling are "Poor," it is certainly not "Good" and could improvement.	10/13/2019 6:42 AM
108	Put red light cameras and/or police at the intersection of Bellevue and Memorial. Motorists frequently run red lights there. I would love to ride a bike, but the reality is riding a bike in Newport will NEVER be safe except when organized and patrolled. PLEASE get rid of those awful ghost bike memorials.	10/13/2019 2:52 AM
109	Surprised to find most elements rated poor but all my transportation paths are beat, congested, and awful. Ride down Third St to shop, walk past new hotel on Long Wharf in dirt, try to cross America's Cup without getting run down. "Poor" may be too kind.	10/12/2019 8:16 PM
110	Tourists go away	10/12/2019 6:46 PM
111	The city could improve on bike lanes and visibility and encourage more biking for visitors. In the busy summer months I like to be able to bike around town instead of driving but the combination of few bike lanes and not a lot of car separation makes it dangerous during busy times of day. Also, I think If at the intersection of Bellevue and memorial there was a dedicated pedestrian cross time in the light cycle it would be safer for pedestrians and prevent less back ups of drivers that are unable to turn right on the green light. Also, I think an additional crosswalk between the end of third street and the visitors center would be beneficial	10/12/2019 6:00 PM
112	.RIPTA needs to replace bus benches that they remove before they did work on East Main Rd	10/12/2019 5:21 PM
113	Crosswalk light timing is very poor. Having to push a button to activate crosswalk signs doesn't work well in summer (creates confusion). Pedestrians should cross before turn lights are activates to increase efficiency for both pedestrians and motorist (ex: Bellevue/Memorial intersection is confusing).	10/12/2019 4:10 PM
114	Restore traffic flow around the courthouse to as was and increase parking for residents downtown by giving free meter parking for 2 hours. Also a garage at the end of bridge combined with light rail to transportation center would be a great way to decrease congestion in the summer	10/12/2019 4:03 PM
115	Bikes are a continued problem. The operators do not follow rules of the road. Parking is nonexistent due to insufficient residential parking, short term renters using additional street parking and visitor parking from June through December. Police need additional enforcement to cover parking issues	10/12/2019 3:43 PM
116	crosswalks need high profile painting	10/12/2019 3:02 PM
117	Drive only when I have to, prefer to walk.	10/12/2019 2:40 PM
118	F	10/12/2019 1:36 PM
119	very unsafe to walk because some sidewalks are uneven or blocked by temporary construction	10/12/2019 1:09 PM
120	Certain two way streets should be one-way streets and main access to the Southern part of the community driving East from 1st Beach should not be restricted to Bellevue Ave. Also, the stretch of Kay St. from Rhode Island Ave. and Bellevue/Touro St. should be a one way road heading North. There are too many cars parked along that street causing narrow, two-way passing putting bikers at risk.	10/12/2019 1:07 PM
121	Speeding on Third Street is never patrolled. We have some small children on our block, and the speed of travel, along with daily wrong way drivers are troublesome.	10/12/2019 1:04 PM
122	Its the summer visitors and, good weather add to all the congestion. There's nothing we can really do.If we fix the streets, and side walks, we lose the out of tourist monies, due to detours and, traffic back ups. If we don't, we ourselves suffer. In the winter, the snow plows tare up the streets because they were uneven in the first place.	10/12/2019 1:01 PM
123	In July and August traffic congestion is an issue but not the rest of the year.	10/12/2019 12:56 PM
124	Boat trailers attached to cars while people fish is not permitted. Call the police but nothing is done. Also work trailers stored on streets. Overloaded and oversized truck off residential streets	10/12/2019 11:44 AM
125	I am not familiar with some of the areas covered by this question.	10/12/2019 11:16 AM
126	With traffic apps on phones tourists are now driving through our previously peaceful neighbors and causing congestion. The physical condition of the streets and sidewalks are poor at best, National Grid should be held accountable to the city for their repair or the same which contributes to the city's poor upkeep. New paving has covered up bike lanes and made bike riding even more hazardous, the public needs to be educated on how to ride a bike (off the sidewalk, in the same direction as traffic, etc.) and how to share the road with bicycles. The schedule for the ferry to Providence is very limited and if expanded could ease car traffic into Newport.	10/12/2019 10:54 AM
127	1) Restrict all parking in R3 neighborhoods to resident only 24 hours a day May 1 through Oct	10/12/2019 10:25 AM

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128	Strongly support change in traffic pattern to creat Spring St park. Frequent daily user of new pattern. Safer, traffic quieting, and improved look around Court house and Colony house will be significant.	10/12/2019 10:23 AM
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130	I am a teacher at Rogers and live far off the island. I must drive alone in order to get here in a reasonable amount of time. I am OK with that. Our students, however, have a terrible time with the lack of public transportation. In May 2019 three teachers did an in-person survey of all students who had been absent the day before. One of the top three reasons was "I missed the bus and had no way to get to school." We need public transportation from northern Newport to Rogers. Many of our students' parents/guardians in the morning or do not own cars. I have had students walk for over an hour in the rain or snow to get to school. Last year two students who missed the bus were walking and spotted by a middle school bus driver, who gave them a ride to school. Not allowed!!!! All three received severe disciplinary consequences - two for trying to get to school and one for a kind gesture. This is ridiculous. We need public transportation throughout the city.	10/12/2019 9:41 AM
131	worried about what will happen to our traffice congestion and patterns with the new hotels	10/12/2019 9:41 AM
132	As parking facilities move out of the Thames/Spring/Bellevue shopping areas, shuttles are a must!	10/12/2019 9:32 AM
133	Need more parking and free for residents. Instead of another hotel downtown it should have been a parking garage. Limit tour buses in downtown area to visitor center.	10/12/2019 9:21 AM
134	Like to sail or come in by boat. More Dingy space needed in Town. Old Town Launch excellent on weekends. Could be better during extended seasons of boating	10/12/2019 8:51 AM
135	No one from the City attended the RIPTA workshop on Oct. 10th. Crosswalks are well marked but poorly lit at night. Not enough bike racks and none on City Hall property. Bike lanes on B'way are improperly marked and are unsafe and a liability for the City. Parking sticker applications mailings should be used to remind drivers of conveyances in Newport, ordinances against engine idling, cars left on city streets for extended periods, rules of the road and consequences for not following them, etc. Need to use more technology, so get enabling legislation for speed cameras. Better signage for pedestrians esp at Bellevue/Mem. Blvd as they keeping walking against the lights. Replace bus shelters and add one in front of Innovate Newport to encourage public transit.. Parking ticket challenges should be evaluated by the Police and not the contractor who has a vested interest in writing as many tickets as possible. Put a few spaces at Rovensky Park for short term parking (30 minutes) so people without stickers can use park.	10/12/2019 12:08 AM
136	poor city advocacy to fix state-owned roads; rampant running of red lights; poor pedestrian safety / no enforcement of pedestrian right-to-cross roads	10/11/2019 11:35 PM
137	Own property in Newport, but renting in Middletown for time being	10/11/2019 9:56 PM
138	Do is on fixing the roads and leave locals a place for public parking other than Mary St	10/11/2019 9:50 PM
139	more ferries year around weather permitting	10/11/2019 9:22 PM
140	There needs to be a "fair" category for some of these.	10/11/2019 8:53 PM
141	I Only Walk everywhere I go in Newport. The cross stripes that are suppose to signal to cars to stop and let people cross the street, located all over the city are only effective approx. 50% of the time - at best. The signs/cross stripes at the (very busy) intersection of Memorial Blvd. and Thomas St - are almost Useless! Seriously - the white stripes crossing and signs at Memorial and Thomas are kind of a joke - especially in the summertime when the tourists just speed right by without even giving the crossing/people standing there - a glance. I cross there twice a day, 7 days per week - and Rarely does traffic stop to allow me to cross even in the off season (applies to Both sides of Memorial).	10/11/2019 7:17 PM
142	I'm very opposed to the proposed traffic detour around the courthouse.	10/11/2019 6:56 PM
143	The amount of touriststrying to make u-turns on Americas Cup is infuriating. more signage is needed	10/11/2019 6:13 PM
144	Public transit options to travel into and out of Newport are not convenient.	10/11/2019 6:08 PM
145	It seems as if the city is making it harder and harder to travel in Newport. The closure of the	10/11/2019 5:44 PM



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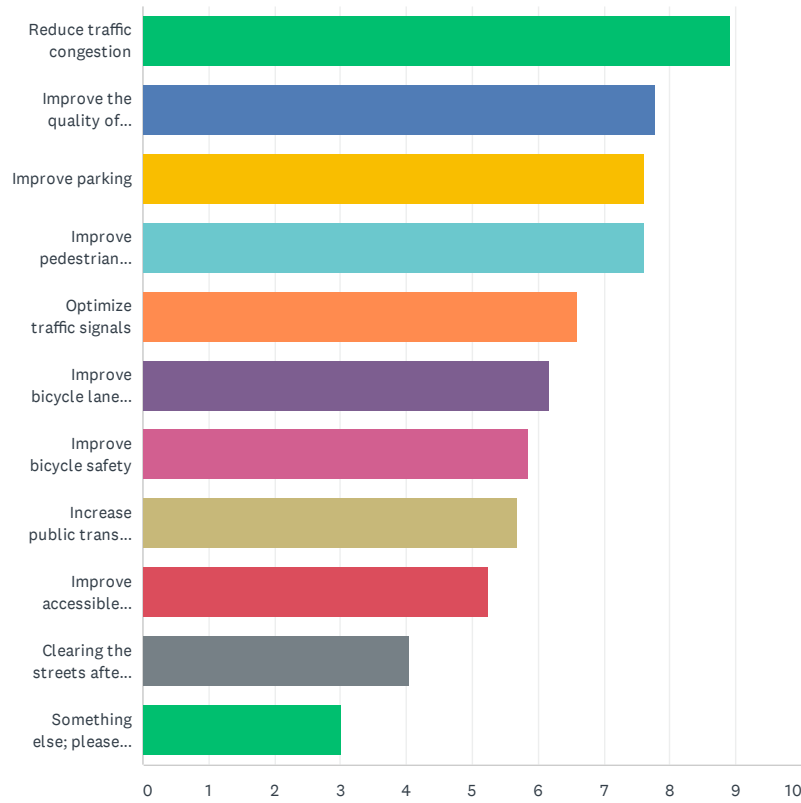
street behind the county court house is a prime example. This inconveniences almost everyone who drives through the area, forces more gas use and why? Take a look at the people using the park in Washington Quare. There are not many, far fewer than the drivers this inconveniences.

146	I no longer bike because so many people are driving distracted and the bike lanes are too narrow. I have owned a moped for 35 years and sold it this summer because of so many accidents including the death of a dear friend.	10/11/2019 5:21 PM
147	First, more bike lanes please. Protected bike lanes are the way to go. Tons of people (not me). ride the wrong way up lower Thames, likely because the sharrow bike experience on Spring is quite scary. With regard to patrolling, there is SO much speeding on Memorial along the beach. Also, the intersection at America's Cup/Memorial and lower Thames is a ZOO in the summer months. Better patrolling in the near term, and a parking center out of the town center with REALLY GREAT trolley and/or shuttle coverage might offload downtown a bit. Finally, a 140 unit new hotel on Waites Wharf will exacerbate all problems. Planning should be holistic. Finally, the road between the Point and the intersection leading to the Naval station is hideously rough (bad on a bicycle when I use one to ride to work on base), and the sidewalks are terrible. This chunk of road badly needs re-paving.	10/11/2019 4:18 PM
148	Need to be more friendly to the many tourists who come here in the summer for a day and end up turning around and going home because they can't find a place to park. Also, parking rates should be low to encourage people to spend their money in the city at stores and restaurants.	10/11/2019 4:05 PM
149	Your choice of ratings is poor. We need to differentiate at the low end of the scale.	10/11/2019 4:03 PM
150	Where I checked "unsure", it refers to variables that affect the condition at issue. For example, "traffic congestion" can be a normal flow, or it can be a dangerous backup when gigantic buses are blocking the lane of travel in front of the Viking.	10/11/2019 4:00 PM
151	Parking in the city is an overall problem. Zoning should change the requirements for driveways for multi family homes. I believe many more on street parking spots would be available if they did change the requirements to be similar to a 1-2 family home. 1-3 family units should have the same requirements for driveways and parking. The city wants to move forward and increase businesses and transportation, but it's not helping its own residents park and reside where they live.	10/11/2019 3:46 PM
152	People will always complain about parking. Please don't sacrifice safety or bike lanes for more parking spots. Treat the problem not the symptoms.	10/11/2019 3:09 PM
153	Not real sure on this but it seems the Newport police are usually patrolling.	10/11/2019 2:46 PM
154	Bikes and motorcycles and people on cell phones causing problems, stop skateboarders on streets and sidewalks in downtown Newport	10/11/2019 2:25 PM
155	Improving parking is an expensive band aid. Reduce or eliminate the amount of cars allowed down and expand access to environmentally friendly or safe human powered resources.	10/11/2019 1:54 PM
156	There are some really well-managed parts that the city has done. Sometimes the signage lacks clarity, however. Resident parking signs are often missed because of high trucks, etc. Maybe the city needs to specify who can park in a residential space, such as they do in condos! Of course the revenue from fines would seriously decrease and it would be perceived as "tourists and visitors not welcome".	10/11/2019 1:37 PM
157	Its just very difficult to get around town. There isn't, in my opinion, enough room on the road for cars and bikes. And we are about to increase traffic with all the hotels this city is building. It going to create chaos!!! No one wants to go downtown now, never mind when the hotels are built.	10/11/2019 1:32 PM
158	The question is too broad. It should be broken into at least two questions relating the question to summer and winter months. Also, I live and work on Touro street with a birds eye view of traffic on a daily basis. I am stunned at the number of cars that speed up and down Touro Street during lighter traffic conditions. Some appear to be going in excess of 50 to 60 miles per hour. This needs to be stopped. Also, with the increased use of apps like Ways, more traffic is routed to the side streets and residential areas creating new challenges for our tight little neighbor hoods.	10/11/2019 12:33 PM
159	The farmers' market on Memorial is a nightmare. Great concept, horrible location.	10/11/2019 12:24 PM
160	Poor-Good-Very good-Excellent are a terrible terrible rating options.	10/11/2019 11:29 AM
161	Bridge - parking - shuttle is desperately needed.	10/11/2019 11:27 AM

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## Q6 Please rank your transportation priorities in order of importance.

Answered: 482 Skipped: 0



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	N/A
Reduce traffic congestion	36.51% 176	17.01% 82	10.37% 50	6.64% 32	8.09% 39	3.11% 15	5.60% 27	3.11% 15	1.45% 7	0.83% 4	1.66% 8	5.60% 27
Improve the quality of streets	11.83% 57	18.46% 89	12.45% 60	12.45% 60	9.54% 46	9.34% 45	5.19% 25	6.43% 31	2.70% 13	2.49% 12	0.83% 4	8.30% 40
Improve parking	10.37% 50	15.56% 75	15.56% 75	13.07% 63	7.47% 36	6.22% 30	9.54% 46	5.60% 27	4.15% 20	2.28% 11	1.04% 5	9.13% 44
Improve pedestrian walkways and safety	11.41% 55	9.13% 44	14.94% 72	14.94% 72	15.35% 74	9.54% 46	8.30% 40	4.56% 22	3.94% 19	0.83% 4	0.21% 1	6.85% 33
Optimize traffic signals	1.87% 9	9.54% 46	12.03% 58	12.66% 61	13.69% 66	11.41% 55	8.51% 41	7.88% 38	5.81% 28	5.60% 27	1.04% 5	9.96% 48
Improve bicycle lanes and facilities	7.26% 35	9.54% 46	7.88% 38	6.43% 31	6.85% 33	8.71% 42	12.24% 59	9.54% 46	10.37% 50	6.43% 31	2.90% 14	11.83% 57
Improve bicycle safety	3.73% 18	5.81% 28	9.54% 46	9.54% 46	8.51% 41	7.47% 36	9.75% 47	13.28% 64	12.03% 58	7.68% 37	1.66% 8	11.00% 53
Increase public transit or on-demand service options	7.26% 35	3.32% 16	6.43% 31	8.71% 42	8.30% 40	9.96% 48	8.51% 41	12.24% 59	18.26% 88	7.47% 36	1.24% 6	8.30% 40
Improve accessible services and facilities	1.24% 6	2.49% 12	2.90% 14	4.77% 23	7.26% 35	17.22% 83	14.52% 70	13.49% 65	8.71% 42	7.05% 34	1.24% 6	19.09% 92
Clearing the streets after storms	1.24% 6	2.90% 14	2.28% 11	3.11% 15	5.60% 27	7.88% 38	6.02% 29	9.13% 44	14.11% 68	30.71% 148	3.53% 17	13.49% 65
Something else; please remark in question 7 suggestions/comments	4.15% 20	2.49% 12	1.45% 7	2.28% 11	1.45% 7	0.83% 4	2.07% 10	2.28% 11	4.36% 21	7.47% 36	38.17% 184	32.99% 159

**Q7 Please share your suggestions and comments about transportation in Newport with us below.**

Answered: 255   Skipped: 227

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	it's all about parking.	1/17/2020 9:57 AM
2	What if we close the downtown area during the summer to all traffic except local residents. Then downtown can become a walking and biking and scooter area only. Have cars park at the casino area and trolley tourist into downtown. Other cities do this and it is good for traffic, parking, and the environment.	1/9/2020 9:03 AM
3	Newport waves needs expansion. Extend the campaign into B&B's, hotels etc. Put signs at crosswalks, restaurants. I'm so tired of being terrified by pedestrians with no common sense, or a sense of entitlement, stepping out in front of moving vehicles.	12/27/2019 9:16 AM
4	See above	12/26/2019 11:48 AM
5	The level of traffic congestion and the presence of cars in general are ruining Newports character and enjoyability. A major parking facility at Slots and pedestrian only roadways could allow for a greater Newport experience.	12/25/2019 8:31 PM
6	We can do better: a) Memorial (Speedway)....awful...calm that traffic...ALWAYS a challenge to cross on foot or bike. TOO fast!! b) Enforcement and education: cyclists and drivers	12/21/2019 6:07 AM
7	As a transportation worker, I see 2 major problem areas in the city. 1) Touro St between Kay and Spring; and 2) Ochre Pt Ave between Sheppard and Ruggles. During the Broadway Street Fair, Touro St. between Spring and Kay was one-way going east (uphill). Traffic on Bellevue heading north was forced to turn right onto Kay to avoid Broadway. Making that stretch of Touro one-way going east should be permanent. Presently, when a bus or a truck are driving in opposing directions on Touro between Hotel Viking and Touro Synagogue, that street is too narrow for both vehicles when they try to pass at the same location. One of them has to jump up on the sidewalk to make room for the other to pass. Making Touro street one-way uphill would eliminate this problem. At the top of the hill at the Kay St traffic light, there could also be a left turnout lane for uphill traffic to turn north onto Kay St so traffic continuing uphill onto Bellevue isn't blocked by the vehicle turning left. Then a bike lane could be added to the far right side uphill of the street. Another big problem area in Newport is Ochre Point Ave by the Breakers Mansion. Some pedestrian is going to get killed crossing that busy street very shortly. The number of people visiting the Breakers in the past 3 years has been increasing exponentially, and thus, so are the amount of cars parked all over that neighborhood. That area has become a new shortcut because smart phone traffic apps are now directing motorists that enter Newport b/w of the Easton Beach area and desire to go to lower Bellevue Ave or Brenton Pt are directed to use Anandale as a shortcut to avoid traffic by ITHF/Casino. After zooming south down Anandale, they venture left onto Narragansett Ave, then turn right on Ochre Pt Ave, buzz through that neighborhood, then take a right and fly down Ruggles heading west towards Bellevue. That section of Ruggles is also too narrow to be used as a 2-way thoroughfare and pedestrians walk in the street because there are no sidewalks. Additionally, the corner of Bellevue and Ruggles is so narrow that a RIPTA bus turning in or out cannot fit when a car is stopped at the end of the street and snarl traffic waiting for Bellevue Ave/Ruggles Ave intersection to clear. Ruggles, Victoria, and Sheppard Aves need to be re-engineered to be one-way "circulator" types of roads, with Ruggles being a dead-end street with no outlets. Ruggles could also be one-way heading east, and local residents who need to go west on Ruggles to exit their neighborhoods to Bellevue could use Lawrence Ave to Shepard, then left (west) towards Bellevue. Traffic heading south on Ochre Pt Ave should be forced to turn right onto Sheppard to get to Bellevue, and traffic coming north on Bellevue Ave that needs to get to the Ochre Pt Ave area should have to turn east down Victoria instead of Ruggles. Phone apps are already directing motorists this way now. That would make the stretch of Ochre Pt Ave in front of the Breakers lightly traveled with vehicles that are going into the Breakers parking lot only. Traffic driving east on Victoria would all be forced to turn left (north) onto Ochre Point Ave away from the Breakers congestion. The strip of Ochre Point Ave between Victoria and Ruggles would be limited access for Breakers parking only, serving to "calm" the area. There would be a rail or fence blocking the end of Ochre Point Ave at Ruggles to keep it limited access. Traffic driving east on Ruggles who need to get to Ochre Pt Ave would be blocked from doing so at that intersection, but instead, would turn left onto Lawrence, the right onto Victoria. All the "cut-through" motorists would be eliminated in both directions from that sprawling area, keeping pedestrians safe. Thank you for taking time to read this. Russ Matuszek	12/20/2019 11:22 PM
8	There is no time like the present! With increasing tourism, we need to develop circulation systems for all: disabled, pedestrians, cyclists, drivers; residents and visitors. We must improve the awareness of and respect of the existing conditions and what is possible to change. Some change is human and behavioral and some is physical and structural. Slow but steady with an eye on a goal is the way to start. Let's begin.	12/9/2019 12:22 PM
9	I live on Summer St & we are seeing an increase in large trucks (18 wheeler) & tour buses coming off the bridge, up Van Zandt Ave onto Summer and then turning left on Broadway, heading to Middletown. Those vehicles should be using JT Connell Hwy or Adm Kalbfus. Please make Van Zandt & Summer a "no truck" route, & enforce it. Summer St is too narrow for those vehicles & it can delay rescue wagons going to the Hospital. (Some have suggested restricting parking on Summer St to one side only but those of us who live here want it kept as is. The parked cars force traffic to slow down by requiring them to alternate turns to get through, but those trucks and buses are too big to do that, and they should be using the State of RI roads, not neighborhood streets.) I can provide photos to document the problem: I'm not looking to be an "ambassador", but my contact info is below.	12/2/2019 10:14 PM
10	You need to have a satellite parking garage on land freed up with bridge realignment.. The gateway center should be on bottom of garage and all buses should be kept off the narrow streets of Newport..Have trolleys running throughout the city..I have served on a Blue Ribbon Parking Commission in the 80's and this info and all other surveys are somewhere in City Hall.. The Bridge Realignment offers the best chance to finally solve this problem.. We also need enforcement of Delivery Trucks regulations that are already in place to keep large trucks off streets..	11/30/2019 9:12 PM

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11	The sidewalks throughout town specifically Historic Hill (both larger and smaller streets) are in desperate need of repair. They are uneven, cracked and dangerous to walk on.	11/29/2019 5:25 PM
12	Improve the quality of the streets. The cobbled section of Thames and Connell Highway are particularly appalling. More and better sidewalks are needed. There should be a sidewalk on Jones Ave. and Annandale Rd as it approaches Narragansett Ave.	11/21/2019 8:16 AM
13	Speed humps on residential street and enforcement of road laws [speeders, no seatbelts, etc]	11/19/2019 7:20 PM
14	Need more parking options especially for those who live on the island so we can enjoy downtown more	11/19/2019 4:57 PM
15	Public transportation sucks! I am forced to drive and with barely any parking available it all becomes a mess!	11/19/2019 4:27 PM
16	Please consider implementing the Little Roady pilot program, which was successful in Providence, right here in Newport! It would solve so many issues we have here in regards to transportation of residents, students, workers, tourists and everyone who lives, works and plays here in Newport.	11/19/2019 12:32 PM
17	It's really hard to walk on sidewalks when they're left bumpy and undone. It's also difficult to try and cross the street in a cross walk before hill mart when no one will stop for you, there should be lights there for cars to stop and a crosswalk signal.	11/18/2019 9:00 PM
18	Currently I try to avoid down town area during tourist season	11/18/2019 12:48 PM
19	As a regular Middletown visitor, bike infrastructure in Newport is atrocious. Even Bellevue, one of the few bikeable streets, doesn't even have bike lanes and has sewer grates parallel to travel and wide enough to catch a road bike tire. It's embarrassing, and unacceptable. Parking is also far more difficult than it should be. To fix this, 1) charge market prices for parking 2) charge for parking in a wider area 3) use the money to fund transportation infrastructure improvements and better transit service 4) vastly improve bike/scooter infrastructure 5) partner with scooter/bikeshare companies	11/18/2019 11:59 AM
20	Highly important: Please install better crosswalks near Easton Beach. I have almost been hit at least five times walking from Old Beach Rd to the beach. Cars are zooming down the hill, and only about 50% of time do they stop when someone is on the crosswalk. Recommend installing flashing lights at top of the hill and then on the crosswalk itself as well as the crosswalk further up the hill (think it is Gibbs, might be Eustis). Maybe even traffic barrels to slow people down. Would also like more patrol cars sitting at that intersection to ticket people driving more than 30 mph through this intersection. The Memorial and Bellevue intersection is still problematic. It takes too long to cross the street by foot, given you need two buttons to cross Memorial---many people walking ignore the two buttons, and cars often turn into the crosswalk while people are on the crosswalk. Also, the timing of the crosswalk signal is too short for senior citizens. Consider an all red light stop for people to cross, both straight across and on the diagonal (cross both sides at once). Lastly, I am troubled by lack of sidewalks on Old Beach (especially since there is all this new development, why is this not in the city master plan to require sidewalks when new homes go up?) and then on Gibbs and Rhode Island from Memorial into Old Beach and Catherine. Especially dangerous on Rhode Island which has heavy traffic. And one minor comment---why is the street sweeper cleaning streets at 12-1 in the morning? Really loud, can't we figure out a more reasonable time when people are not sleeping. Have been impressed with the tree removal on the streets after a storm, well done.	11/18/2019 10:22 AM
21	First, this is a great survey! Really happy that there is a forum and group beginning this process. Would be happy to be a part of this! I work over at the Newport County YMCA as their Adapted Program Director. My wife works at NPT Healthworks and we are both interested in getting more involved. We are both avid runners and cyclists as well as being part of several running groups in town.	11/17/2019 1:26 PM
22	Regulate and enforce the ride shares. Both Uber and lyft drivers cause a lot of congestion because they're from out of town. They don't know what they're doing and they pick up and drop off in the middle of the street. The last thing Newport needs is more people from out of town clogging the streets not knowing where they're going or what they're doing.	11/17/2019 7:17 AM
23	Walking...cycling both dangerous. My suggestion for increased inforcement: pick locations with the highest density of drivers, pedestrians, cyclists....start there, the word will spread. Question: how many hours does the police department spend on their bicycle fleet?	11/16/2019 6:00 AM
24	The after school buses at the Middle School on Broadway causes a nice traffic jam from the school to city hall, Touro and Spring Street. My idea, would be to have the buses park on Mann Street and have the children get on the bus there. There is less traffic on Mann Street, (which makes it much safer for the kids), and clears up the heavy traffic jam that happens every day. Broadway is the main street for the people who live here and the ones that come to visit this fine city, so by fixing this little mishap would make everyone happy.	11/15/2019 12:36 PM
25	I think parking enforcement really needs to step up. I live in the Point and all summer we had cars with no Newport parking stickers or guess passes taking up all of the spots on Poplar, Cross, Elm ,etc. Saw one single car get ticketed the entire summer. In years past we have seen much more from parking enforcement and this year was very disappointing.	11/15/2019 8:21 AM
26	See note in #5 above.	11/15/2019 6:08 AM
27	I find Newport super easy to find parking during the off seasons, of course! But during big seasons, there should be other options to help with parking. Congestion is normal and can be expected (besides the bridges, which need to be better with traffic) but parking should be improved on the outskirts of the city so people can park for cheap and find a way downtown on their own	11/15/2019 5:17 AM
28	Memories by first beach please change this back to two lanes by the beach house and turn to second beach and also by the spiced pear. Why you turned this into one lane I will never	11/15/2019 5:01 AM

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	understand. You have congested traffic terribly both spots. It use to flow perfectly.	
29	Crosswalks are important.! But having them where there is no traffic light is dangerous to pedestrians and drivers alike. People slam on their brakes in the middle of a busy street, accidents happen. People cross when one car stops and the other side doesn't..very dangerous and scary for all parties.	11/14/2019 11:06 PM
30	Yes, really hope bike stations become a reality so we can bike from here to there, leave the bike locked and pick up another somewhere else. (Forgot what such a program is called, but read about it this summer in NDNews.)	11/14/2019 6:10 PM
31	Newport is my home town but moved to Portsmouth to avoid the noise and congestion! I watched it transform from a Navy town to a major tourist destination. I love Newport and all it has to offer with the exception of the traffic and parking situations. We love to eat downtown or walk along Thames Street or Bellevue Avenue with our dogs or a nice relaxing ride around the Ocean Drive but dread it during the tourist season! I am a 36 year RIPTA employee with lots of transportation experience that I would like to share to help alleviate traffic by using smart traffic management, enforcement of existing traffic laws and find a solution for more safe and convenient parking!	11/14/2019 4:30 PM
32	Many of the Questions are related to congestion and over crowding. This is a historic destination; people live and come here for its historic and scenic feel. Bicycle & pedestrian rules of the road must be strictly encouraged/ enforced. Lots of warnings need to be issued by police and with computers repeat offenders can be identified and ticketed with stronger actions for the very few that don't care about tickets. Crosswalks around Bellevue & Memorial Aves. need spot lights at night, and more space between cars/trucks parked and the crosswalks. Similar issue exists in other congested areas. Public transit usage would increase if buses had fare, transfer information, route/destination were printed on the vehicles. Consider a all day \$2 unlimited ride fare for a bus route that circles the downtown. Car congestion costs a huge amount of expense that is hard to measure but is real.	11/14/2019 3:52 PM
33	I believe Newport should have satellite parking lots with shuttles to downtown. Crosswalks are decent however, in the summer not everyone pays attention to them.	11/14/2019 3:41 PM
34	I feel strongly that the lane re-arrangement on Memorial Blvd has led to unintended consequences and should be reexamined. The shoulder was always comfortably wide for cycling with two lanes of traffic which helped reduce the intensity of traffic - the single lane doubles the number of cars in one lane making it harder for pedestrians, cars, and bikes to cross from the side streets. That said, I think a widening of the shoulders on Ocean Drive or the addition of a bike path there would be a great improvement for bike safety and tourism. Newport is a great walking city. Unfortunately, the sidewalk conditions are difficult for those with walkers or wheelchairs to navigate - even the new sidewalks on Broadway and America's Cup have awkward slopes leading to the crosswalks. The bus/public transport system on the island is close to working well but I think studying other small cities would help bring it to the next level. The reduction in service to Boston, for example, is not helpful in reducing cars on the road.	11/14/2019 2:46 PM
35	You can accomplish much by restricting cars and vehicles...let pedestrians take over Thames Street	11/14/2019 2:40 PM
36	Newport/Pell Bridge ramp, approaches, roadways. All options should be put on the table, and kept as such, with the future in mind. Since the current options are limited in scope (VHB/RIDOT have not updated their plans), It's time to make sure it works for the entire island. This is the most important transportation aspect currently facing Newport and the island. The time has come to finish America's Cup Avenue to the south; incorporate Gate 4 to the north while finishing the inaccurate so-called "road to nowhere"; and keep the traffic flowing versus the "helter skelter approach" by using Farwell Street, the Point section and Adm. Kalbfus as the main throughways The 3 or 4/10ths of mile needed to complete America's Cup Avenue with Memorial Blvd, and the continuation of the "road to nowhere" to the north (Gate 4/Burma Road) are the linchpins to the success of any plan. Without the above said. Any proposed plans - most likely will not succeed. Keep in mind, the Newport/Pell Bridge is no longer a tourist bridge, but a vital commuter and evacuation route.	11/14/2019 1:42 PM
37	Traffic calming solutions in neighborhoods particularly with higher concentrations of children. Speeding is an issue.	11/14/2019 1:22 PM
38	upper Thames pedestrianized. deliveries early in the AM to those businesses.	11/14/2019 12:32 PM
39	walkers and bikers // tourists do not use crosswalks or pay attention to signal lights. bikers not obeying rules of road.	11/14/2019 12:27 PM
40	get public transportation back to the HS and for residents of the 5th ward - not everyone is rich. Locals should still matter! We do not want to participate in all the events and the business of Newport but are unable to make it to the meetings. No more hotels! (lives in 5th ward - disabled. inquired about transportation to meeting.)	11/14/2019 12:24 PM
41	I would like to see enforcement of clearing sidewalks after storms. As there are more "second" homes than ever, there is an out of sight out of mind mentality regarding the clearance of snow. It is dangerous.	11/14/2019 12:22 PM
42	We need more sidewalks. It's a great city for walking but not always safe.	11/14/2019 12:20 PM
43	repair bike path at Fort Adams/bike lane on Ocean Drive. create bike path out of railroad tracks. repair streets and even out sidewalks.	11/14/2019 12:09 PM
44	Uber, Lyft, tourists = disaster. Newport is one of the most walkable towns in America, but no one gets out of their car. We have to encourage more pedestrian tourism.	11/14/2019 12:07 PM
45	Build more parking garages! Then provide people with safe ways to get from them to the downtown area - like a light rail. Create more pedestrian friendly areas. Build a dedicated	11/14/2019 11:22 AM

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bicycle path to move people from Portsmouth and Middletown into Newport safely by bike.  
Change traffic patterns to create less confusion.

46	seems there should be a continuous bike loop threw the city relook at the road setup at first beach a light or two on memorial might make it less of a death wish to cross the road.maybe park cars nose in along the beach to use up extra road space and allow for more parking . widen sidewalk along memorial to beach.	11/14/2019 7:48 AM
47	Traffic needs to be given priority in Newport and the days of public officials not addressing this issue for decades has only contributed to these ongoing problems	11/14/2019 6:47 AM
48	Please make lower Washington Square (between Broadway and Thames) ONCE AGAIN at least 2 lanes to reduce the congestion at the traffic light for the left-turn-only onto Thames and allow those u-turning up Touro to do so more easily, safely, and efficiently. Creating parking out of the downtown area and providing free public transportation to downtown and other destinations around our city would reduce congestion and pollution. A small fee for major tourist destinations like all the mansions could easily pay for this system. Using electric vehicles as the public transportation vehicles would be great.	11/14/2019 6:35 AM
49	Signage is a major problem for non-residents all year long. Need to provide better directions.	11/13/2019 9:48 PM
50	the roads are bad needs to be fixed.	11/13/2019 6:46 PM
51	bike and road safety improvements and accessible public transport options impact the terrible traffic in the summers. the key is to change the culture here and created a culture here where people expect to park their cars and use other forms of transportation to get around town.	11/13/2019 6:40 PM
52	pretty good.	11/13/2019 6:32 PM
53	bikes need to stay off sidewalks!! no police enforcement.	11/13/2019 6:30 PM
54	Keep courthouse open please.	11/13/2019 6:26 PM
55	more attention needs to be paid to bicyclists following traffic laws. reopen Court Street.	11/13/2019 6:19 PM
56	improve enforcement of traffic laws (stops signs, stop lights, speeding, illegal parking, etc. for vehicles and bikes.	11/13/2019 6:19 PM
57	Re-open Courthouse Street. PS Why isn't Warner Street one way?	11/13/2019 6:17 PM
58	traffic is not as bad as locals complain! it is only bad over weekends in the summer	11/13/2019 5:38 PM
59	I do not ride my bike in Newport because I feel it is unsafe. I cannot understand why there isn't a bike path connecting all of Aquidneck Island from Newport through Portsmouth.	11/13/2019 2:31 PM
60	We need better alternatives for people that live close (on Aquidneck Island) to get into Newport without having to drive a car. It would relieve traffic and parking! I live 8 miles from Newport and would love to ride a bike down in the summer, but there are no safe routes from Portsmouth to Newport!! And public transit options are very limited on evenings and weekends. Uber has helped reduce the need for cars, but it can be cost prohibitive.	11/13/2019 12:42 PM
61	Please RESTORE driving route around courthouse to what is was before you tested recent unsuccessful route.	11/13/2019 7:52 AM
62	some of the intersections make no sense - lights at Memorial/Bellevue should mimic Memorial/Spring -	11/13/2019 7:43 AM
63	meters at Cliff Walk; asked whether bike lanes exist	11/12/2019 6:34 PM
64	provide parking for visitors and bus facilities to bring them downtown	11/12/2019 6:25 PM
65	re-paint bike signs on the roads more often	11/12/2019 6:19 PM
66	make bike sharing an option	11/12/2019 6:10 PM
67	tourist traffic is horrific - no enforcement; need to limit cars in downtown Newport. Allow better parking options for mopeds!	11/12/2019 6:05 PM
68	City routinely makes concessions on parking for new developments, instead of having development properly sized to meet parking and other zoning requirements. This needs to be checked and if a concession is made, a public benefit should be required. Ie: many cities have a requirement for shortfalls of parking to have the developer pay into a parking fund. Same for new developments - pay for increased burden on systems - traffic, safety/fire, parking, etc... Proposed zoning changes for increased density by North End developer should come with a similar impact fee and contribution for any allowable increase in density. The Carpenarto Group was a density and height increase - providing them more building space = more value. This will surely increase traffic and thus reasonable justification for impact and increased density fees / concessions..	11/12/2019 5:26 PM
69	Allow Right Turn on Red during the winter months when mostly residents travel our roads. Especially at the intersection of Memorial and Bellevue. Is the constant traffic jam along Spring Street from Memorial down to Morton Ave being addressed?	11/12/2019 10:56 AM
70	Integrate transportation—bikes, feet, trolleys. Get all school-aged children on public buses (and teach them how to use them). Have police and other public officials educate public and visitors on friendly transit manners.	11/12/2019 9:52 AM
71	Traffic is terrible, parking availability is even worse. Traffic will only get worse with two/three new massive hotels. It's faster to walk places than drive through downtown in the summer. Perhaps you shouldn't hire companies to do traffic surveys at 2:30am in February	11/12/2019 9:06 AM
72	Changing traffic patterns from "difficult" to "really horrible" is not the way to go. That being said, there have been some improvements to some of the more problematic intersections. People in crosswalks are instructed to step into turning traffic. Cars have to stop mid-turn and run the risk	11/12/2019 8:13 AM



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of being rear-ended or possibly running into pedestrians stepping into the crosswalk. It makes more sense to stop all traffic to allow safe crossing. On the topic of crosswalks: people don't use them. Drive down Thames, America's Cup, Spring, or Bellevue on a busy day and count how many times pedestrians hold up flowing traffic by crossing indiscriminately. Another problem area in my neighborhood is the corner of Bliss & Broadway, with drivers making a left turn from the liquor store parking lot to get to Broadway, despite signage. I can't count the number of times I've nearly been hit head-on while turning from Broadway to Bliss. Once, when the road was closed to traffic, a cop was on traffic duty. When I thanked him for stopping the illegal left turns, he said he does it all the time. Not enforcing illegal left turns, including on Lower Broadway, where there are signs about turning left to parking spaces, creates a public safety problem. I like that crosswalks are clearly marked but there's no consequence when people don't stop. One last thing: when a cop is on traffic detail, they should not be looking at their phones. They should be controlling and directing traffic. Speeders also fly by cruisers parked in places that are presumably speed traps. Take a look. Chances are the cop is looking at a phone.

73	The Spring St courthouse traffic mess should be undone immediately. We need more parking and fewer traffic lights	11/12/2019 7:17 AM
74	Overall where I live transportation is good. Parking can be a challenge even with a newport sticker.	11/12/2019 6:55 AM
75	See comment in #5 Streets horrible. Seems as if every time a street is paved someone opens it up and doesn't repair it. City streets are a maze of poorly repaired digging projects resulting in pot holes. Should require city and any contractor who digs in a street to return it to a smooth surface even if they have to come back after it settles.	11/12/2019 6:50 AM
76	More patrols to cut down on speeding in town	11/11/2019 4:48 AM
77	There is Fast traffic on city streets; 20-25 mph is reasonable .. 30+ should be discouraged. I have no solution to curtail it aside from installation of persistent flashing speed limit signs, which is expensive. But, fast traffic does not allow traffic to flow safely from intersecting streets. I	11/9/2019 11:14 PM
78	Not sure how to improve it, but the vehicles going to the hospital has seemed to increase over the years. The light causes a huge back up along Broadway, either because someone is waiting to turn or the light changes too frequently. Also at night time after 10pm it seems to stop traffic when no one is coming out of Friendship St- especially in the winter time when there are no cars. Maybe consider a turn left arrow for vehicles traveling south on Broadway that gives the southern traffic a minute to move before the northern traffic goes- allowing those that need to turn to do so without causing a back-up. Also vehicles coming out from Malbone Rd seems cause another back up- vehicles seem to come out of Malbone to either cross both lanes of traffic to go onto Bliss Rd or take a left onto Broadway. Maybe a sign for only right turns is necessary (even though no one seems to abide by that one way sign at the top of Bliss and cars come out of the liquor store parking lot and continuously enter Broadway.	11/9/2019 9:01 PM
79	It is multi-layered. Possibly set up paid pubic parking off-site and utilize free trollies for those people parked. Maybe take some 2 way roads and make into one way roads (lower Thames from Naragansett to Morton and the north bound Spring St from Morton)	11/9/2019 6:15 PM
80	Getting non-resident automobile traffic out of downtown Newport. Reducing all traffic. Providing free or inexpensive public transportation throughout so that people and purchases can be quickly and easily moved without cars. Bike share.	11/9/2019 12:56 PM
81	Calming devices such as berms should be used more extensively on Broadway and stop sign restored at Broadway and Farewell St. Parking space should be eliminated at Church and Spring to allow clearer vision of traffic descending Spring to Touro and left turn light installed at Touro and Spring to allow safe left turn into Spring. Berm placed at Touro where cars are asked to stop to allow traffic to make a right turn from Spring. Eliminate Farmers Market from Memorial as it is a traffic hazard.	11/9/2019 11:23 AM
82	More resident only parking	11/9/2019 9:03 AM
83	Vital to protect our waterfront as the crown jewel of the city and foremost economic driver. Must utilize public transport with remote parking. Focus on pedestrian and bicycle in the heart of our beautiful little city.	11/9/2019 8:28 AM
84	Traffic enforcement would be nice. Police details at construction sites could help with traffic instead of being on their cell phones chatting away, laughing, smiling- doesn't look like official business! Memorial Blvd. striping is awful, and the hill by Gibbs is so dangerous.	11/9/2019 8:09 AM
85	Police need to do their jobs and stop wrong way/ wrong side bicyclists. They need to stop speeders, stop sign runners. They need to manually direct traffic on summer weekends. That is what they are paid to do.	11/9/2019 6:44 AM
86	The bicyclist is Newport do not respect the traffic laws. There is little to none enforcement of bicycle rule/law by police.	11/8/2019 6:16 PM
87	I think bike lanes are unrealistic and dangerous in Newport. We have very narrow streets, and the bike lanes start and stop unpredictably, leading to both a false sense of security and to confusion. Newport has to face that we cannot be all things to all people -- encouraging more bike traffic will inevitably lead to fatalities. Pedestrian/crossing safety should be a top priority. Pedestrian deaths at crosswalks (on Bellevue and on Memorial), without the drivers being charged, is a disgrace. Broadway's redesign made so many bright lights that the ones at the crosswalks don't stand out. The former crosswalk outside City Hall, with the lights embedded into the road, was excellent. Why not add that design to Memorial Boulevard and Bellevue?	11/8/2019 5:53 PM
88	I am concerned about the Pell Bridge Ramp realignment project and what the impact will be on the North End's pedestrian and bike accessibility as well as connectivity to downtown Newport. This is the one chance the city has to be reconnected and should not be squandered.	11/6/2019 6:50 PM



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89	Instigate parking on only one side of residential street and back from stop signs by a car's length. More one way residential streets — Catharine Street is a case in point. Seems like I need to weave in and out of parked cars because parking on both sides of the street doesn't allow for two-way traffic. Often true on Ayrault, Pell & Catharine. We also need more blinking lights marking cross walks. It would be good if they were pedestrian activated. Problem at Bellevue and Memorial when cars can turn right I to people crossing when they have a walk signal.	11/2/2019 9:36 PM
90	I work with a lot of different organizations that serve people in need. Access to public transportation is their number one issue.	11/1/2019 1:57 PM
91	Transportation issues as other infrastructure issues (water, sewage....) are directly related to the development of our town and what we want for Newport. I am a long time resident of The Hill and dread the new hotels opening on America's Cup Avenue and the proposed new traffic pattern around (and back again) for a new park on Spring Street. America's Cup Avenue 2 lanes of traffic that get feed to one lane going in either direction... and now hundreds of more rooms and people with cars. Is that best for Newport? Is that planning??	11/1/2019 11:54 AM
92	Consider placing police at key intersections on summer weekends, e.g. @ the Red Parrot to better facilitate car and pedestrian traffic flow. Pedestrian zones on Lower Thames perhaps on either Saturday or Sunday for a defined block of time? Get people out of their cars, walk down the street, spend time in our stores and restaurants offers economic benefits. This is a world wide phenomena in major cities in Europe, Latin and South America. It works!	10/31/2019 10:23 PM
93	Cars need to slow down. It's so hard to cross the street when traffic signals let cars go despite a "Walk" traffic signal. Cars don't pay attention and it makes it scary and unsafe to walk.	10/31/2019 5:21 PM
94	Number one concern is for more affordable options for elderly people to get around to doctor appointments and other places. (Uber is too expensive, and the buses we have are not doable for many of the elderly)	10/31/2019 3:59 PM
95	It is nearly impossible to rank the items in question six. They all matter. What is missing is traffic calming, a complete streets ordinance with teeth, and enforcement, enforcement, enforcement. The police are invisible. Theirs are difficult and dangerous jobs, but I should see more traffic enforcement on a daily basis, not just when Audrain has its automobile concours d'elegance, a taxpayer is killed on Memorial Blvd or mowed down in a crosswalk. Oh the irony.	10/30/2019 6:03 PM
96	This is less of a complaint about the City and more about the State but it effects how people get here. I feel more people would ride the RIPTA buses to commute to Newport, if they made paying more convenient. Currently if you don't have RIPTA passes, you need to have cash on you, which fewer and fewer people have. If RIPTA had an app, more young professionals would likely take it, which would reduce traffic and make more people want to work in Newport.	10/30/2019 1:55 PM
97	1) We NEED bus routes throughout the city. There has to be alternatives to driving, especially to high-traffic areas. The trolley system to the mansions and Cliff Walk is great, but what about First Beach and Ocean Drive? This could also service the Fifth Ward area.	10/30/2019 9:30 AM
98	-The city needs to improve and increase public transit options. It should be cheaper and easier to take the RIPTA as a main mode of transportation -The Pell Bridge should be accessible by pedestrians and bikers -The island needs a bike path! -Eventually, the city should invest in a light rail system that would connect to the NE regional public transit system	10/29/2019 4:27 PM
99	Tough to put an order to it because it is so intertwined. You can't reduce congestion without improving parking to allow better bike lanes. An Island wide, dedicated network of bike lanes would be wonderful.	10/29/2019 1:10 PM
100	Improve quality of streets isn't high on the list as I view the cobblestone, bumpy streets as a speeding deterrent and in keeping with the historical nature of Newport. I would, post signs for streets one way streets that are heading to the waterfront from Spring....big trucks speed down streets like Extension, and the newly replaced sidewalks are already crumbling.	10/28/2019 3:43 PM
101	I would really like to see tourist traffic removed from the center of town. I think tourists should walk or use attractive and reliable public transportation. Parking for tourists (including most of those staying in hotels) should be in a designated facility in the north end, conveniently connected with the center of town.	10/28/2019 2:11 PM
102	enforcement of bikes not stopping at red lights or stop signs	10/27/2019 6:46 PM
103	Most of the street are good enough and reducing congestion, without becoming a burden to visitors, is manageable given all of our alternative routes. Traffic light timing is poor and smarter technologies should be used to improve flow and to prioritize routes.	10/27/2019 1:21 PM
104	Over population	10/26/2019 6:10 PM
105	invest in public transportation.	10/24/2019 2:35 PM
106	You mail out resident parking stickers to many many people who no longer live in Newport. Have residents show a current bill they pay and you will reduce the number of stickers. Summer congestion on America's cup, Thames, Bellevue, Spring St. and Memorial are DEPRESSING. Out of toners are constantly speeding down streets. I couldn't even find a parking spot at Stop and Shop during Car event and during tennis .	10/23/2019 5:01 PM
107	I think this city can be a city of public transportation and use of bicycles. Need for parking space for visitors and use of more public transportation and bicycles.	10/22/2019 10:58 PM
108	Newport's transportation is based on cars, which doesn't make sense since it is such a walkable city. Encourage people to get on bikes and walk - make crosswalks and intersections safer, charge tourists a daily fee to drive their vehicle in Newport in the summer - make bike lanes in places that are feasible like the Ocean Drive, etc, and get cars off the road. It will improve the quality of the streets if less cars drive on them. There are way too many cars on the road during the tourist season. Tourists should have to pay for the convenience of bringing	10/22/2019 8:33 PM

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their cars into Newport. Encourage more hotels to offer bikes for patrons to ride. Get the massive buses off the road and have smaller busses, half the size, like they have in Tokyo. Half the year, those massive buses are empty. We need more bike lanes! You should not allow parking on Thames and Spring St. during the summer months and turn the area where people park into bike lanes. That is essential in order to get people out of their cars and get moving.

109	Speeders along many streets are not monitored or dealt with.	10/22/2019 2:46 PM
110	Lower the speed bump at 299 Broadway	10/22/2019 2:41 PM
111	Stop trying to make the streets fancy, artful - they do not last, concrete only.	10/22/2019 1:27 PM
112	The highest volume intersections need better timing of lights and coordination with major events that have foot traffic. Having the stop sign in pedestrian crossways works. Fill pot holes, paint the street lines and cross walk before tourist season in May. The cost to have overtime police directing traffic should be at the expense of the event holder not the tax payer.	10/22/2019 1:04 PM
113	Newport has a huge opportunity to invest in walkability and bicycling. Distances are manageable and the city is most congested precisely when the weather is most conducive to walking & biking! I would like to see significant improvement in bicycle infrastructure: specifically dedicated (guarded) lanes on bicycle routes on Bellevue, Memorial, Broadway, and Adm Kalbfus connecting the North End to Broadway & Bellevue shopping areas, and to Easton's beach/Cliff walk and the southern end of the island. Parking in the Thames/Spring/Bellevue/Memorial/Americas Cup central area can/should be reduced to encourage alternatives to driving. Would like to see new bus or trolley service on Memorial connecting the waterfront to Spring St, Bellevue Ave, Cliff Walk, & Easton's Beach & the Middletown waterfront district. Memorial Drive should be reduced in size to reduce speeds (and add dedicated bike and/or bus lane). Broadway north of Bliss should be reduced as well to reduce speeds.	10/22/2019 11:48 AM
114	Enforce speed limits in residential neighborhoods	10/22/2019 9:10 AM
115	Note that our transportation master plan calls for reducing impact on our historic resources, quality of life, etc. It is time to focus on a vision for Newport as a modern city that will always need to balance its historic significance, its economy and quality of life. We should focus on moving people in the lowest impact ways possible, not moving as many cars and trucks through the city as possible.	10/22/2019 9:10 AM
116	The traffic congestion and aggressive drivers have made the Newport Streets unsafe for pedestrians and bikers. There needs to be more visible police presence and interventions. Crossing Bellevue Avenue at Memorial is life-threatening. Traffic lights should allow pedestrians to cross ALL of the lanes on Memorial, not just half way. Newport should have off site parking for tourists with easy access to EV buses/ trolleys . Also oversized tour buses should be given clear maps with defined legal bus routes. Buses should be fined for deviating from the routes, but that would require enforcement. Just as examples, I observed an oversized Academy tour bus on Dresser Street making a left turn onto Annandale, and an oversized tour bus making a 5-point right turn from Parker onto Annandale Rd. Walking and biking the streets of Newport is u safe to residents and tourists.	10/22/2019 6:02 AM
117	Scooters could be a really popular option in Newport too, but we need better/flatter streets for them to work well.	10/21/2019 11:07 PM
118	I work at NUWC 3 miles away but there is no easy bus to catch. Riding bike on west main is horrific. So I drive.three.miles. very sad. Drivers speed and don't stop for pedestrians.	10/21/2019 10:55 PM
119	Some intersections need immediate attention & more adequate flow.. Broadway x Friendship Courthouse Square (please do not close up access to Farewell!!) Bridge St x Americas Cup lane matchups are confusing for non locals.	10/21/2019 10:46 PM
120	In the summer we should become s golf cart community in town. Have a parking garage on the edge of town and rent golf carts to tourists or provide public transportation. Think of all the golf carts we could park and reduce emissions! Also we need to eliminate parking spots in front of cross walks and add better lighting.	10/21/2019 10:16 PM
121	Keep Court Street closed and make the park. Increase historic and green space to combat the new hotels taking away those things AND encourage more pedestrian safety by doing so. Also, please increase from only one lane to 2 going from Lower Broadway to Thames. The needless waiting for that poorly synced/timed traffic light could be greatly improved by putting in a left turn only lane on the left next to Washington Square and a turn onto Thames only lane on the right near restaurants.	10/21/2019 10:00 PM
122	Please leave Court Street CLOSED. The vocal minority can deal with a new routine. The improved pedestrian traffic and reduced vehicle traffic to that part of the city is MUCH improved, connecting the new Broadway area with historic and religious freedom areas of our great city!	10/21/2019 9:09 PM
123	Need for center parking with green transport into town or light rail. Battery chargers for electric cars in municipal lots. Rid town of 3 wheel scooter and have Uber Bikes ( electric) and increase bike lanes. PS: a plan to counter rising seas is more urgent than this plan	10/21/2019 8:47 PM
124	Get with the times, have affordable and frequent transportation in this tourist oriented city and leave the cars in a parking lot away from downtown	10/21/2019 8:23 PM
125	Need to ticket tourists riding bikes in sidewalks and against traffic. Need to educate local drivers on serious cyclists rights to the road. Need an easy reliable way for cyclists to get to Jamestown and beyond	10/21/2019 8:12 PM
126	Reducing traffic congestion should not be the overall goal, it is a symptom of growth that has been met with a lack of action, funds, and long-range planning. It is a problem, but not a constant one. We need to make traffic and road use smarter. Satellite parking, smarter traffic flow, better signage And markings, better enforcement, will all help to make Newport more livable and invite visitors, rather than intimidate them. It is hard to strictly rank order these 10	10/21/2019 7:56 PM

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items, as many are connected and could be accomplished easily, with others will be years in the making and require cooperation and coordination with the state. Improving parking will mean MOVING parking to a satellite location, and creating a system to get folks into and around town. Be bold, Newport! Cities which have embraced bikes and pedestrians and great public transport ideas are thriving. If you build it, they will come, and residents will stay, instead of fleeing! Other: Enforce the speed limit, warn and ticket bikes who act recklessly, and get rid of those crazy three-wheeled rental scooters! In the interest of full disclosure, I want to let you know that I am a member of the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. As such, I am sort of already a Master Plan Ambassador, or at least an advocate. Thanks for the chance to comment, Kate Brandeis.

127	Keep tourist cars out of downtown Newport - provide shuttles from bridge parking lots.	10/21/2019 7:00 PM
128	Would be great to have trolleys such as ones used by Salve to transport people around from various neighborhoods to hospital, Edward King Center, shopping.	10/21/2019 1:10 PM
129	Bicycling off the ferry is essential, but lacking, I think. I am confounded by the car-centric system in Newport. Cough!	10/20/2019 5:29 PM
130	Crosswalks should be better lit, perhaps using a lighting system that notifies drivers when a pedestrian is ready to cross. A big problem area is the Memorial Blvd/Bellevue intersection. There is no right on red for cars to turn and when light is green to turn right, the crosswalks open for pedestrians. There should be a 4-way crossing period for 20 seconds to allow all pedestrians to cross at one time. This way when the lights are green, car have the right of way which will allow for a more continuous flow of traffic. Also there needs to be parking lines for all street parking so cars no what space they can park in. Broadway, Spring and Thames do not have delineated parking spots so cars park randomly and do not allow for maximum use of parking spaces.	10/20/2019 12:42 PM
131	"Something else": Improve quality of transportation options that don't require the use of a car to reduce the number of cars traveling in the city. Including local travel (better walkability, bike, public transport) and regional travel (more reliable and frequent bus and ferry options, parking connected to local transport network).	10/20/2019 8:46 AM
132	Improve traffic flow in central Newport in back of court house.	10/19/2019 4:00 PM
133	We have family in Oxford, England. Their transportation agency manages several bus companies that service the city and surrounding communities. It includes a point-of-pickup-and-dropoff service hailed by an app. Can be charged to your transit card. Especially if you have some mobility limitations, it saves walking several blocks to a regular bus stop. See <a href="http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk">www.oxfordbus.co.uk</a> , PickMeUp for details.	10/19/2019 2:23 PM
134	A left turn lane and left turn arrow should be installed at every busy intersection More lights are needed along Bellevue and Memorial in summer traffic. Parking shuttles from outside of the center of town should be free and frequent	10/19/2019 12:03 AM
135	Would like bike sharing made clear on roads involved with the Ocean Drive. Starting with Americas Cup Ave. and along Wellington Ave, Harrison as well as Brenton, Ridge Rd, Ocean Ave, down Bellevue to Memorial. Would like streets that are used to bypass main routes in and out of town by drivers, influenced by navigation apps like Waze, to not be available to those drivers. In particular the streets of Rhode Island Ave., Gibbs Ave., and Eustis Ave. Also, provide concrete sidewalks where they currently do not exist between Kay and Memorial. Replacing bits that are asphalt. They are a walkers risk for broken or twisted ankle. Revisit the policy of not allowing speed humps on streets in Newport. Would like roundabouts, small and medium circles, to replace 4- and 3-way intersections. In particular the intersections at: Farewell & Americas Cup Ave, Americas Cup & Bridge St., Americas Cup & Thames St, Americas Cup, Thames St, & Memorial, Memorial & Spring St., Bellevue Ave & Memorial.	10/17/2019 9:33 PM
136	The new crosswalks on Americas Cup ave are what we need more of. The pedestrian crossing needs to be separate from green turn arrows at places like Bellevue and Memorial - this is the WORST intersection! Parking is well enforced but j-walking is not and I believe problematic which would indicate we need more crosswalks. Curb appeal in general is poor, especially as you come into the city. The Broadway improvements took this into consideration and it is beautiful! The Hammets Wharf shuttle is a great addition - golf cart transportation seems to work well in the City as do pedicabs, but they need more space and designated travels areas.	10/17/2019 9:04 AM
137	Do not close Court House St. The experimental traffic pattern this past summer was a fiasco. The old traffic pattern, while not perfect worked.	10/16/2019 10:10 PM
138	Should be able to access town via parking depot (via North end or 1st beach) and take dedicated bike lanes or sidewalk(perhaps adjacent to rail line, or via Memorial) into town. Parking garage in old Slots lot with ticket that pays for roundtrip trolley into town with dropp off at America's Cup.	10/16/2019 7:28 PM
139	It's a small town, walking and biking should be easier, friendlier options. We aren't really able to add more streets or more parking, so less cars on the streets by default becomes the only answer. We certainly won't be adding a subway, for example. Buses and trolleys would be stuck in the same traffic the cars are stuck in. But we can get cars off the street if we commit to it with proper pedestrian and bike infrastructure. Despite the delusional opinion the bikes cause traffic (impossible if they're in their own dedicated lanes), when you're actually sitting in traffic in town it is of course always caused by other cars. As proven by bikes rolling right on by, bike lane or not. As e-bikes get cheaper and more accessible it will help users deal with hills, maintain faster speeds, and further increase the ease of use of a bike in town. The bottom line is more people on bikes or simply walking with REAL bike and pedestrian infrastructure improvements makes it easier for me (and everyone else) when we need to use cars by hopefully reducing the number of cars on the roads.	10/16/2019 4:32 PM
140	We need more parking. Sidewalks are terrible. Try pushing someone in a wheelchair anywhere in our city and you'll know how bad it is. Please consider a bus to the beaches from downtown	10/16/2019 4:15 PM

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to eliminate traffic. Please consider closing traffic on lower Thames on Saturday nights. Our crosswalks are awful. Please consider more crosswalk lights on Memorial. Let's bring speed cameras to Memorial Blvd. thank you so very much for listening. Hank Holbrook. 111 Old Beach Rd. Oh and one last thought. I love biking in Newport. Resurfacing our streets with tar and stone is awful for bikers. Let's keep our streets smooth :) thank you!!!

141	See above in comments section 5.	10/16/2019 1:53 PM
142	Narrow streets with on street parking are challenging for cars, especially when travels in both directions are permitted. Certain streets should be evaluated for one way traffic only.	10/16/2019 10:56 AM
143	Lane markings on many streets are missing making driving down them sometimes very dangerous. Cars on two-way streets with parking on one or both sides can be squeezed into conflicting travel lanes because without lane markers it is hard to judge distances. It feels like either the on-coming car or the parked cars will be hit.	10/16/2019 10:08 AM
144	please make improvements to make the city more pedestrian and bike friendly	10/15/2019 10:54 PM
145	Adopt and follow a green and complete streets ordinance written to comply fully with the National Complete Streets Coalition's standards.	10/15/2019 4:03 PM
146	There needs to be better and easier to understand public transit for tourists. A free parking lot at the casino and a shuttle would be nice. I also wish there was a train going to providence via wick ford junction but that's really expensive and unfeasable.	10/15/2019 3:25 PM
147	East Bay Light Rail!!! Rehab the tracks the dinner train runs on then use that to ease congestion on West Main and Coddington. Have a stop in Melville, the Balfour communities off Burma near the campground, one for the navy base, one at Coddington near the traffic circle, and one at the Newport Gateway. Public Parking availability/cost is a big part of why traffic is so bad. People circle the block looking for spaces because all of the private lots are 30+\$ for a day/evening and they're looking for options for on street parking as well as cheaper parking lot options but finding none. Add price controls to the cottage industry of people paying college kids to sit in small private parking lots and collect \$ from customers. Beach traffic..... need to figure out how to get people out of the city in summer afternoons without locking down all of spring and Bellevue. Maybe limit car access to the beach? Maybe add pricing incentives to the parking costs at the beaches for people to leave (Or not leave) by a certain time - spreading out the exodus of people that seems to happen between 3:00 and 5:00. Dixon Is very narrow yet gets all the traffic from Wellington. Can Thames be two way just to Lee so that traffic is redirected onto a better street?	10/15/2019 12:27 PM
148	Most elements get linked together. Satellite parking is needed to solve congestion. But viable alternatives to moving around the city are needed. There is a really big difference of where parking is added- add it on the perimeter of town. And there's a really big difference if that perimeter parking is used- don't add it without also upgrading all the other means of transit in town. Seasonality is a contributor- have separate plans for on and off season. Shut some of the downtown to vehicular traffic on summer weekends- force people out of cars- AND work with bus, bike renters, uber/lyft etc to get people around.	10/15/2019 9:54 AM
149	Newport needs to provide visitors and residents with more information about how to navigate the small streets. This includes common sense information for everyone from commuters, to pedestrians, and particularly bicyclists. The newly empowered biking community is often disrespectful and oblivious to the traffic around them. I feel like we are trying to accommodate too many moving parts on our little streets; I ride a bike, I walk and I drive in Newport every day. Frustrated drivers cause accidents; not being able to see around corners, no right on red at major intersections and poorly timed walk signals and traffic signals create serious problems if you are a resident who simply wants to go from Point A to Point B. Our streets are never going to be big enough to safely accommodate the number of cars we are expected to absorb. The state of RI should be contributing major funding to help alleviate the expenses we incur as one of their prime sourcea of tourism income. . We are unfairly labeled as "impatient"	10/15/2019 9:18 AM
150	Increase alternative transportation for workforce. Impossible to commute without a car, which leads to a lack of workforce for Newport businesses	10/15/2019 8:44 AM
151	Use the old casino as a parking hub and run the trolleys or some form of Mass transit into town from there.	10/15/2019 8:43 AM
152	put the traffic lights on trips and let all lights have turn right on red	10/15/2019 6:09 AM
153	Crosswalks at Bellevue and memorial blvd needs to be changed. Very hard to cross street especially in summer. Tourists do not stop for pedestrians even if theres a sign in the middle of the street. Use a flag system like they do in wakefield.	10/15/2019 4:55 AM
154	Speed limit enforcement, stop sign enforcement .....police presence at busy intersection Blocking the intersections enforcement	10/14/2019 8:10 PM
155	Enforce stopping @ stop sign-- especially bicycles! On my walks I watch bikers RACE through stop signs including Counselor McLaughlin	10/14/2019 7:19 PM
156	Add more EV chargers for electric cars. There is one near Howards Wharf that you must pay \$20 to park during the summer, and one in Fort Adams. Those are the only options for Newport residents! We need some near 1st beach and Brenton Point, available to both residents and tourists. Newport is a major tourist attraction in the Ocean state - let's look like we are care about the environment and are a tech-savvy, cutting edge city.	10/14/2019 6:36 PM
157	For the most part, I feel that everything possible is being done about traffic congestion. It's not like we can tear up cemeteries. And even if we did, that wouldn't solve anything. It is what it is. However, the entire idea of exposing the spring behind the courthouse poses a whole new set of congestion problems as I'm sure you know. So first I'd like to ask: Is that the ONLY place the spring can be exposed? What about the park in front of the courthouse? I obviously don't know exactly which direction it flows, but there is already a park there.... that is hardly used... and	10/14/2019 6:21 PM

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crosswalks to get there, etc. I'm not alone as I'm sure you're very aware when I say that closing the area behind the courthouse for this project will add to congestion in ways that are simply undeniable. There are 3 major streets that converge at the corner. Spring St. and Touro headed east.... and Touro headed west. If we keep the current traffic pattern that is going to cause chaos with tour buses and tourist traffic to the Touro Synagogue and the Loeb Visitors Center. It's just no doable as far as I can see with what is currently planned. I've seen even just smaller commercial truck have a difficult time maneuvering around the Spring/Stone St. turn and then again on Stone/Broadway. And yes, there are a couple of small signs trying to direct bridge traffic down Memorial to America's Cup; but not all larger vehicle traffic needs to go directly to the bridge. And I haven't even begun to address the problem with added walking traffic! It's a nightmare waiting to happen. I'm sure I'm not alone when I plead with you to evaluate how important it is to expose the spring. I have so much more to say but apparently I can't save this survey and add later. My dinner is getting cold. But let me say this... THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ASKING FOR MY OPINION!!!

158	Biking...safe trails, lanes, racks	10/14/2019 6:13 PM
159	Need to have parking options for visitors clearly posted with number of open spaces so people don't drive around all day looking for parking. Can we use the north end and bus people into and around town instead of driving?	10/14/2019 5:25 PM
160	Continue with more public input to transportation problems and solutions for Newport	10/14/2019 3:07 PM
161	While high cost improvements like new road surfaces, new sidewalks, better marking, etc would be fantastic, especially on high traffic streets like Thames/Spring/Bellevue, why can't lower cost and more feasible in the short term solutions be sought? Ticket Uber/Lyft drivers for impeding traffic. Ticket bicyclists for going the wrong way down one way streets. Ticket bicyclists and drivers for running through stop signs and crosswalks. It's incredibly frustrating to walk down Thames St and see any number of incidents that take place that are endangering public safety and impeding traffic and then see a police officer sitting in his patrol car diligently checking Facebook on his phone.	10/14/2019 1:54 PM
162	The majority of Newport's streets are designed to be very "car-centric", prioritizing street parking and vehicular travel over other modes of transportation. With the size and local feel of Newport, there is a great opportunity to promote non-vehicular travel throughout the City for both tourists and locals. Increasing parking and maintaining multiple travel lanes on major streets like Memorial Boulevard, America's Cup, and the northern end of Broadway entourage people to drive into downtown, rather than walk or bike.	10/14/2019 1:45 PM
163	Need more extensive public transit on the island. Create a rail/bus shuttle from a new parking deck at the base of Newport Bridge to connect to downtown and Eastons Beach. Examine feasibility of extending MBTA commuter rail from Fall River to Newport.	10/14/2019 1:09 PM
164	Improve sidewalks on Thames Street. They are too narrow, uneven and filthy. Recalculate the timing of traffic signals based on actual traffic flow. Parking meters, Mary Street Lot and Residential Sticker Streets have different and confusing rules. Too many signs clutter the sidewalks with confusing parking regulations. Get rid of the meters and use a Pay and Display system. Dedicate an Uber drop off-pick location.	10/14/2019 9:49 AM
165	Better signage for tourists. I frequently have local and out-of-state drivers zooming out of side streets in front of me and don't know why they do this. Free up the parking lot behind the Friends Meeting House so residents can use it. City hall workers should use St. JOSEPH'S. I paid for parking when I worked.	10/14/2019 9:32 AM
166	To me other than street conditions, most of the issues are seasonal ones and the best solution to that is to keep as many visitor cars out of central Newport. Not easy but certainly worth looking at parking facilities at the bridge and/or other locations and then frequent on/off shuttles/people movers. Short of that, better light timing and especially improvements to intersection of America's Cup, Memorial & Thames would make a huge improvement - possibly changing/moving the crosswalk on Thames to further down the block. The crosswalk at Bannister's wharf, while very necessary, seems like it could be handled better in conjunction with the traffic light just north of it on America's Cup.	10/14/2019 9:09 AM
167	Re open the street behind the courthouse. Traffic calming measures on certain cut through streets such as Bateman Ave, Ruggles.	10/14/2019 8:28 AM
168	I work for a food distributor we deliver food to every restaurant in town. I drive in and out of Newport traffic constantly in a box truck or delivery vehicle. It is important to study the needs of all commercial traffic entering a leaving our city. A successful traffic plan has to take into great consideration the flow of this delivery system. Impediments such as the open air market on Memorial and Bellevue, the busiest intersection of town and the Spring and Touro fiasco is not smart traffic planing for commercial traffic. We also need to encourage more pedestrian and bicycle traffic and less cars in our streets. A pedestrian and bicycle path should be constructed along the waterfront from Ocean Drive to Mt Hope bridge.	10/14/2019 7:58 AM
169	There has to be a parking garage or something for the massive amount of cars in Newport, especially during tourist season. We need a huge parking area - like the one at the old Newport Slots (or somewhere else) with lots of and frequent shuttles for those who want to go downtown is a must even for residents! I won't even go downtown to any many events or businesses that I would love to go to or bring friends to because even if I decide it's worth spending \$20 at a parking lot - they are always full...! It's quite a desperate situation. As a handicapped person, I often have to park and walk 3 blocks from my apartment to get home because the City of Newport is not taking addressing this problem in any kind of serious way! Re next question - not my job... get your act together and protect your senior citizens - was young when I moved here... and fix this city's horrible parking situation. I'm in too much pain and surely couldn't find parking to attend any meetings.... PS this survey does not give the options needed to address problems nor gives proper instructions to fill out....	10/14/2019 4:15 AM
170	I find the blocking of Courthouse Street a very bad idea. The congestion this summer on Spring	10/13/2019 9:34 PM



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	Street became a nightmare, and all that Turning and twisting onto Broadway a complicated maneuver. Bluntly speaking... this is dumb!	
171	I think that many people would be willing to take more public transportation or non-car transportation (bikes, scooters, etc.) if you could make it more convenient to haul groceries/etc. with these alternate methods, and if there were forms of those alternate methods that wouldn't leave you open to inclement weather.	10/13/2019 6:54 PM
172	Street cars would be amazing. Get people from Boston down here on the train... replace and repair train bridge in Portsmouth to Tiverton	10/13/2019 6:51 PM
173	Parking spots should be clearer especially on Broadway. People park straight or angled and create spaces where they don't exist. Large pickup trucks parked on the corners at bump outs make it impossible to see when attempting to turn out onto Broadway.	10/13/2019 5:23 PM
174	The city needs to create more parking options to reduce the volume of visiting cars on the road, driving and parking. As well as, enforce the laws we already have in regards to pedestrian traffic, bikes and mopeds. The city has quickly become an unsafe place to drive and walk, mainly due to frustration and lack of enforcement.	10/13/2019 4:36 PM
175	we need a parking garage of some sort- perhaps underground. the lack of parking is frustrating to say the least. i also think a 2/3 hour limit is very inconvenient and should be increased and the meter maids are relentless	10/13/2019 12:37 PM
176	Change Newport's form of government which now provides little to no leadership capabilities of achieving coordinated responsible objectives. Two year council terms and a "mayor" election process highly prone to corruption/behind closed doors government that condemns Newport to continue its history of squabbling over short term objectives to the detriment of long term improvements. Short sighted or non existing leadership in solving traffic deadlocks/traffic jams created. Same holds true for most infrastructure issues especially, sewage, schools, and harbor management.	10/13/2019 11:47 AM
177	Traffic is bad in downtown. There has to be a better way!	10/13/2019 11:05 AM
178	I would really like to have a bike path in Newport. It has been talked about and would be a real benefit to our Community. I personally do not feel safe riding on the streets so therefore i do not ride my bike. As a retired person i would ride often on a bike path. It would be Great for families as well. The computer would not let me answer above questions.	10/13/2019 10:38 AM
179	Annandale Rd has signage for No buses or trucks. There is zero enforcement with tour buses and sport team buses routinely driving down Annandale which is too narrow for these oversized vehicles and it presents a significant safety hazard for pedestrians.	10/13/2019 9:31 AM
180	Enforce speeding, running red lights and stop signs ; enforce ticketing loud motorcycles racing through the streets	10/13/2019 9:04 AM
181	Encouraging bicycle commuting would lessen the burden on parking infrastructure and traffic. Newport is a dangerous place for cyclists currently.	10/13/2019 8:28 AM
182	Simple fact: Rhode Island has the country's worst road conditions. Newport has the state's worst road conditions. Therefore, Newport has the country's worst road conditions. If the council would appropriate funds correctly, the roads in this city could be in great condition. Instead, it appears they accept poor workmanship in favor of timeliness. Example, road in front of Walmart. From the roundabout to just past Walmart, road condition is trash. From Walmart to the top of the hill, repaved, but no curb installed which means it will be re-done later. Is it that hard to get a job done right the first time? It would be nice to not require a front-end alignment on my car every six months and new tires every two years. Seriously, fix the roads or start appropriating part of the exorbitant taxes to paying for maintenance and tire replacement for us.	10/13/2019 6:42 AM
183	Sidewalks needed on Jones Ave and on the section of Annandale that runs from Parker Ave to Narragansett. Speed humps needed on residential roads, especially Parker Ave where cars and trucks cut through at high speeds.	10/13/2019 2:52 AM
184	There are other tourist-dependent towns in the US who have minimized traffic congestion with perimeter parking facilities and public transit systems that function well for tourists and reduce traffic congestion for residents. Newport can do that too!	10/12/2019 10:45 PM
185	The Mary Street Parking lot is unfair to residents. I have a parking sticker and that gives me 3 free hours of parking but those awful machines at the parking lot will not allow it. I had to relocate my car because I was not about to pay nine dollars for parking there. I pay very high property taxes and I would be able to park there simply because I have a residential parking permit. My wife should park there free with her handicap sticker. To add insult to injury, there was no one there to help my wife and I with those machines. They keyboard on those machines are very user unfriendly.	10/12/2019 10:12 PM
186	Need to create disincentives for driving esp for visitors and provide alternatives. Bike path along rail line, remote parking at terminus in the north. Why not become an Ambassador? Because city commissions are dysfunctional, poorly educated, and toothless. Coffey's debacle of an urban street dystopia is a great example of the worthless decision making extant.	10/12/2019 8:16 PM
187	Sidewalks are uneven, narrow and sometimes dangerous to traverse.	10/12/2019 7:30 PM
188	A little pride in our streets goes a long way. The road surfaces are so bad. Please send a delegation to other historical places and see how they protect the history. Even Sarasota which is new have paved their streets in a very nice and prideful way. The people who run Newport need to raise themselves 500 ft so they can see the wood from the trees. Newport is a very special place and if we are not careful we could very well in 5 to 10 years what just happened.	10/12/2019 6:55 PM
189	Too many hotels, people. Stop the madness	10/12/2019 6:46 PM
190	Some form of transportation master plan is long overdue, especially with new hotels and	10/12/2019 6:19 PM

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developments planned in town. The traffic study by Hammet's Wharf, which was not taken during prime traffic hours, should never have been accepted. It is imperative that any future traffic study be made ONLY DURING HIGH TRAFFIC PERIODS! Resident parking at Mary St is NOT resident friendly since eliminating the guard. The station requires too much time, and should automatically have a built-in option for residents. Now one must begin the process, in which it appears there will be a charge, before being allowed to mention residency.

191	We need multi level parking garages in the North End and shuttles to bring people to downtown Newport. Also, during heavy tourist times, certain streets should be pedestrian only. Many other cities accomplish this. Look into it!	10/12/2019 5:56 PM
192	improve the timing of traffic signals. Minor adjustments could improve traffic flow.	10/12/2019 4:10 PM
193	Restore the traffic pattern near the courthouse to what it was and increase parking for residents downtown by giving free meter parking for 2 hours. Also a garage at the end of bridge combined with light rail to transportation center would be a great way to decrease congestion in the summer	10/12/2019 4:03 PM
194	Stronger enforcement of bicycles, motor bikes, skateboarders etc. to follow rules of the road. Every day is a challenge driving from Newport to Middletown. Increased enforcement of 24 hr parking to help alleviate that issue in the historic residential areas without private parking. Use north end development to provide parking and shuttles to help with traffic issues and encourage use of public transportation. Continue the development of roads and rotaries for better flow.	10/12/2019 3:43 PM
195	I enjoy walking in Newport and crosswalks are poorly marked....	10/12/2019 3:02 PM
196	Then revised passage from Spring to Farewell via Stone Street is not a real problem for people willing to slow down and consider the benefit.	10/12/2019 2:46 PM
197	Stop the development of hotels. We have enough. They do nothing but make traffic worse for the rest of us and take away public space. Plan the North End for job development and new Rogers Aquidneck High School, not more retail, hotels condos, please.	10/12/2019 2:40 PM
198	Improve the signage way finding Not hospitable	10/12/2019 2:25 PM
199	Bridge configuration	10/12/2019 1:36 PM
200	Bridge configuration	10/12/2019 1:29 PM
201	in the past, the city did not get overly involved in bus service and we lost our line that goes down Thames to Rogers HS and Fort Adams and more. It has created a have and have-not situation when it comes to our North end families without cars to have to reserve 48 hours in advance to be transported. There is no bus for our athletes from the North end to get home from sporting events and dances, etc. I see our south end kids getting rides or even driving, and often our north end kids walk---even after a prom. Getting them out to internships is limited because of this. I personally drive my car to Broadway to park when I want to take a bus to Providence. For years I would hop on a bus at the top of Carey ST. Additionally MANY of our sidewalks do not support wheel chair access because of their inadequate upkeep.	10/12/2019 1:09 PM
202	Once people are in the city we need to get them out of their cars. The only solution is free or inexpensive transportation- buses, trams, or any version of a vehicle to move people. The current RIPTA buses are too large and additional routes are needed. Electric or natural gas vehicles are desirable.	10/12/2019 12:56 PM
203	Let us stop talking about a trail along the tracks and get it done!!!!!!!	10/12/2019 12:03 PM
204	Need to have a place for tourists to park near highway and provide shuttle service. Keep giant tour buses off side streets and ocean drive. Commercial large moving trucks and deliveries confined to early morning hours and materials off loaded on to smaller delivery trucks. Prevent cut through traffic	10/12/2019 11:44 AM
205	Better traffic signage for all the people who have no idea where they're going. Signage at crosswalks telling pedestrians and bicyclists when they should stop, go, and what lane to be in. Open up the bottom of Broadway to connect with America's Cup Blvd. Do not block off Courthouse Street!!!!!!	10/12/2019 11:29 AM
206	Newport needs to offer improved lanes for bicycles. and ideally a bicycle lane over the bridges. The public needs to respect cyclists with more caution and room. Public service messages should be created to impact safety. E Main Rd should be made to have 1 wider lane in each direction with a designation middle turning lane- similar to how N. Kingstown managed Tower Hill Rd near the State Police barracks. More affordable public parking should be made available.	10/12/2019 11:27 AM
207	Ideally, it would be nice if it was easier to bike around the city, and if the bus system was better and more accessible. Also, it is very discouraging when I want to take the bus that the schedule is not available at many of the stops, and that the buses don't always say the stops as you are pulling up to them.	10/12/2019 11:18 AM
208	More signage to direct visitors to free parking outside the downtown area where public transportation is provided to tourist sites.	10/12/2019 10:54 AM
209	Create parking outside the city center for ALL tourist buses and shuttle/bike share into town for mansions and other venues. Close selected streets to cars completely to cars on high traffic days and offer free parking outside the city center and shuttles/bike share into town. Encourage biking with ample bike parking, safer/wider bike paths, more paths in total.	10/12/2019 10:54 AM
210	Once the bridge ramps are relocated, a garage should be built there, and light rail installed along the Old Colony tracks to shuttle people into downtown. This should be free/very inexpensive to use, to encourage visitors and commuters to leave their cars outside the city center.	10/12/2019 10:38 AM
211	Use of crosswalks and their signals should be enforced. Driving here in the summer is	10/12/2019 9:33 AM

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	dangerous as is walking down the street. Tourist drivers don't know where they are or where they're going . They're looking at phones while driving. Probably at a map.	
212	I am one of the many that are appalled by the mess created by the "Spring" project. No need to explain...you obviously know the problems And there is the exit from the Touro St parking lot onto Touro St. please, at least eliminate the parking spot to the left, so that oncoming traffic can be seen.	10/12/2019 9:11 AM
213	"No turn right on red" at Bellevue and Memorial leads to back-ups south of Memorial and west of Bellevue. Should be eliminated, particularly during low traffic days -- many simply ignore signals. The crosswalk at Memorial and Gibbs should be moved west on block. Can't see as you come over the hill travelling east. VERY dangerous.	10/12/2019 8:58 AM
214	Need to channel tourist buses and large trucks away from narrow side streets. They disrupt traffic and force oncoming cars to drive on the sidewalk to avoid being sideswiped.	10/12/2019 8:35 AM
215	Ferry Service to downtown needs to be expanded, especially during times when Pell Bridge repairs are underway.	10/12/2019 6:12 AM
216	keep streets cleared by fining landscapers who blow leaves into the road and down storm drains. Get large rocks off public land along roadways, they are a hazard if a bicyclist has to pull over or is forced off the road. Prohibit cars from parking on the wrong side of the road. See ifRIPTA will run an Ocean Drive/Beach loop in the summer to coordinate with Sea streak ferry. Work with Navy to incentivize car pooling	10/12/2019 12:08 AM
217	chronic leadership failures to implement; chronic blameshifting to state; low use of available tech; become a RI leader on acceptance of "autonomous vehicle" technologies; follow NYC/SF/London lead & examine "congestion pricing" for key roads; slap tax on private parking slots to fund a Mary St garage + a North End garage/trolley; make it the cities business to solve many transportation issues and fight the reflexive DNA to point fingers at state agencies and expect state funding. We have major local taxing capacity but opt not to use it.	10/11/2019 11:35 PM
218	DO NOT CLOSE COURTHOUSE STREET. IT IS A DISASTER!	10/11/2019 10:57 PM
219	Traffic congestion areas need attention. I am thinking of Thames Street, Bellevue Avenue and Memorial Drive during the tourist season. Perhaps different time arrangements on traffic signals would help to keep traffic flowing faster. The 25 mph speed limit is more often disregarded than followed. What about traffic monitors similar to those in Providence that will impose fines on speeders? Stress the importance of civility for drivers; importance of using designated walk ways for pedestrians. Safety is probably the largest issue; not speed. Drivers and pedestrians both should be made more aware of the importance of safety. RI DOT has been running some excellent tv ads on safety. Perhaps Newport could do something similar but with a local flavor. The police can do only so much; their presence is significant but they are frequently needed in other law enforcement matters. Why not involve technology or Npt. residents to address traffic flow safety. The police should not have sole responsibility; they are overextended enough. We are, each of us, sharers in this responsibility. Truly sharing would make for a greater sense of responsibility.	10/11/2019 10:39 PM
220	Need more bus options	10/11/2019 10:24 PM
221	Migrate metered parking to numbered zones paid for by users via an app. Use something universal that visitors might already have on their phones. Maintain park n ride option with Pell Bridge realignment Review zoning to look at density along transit priority routes - promoting transit oriented development Transition street lighting to LED - consider dual height fixtures where sidewalks are lit in addition to roadways on key corridors Move forward with bikeshare creating a culture of cycling	10/11/2019 9:56 PM
222	please improve quality of sulidewalks as this is a wonderful place to walk all over , as we all have dogs & walk all over many miles a day:) sorry spelling:( we all like a healthy place to reside in ...	10/11/2019 9:22 PM
223	Very bad crosswalk signal at Bellevue, crossing from Talbots corner to Empire corner! Signal says to cross but cars coming up memorial from spring have green light to turn right!!!	10/11/2019 8:53 PM
224	Just to reiterate - I Only Walk everywhere I go in Newport. The cross stripes that are suppose to signal to cars to stop and let people cross the street, located all over the city are only effective approx. 50% of the time - at best. The signs/cross stripes at the (very busy) intersection of Memorial Blvd. and Thomas St - are almost Useless! Seriously - the white stripes crossing and signs at Memorial and Thomas are kind of a joke - especially in the summertime when the tourists just speed right by without even giving the crossing/people standing there - a glance. I cross there twice a day, 7 days per week - and Rarely does traffic stop to allow me to cross even in the off season (applies to Both sides of Memorial). Thank you for listening.	10/11/2019 7:17 PM
225	Parking and street congestion downtown is an issue especially during the summer. Have heard talks of a rail going through town or a shuttle bus from the old casino. These seem like good options to help keep cars out of town. How first beach was just used as parking for the food and wine event at the mansions.	10/11/2019 7:16 PM
226	Free Continuous hop on hop off trolley routes from Satellite parking lots outside city center	10/11/2019 6:35 PM
227	Consider which streets need on side or resident only parking Ayrault Street a mess with parking on both sides. Improve traffic flow on Memorial	10/11/2019 6:09 PM
228	Do NOT make automobile lanes & traffic worse to make bike & pedestrian lanes accessible- what they did near Johnny's in Middletown is DEPLORABLE! That repaving is the absolute biggest waste of money and also made traffic more abysmal than I thought it could be..	10/11/2019 5:58 PM
229	Enforce the crossing regulations on pedestrians. I can't count the number of time when I was turning with the light and pedestrians had a "do not cross" light but they simply walk across.	10/11/2019 5:44 PM



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This ties up traffic and increases congestion. I have NEVER see a police officer caution or ticket a person for crossing against the light.

230	I think that the redirection of traffic around the courthouse is a terrible idea. It is more congested and just doesn't make sense to have to circle around small streets and block off direct routes. It is not clear either when you come around from Broadway and want to go to Spring Street it just seems awkward and senseless. With the courthouse street open it gives you two ways to get into Washington Sq. and the downtown area. Also, with the change of direction on Stone street it blocks yet one more way to get around town with out running into traffic. I often take Stone to Bull street right up the hill to Memorial Blvd to avoid Bellevue traffic.	10/11/2019 5:37 PM
231	Have more police presence to ticket distracted drivers.	10/11/2019 5:21 PM
232	Widen sidewalks on America's Cup.	10/11/2019 5:16 PM
233	I know it sounds crazy but could more street congestion is a good thing because it encourages more people to walk and ride bikes? Ubers are a hazard to bicyclists because they pull over frequently into the bike lanes.	10/11/2019 4:45 PM
234	America's Cup & Thames St are horrible in summer. Lanes are blocked by cars dropping off, looking, etc. this is one traffic light where the timing needs to be addressed because of the crosswalk in front of Red Parrot that has no pedestrian light.	10/11/2019 4:41 PM
235	First, more bike lanes please. Protected bike lanes are the way to go. Yes, it takes space, but there are way too many ghost bikes around, and the answer is not, "bikes don't belong on the roads." Tons of people (not me) ride the wrong way up lower Thames, likely because the narrow bike experience on Spring is quite scary. We need MORE BIKE RACKS. All over. They are often totally full at the places I go downtown, especially on the weekends. With regard to patrolling, there is SO much speeding on Memorial along the beach, especially in the summer time. I laughed when cops were pulling guys over for speeding in late September. Also, the intersection at America's Cup/Memorial and lower Thames is a ZOO in the summer months, with bunches of folk cutting around the queue in the intersection to muscle their way into the right turn lane at the last second. Better patrolling in the near term, and a parking center out of the town center with REALLY GREAT (clean, safe, climate controlled, enough routes and stops, bike racks on shuttles, and enough bike racks in town) trolley and/or shuttle coverage might offload downtown a bit. Finally, a 140 unit new hotel on Waites Wharf will exacerbate all traffic problems, especially on lower Thames (and Spring due to one way arrangement). Planning should be holistic. Finally, the road between the Point and the intersection leading to the Naval station is hideously rough (bad on a bicycle when I use one to ride to work on base), and the sidewalks are terrible. This chunk of road badly needs re-paving.	10/11/2019 4:18 PM
236	The safety on neighborhood streets is my main concern. We have a lot of trucks barreling through, etc.	10/11/2019 4:08 PM
237	A big central garage (underground best but probably not possible). More leacy on homes in the city that have no driveways or places to park. Take away some of the unnecessary yellow lines. Make more one way streets (in the Point ) and change some of the STOP signs. I would love to be on a committee but Newport is my second home.	10/11/2019 4:05 PM
238	The first thing that would improve traffic to have the police regularly patrol and enforce the various traffic laws on the book such as the speed limits, one way streets, and no-left-turns. We also should have traffic police at major intersections, such as Bellevue and Memorial Blvd, directing traffic on busy days as we used to have.	10/11/2019 4:03 PM
239	Please stop passing unenforceable ordinances, and start enforcing existing ones; for example, wrong-way cyclists, cyclists on cell phones, wrong-way cyclists on cell phones in dark clothing without reflectors at night (yes, I've seen this too many times!). Then there are those who simply can't drive out of a parking lot without a phone to their ear - check Bellevue Gardens and Casino Terrace for a start. And for heaven's sake, stop the ZBR from allowing any more parking variances in the Bellevue Avenue/Historic Hill zone! The argument (by one applicant I can think of) that their customers are mostly locals illustrated the flaw in their "traffic and parking expert's" announcement that there was no parking problem in the area because the parking lots were only half full. Of course. What Newporter is going to pay to park downtown? So our residential streets are clogged, as well as private organizations' and churches' parking lots. Why should I pay exorbitant property taxes for this "privilege?". Sticker parking is a resounding failure. And about question 8, I'll sign up, but with little hope that there will be actual benefit. Every time neighborhoods have organized to protest these abusive variances and special use permits, we get slapped down because the City rules in favor of a single tree to the detriment of the forest. When will Newport's government look at the big picture?	10/11/2019 4:00 PM
240	Emphasize ride sharing. Congestion tax for downtown. Bike sharing programs. What happened to the idea to turn the Mary street lot into a 2 story garage?	10/11/2019 3:55 PM
241	1.Parking- change zoning laws for multi family driveways and parking.(start with the residents) 2. Mass transit-commuter trains or direct transport via bus or ferry to a mass transit station. (Example- Bridgeport, CT has a ferry service, a train station and bus station in a transportation hub). This is what Newport needs.	10/11/2019 3:46 PM
242	related to above, but would like to see many more good quality bike racks (many small racks throughout the city as I often have to lock to street signs or other fixtures)	10/11/2019 3:44 PM
243	I would like to see parking regulations eased after Labor Day. Additionally I would like to see parking accommodation for locals other than Newport residents. For example, island residents including at least Middletown. I am 4 driveways away from the Newport city line but I might as well live off island given the problems with parking during the season. As a result I avoid downtown for months at a time except Sunday mornings when Trinity Episcopal members have free parking at Mary Street.	10/11/2019 3:40 PM
244	If we could shuttle visitors in from a remote parking facility this could aid in traffic safety and congestion.	10/11/2019 3:09 PM

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245	Look at what Denver does downtown. As a visitor was a wonderful experience - Free buss runs down the main road - I could see this downtown Newport - Park outside of downtown Like at the old Casino and let folks take a free bus that run to Shell station or even further - Make the street bus only or people	10/11/2019 3:00 PM
246	I am for a ramp that allows people to park around the casino not in Newport. I believe the only way this would work is by doing the following. 1. Make sure you make it easy and fun for people to get around town after parking at a lot. Golf carts, bicycles, our trolleys, water shuttles, hotel shuttles, use owner and guest input from our visitors center. 2. Take away most parking or make it very expensive so people would park at a parking site. 3. It would be nice if the town was more golf cart and bicycle friendly.	10/11/2019 2:46 PM
247	Ticket bikes and drunks for not obeying laws, less hotels, keep landmarks, stop overdevelopment, in historic area don't allow developers to change the character if Newport, do not block views, required public boardwalk in front of all business, stop, do not tax full time residents out of the city. Help seniors stay in their homes, don't let developers let a building deteriorate until it collapses after being bought by a builder. Consider paint colors that are tradition, i.e. why do we have a pink house on Spring St near library. Let owners vote on plans i city council, do not allow new development in The Point area, work with the Preservation Society and Newport Historical Society. I HATE the way Newport had changed in the last 5 years. I don't want this to be the Hampton's. Building inspectors must sign clearly with their names legible on city sign offs. I feel some of this is corrupt with state officials.	10/11/2019 2:25 PM
248	certain roads need to be changed to one way. Bridge St. between Bridge and Spring, trucks and buses need to be restricted from cutting thru many side streets. Ubers/lyft drivers must stop picking up or dropping off people in the middle of roads or thinking they are pulling over. Lower thames st gets jammed up because of this. We might need to create designated spots to elevate them from causing traffic to stop.	10/11/2019 2:06 PM
249	More Jitneys, more bicycle rentals, less parking. Parking encourages people to drive. We need to encourage people not to drive, to park their cars, once they've arrived, and seek safe, fun, healthy (in many), ways to get around.	10/11/2019 1:54 PM
250	Improve walkability and aesthetics of streetscapes with more trees, historic paving/detail and broader sidewalks.	10/11/2019 1:44 PM
251	Parking is going to be a problem unless there is a more central area with lots more spaces. Privatizing the Mary Street lot for a garage makes sense to me because I think it would be self-sufficient by cooperating with the surrounding businesses and attractions, who would buy into the project providing a sense of community. Additionally, if the streetscapes included narrow buildings in the colonial design these could be rented for elevators, offices and information centers as well as CLEAN restrooms. The top story of the parking garage should be grass, not cars, so that the businesses could hold special events to recoup their outlay for parking..	10/11/2019 1:37 PM
252	The city is about to change this small city by the sea into a congested mess that our infrastructure cannot support. You are building too many hotels. This will not be a place people will want or afford to live in the near future. It's going to be all hotels...an Atlantic City without the casinos.	10/11/2019 1:32 PM
253	Separated bike lanes. Direct and safe bicycle and walking routes from downtown to the various schools in Newport. Bike share. Parking outside of commercial/recreational corridor with shuttle to downtown area.	10/11/2019 1:26 PM
254	Scooter parking	10/11/2019 11:29 AM
255	Capture tourist traffic at bridge and shuttle them around island	10/11/2019 11:27 AM