

LET'S KEEP NEWPORT MOVING



City of Newport
**TRANSPORTATION
MASTER PLAN**
Keep Newport Moving



The Importance of Transportation

- Promotes/fosters economic activity
- Contributes to the quality of life
- Essential to ensuring that those with disabilities can lead active lives
- Necessary for education
- Part of the healthcare system
- Can be positive for the environment
- Supports sustainability
- Essential in an emergency

Newport Has Changed A Lot in 20 Years

- Last Transportation Master Plan was done in 2000
- Major tourist destination
- Population has fluctuated, demographics have changed
- New commercial developments
- The influence of technology on our everyday lives sways our transportation choices
- Changing lifestyles/changing culture

Newport 2000 Conceptual Circulation Study

- Circulation System
- Intersection Operation
- Traffic Calming
- Alternative Transportation
- Parking
- Wayfaring Sign System
- Management Plan

Newport 2017 Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Chapter 7 – Transportation & Circulation

- Goal T-1 To provide a comprehensive, multimodal transportation system for all users.
- Goal T-2 To link the overall regional multimodal transportation network on Aquidneck Island.
- Goal T-3 To provide appropriate funding and financing of transportation infrastructure.
- Goal T-4 To use state-of-the-art design and technology to create a safe, efficient environmentally sound and user-friendly transportation system.
- Goal T-5 To provide sufficient and suitably located parking, designed to eliminate, mitigate or reduce impacts.

What is a Transportation Master Plan?

- Establishes a vision for transportation infrastructure and services
- Assesses existing conditions
- Forecasts future travel demand
- Identifies special and unmet transportation needs
- Ensures compliance with ADA and other requirements
- Addresses city policies and goals
- Defines funding needs
- Establishes measurable goals
- Engages the public

Why a Transportation Master Plan?

- TMPs are the **game plan** for both short and long-range improvements to transportation infrastructure and services.
- Improvements to infrastructure and services can **support changes** in land use, growth and unmet needs.
- TMPs **help achieve other city goals** including preservation, sustainability, Great Streets, Vision Zero, and Active Transportation.
- TMPs develop and **build a consensus** on improving transportation.
- TMPs **improve chances** of securing federal, state and private sources of funding.

Advancements in Transportation

- Technology driven on-demand transportation services
- Increased popularity of active transportation
- Smart parking solutions
- Coordinated traffic signal timing
- Smart streets
- Use of data to increase infrastructure and service productivity

Engagement Comes First

- Consulting stakeholders saves time, money and delivers more results.
- In an era of transparency, social media and real-time information, engagement is crucial.
- Crafting solutions from the ground up is more genuine.
- Engagement builds support for the resulting recommendations.
- Engagement raises awareness, increases understanding and earns support.

Online & Contact Surveys

- Kicked off at the Broadway Street Fair
- Over 400 surveys completed to date
- 83% Residents; 17% Non-residents
- Survey available online:
CityofNewport.com/KeepNewportMoving
- Over 90 respondents signed on to be Ambassadors!
- Survey link will continue to be active

Survey Says...

(results as of Nov. 14, 2019)

How are we getting around daily?

- 87% Drive alone in a car
- 51% Walk
- 24% Ride a bicycle
- All other modes < 10%

Why do we make these choices?

- 79% Convenience/Travel Time
- 47% Weather
- 33% Parking Availability
- 29% Personal Freedom
- 22% Safety and Reliability
- 17% Physical Ability

Survey Says...

(results as of Nov. 14, 2019)

What do we think of our existing infrastructure?

- Traffic Congestion, Parking, Street Conditions, Bike Lanes, and Enforcement received poor marks.
- Crosswalks, Sidewalks, Traffic Signals, and Safety were satisfactory.
- Less than 15% gave ratings of Very Good or Excellent to any element of our system and services.

Survey Says...

(results as of Nov. 14, 2019)

What are our priorities?

- **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 & On-demand Service Options
- Improve Accessible Services & Facilities
- Clearing the Streets After Storms

Workshop Goals & Ground Rules

- Prioritize the work required to develop the Master Plan.
- Tonight is an opportunity to have your say.
- Identify the problems you encounter when traveling in the city.
- If the infrastructure and services work for you- tell us that as well.
- Identify solutions and offer ideas you'd like to see explored.
- Respect each other and give everyone an opportunity to speak.
- Select a Spokesperson.
- Ask a Moderator for help.

Next Steps

- Online Survey will continue to be available
- Summary of Workshop Findings
- Draft Request for Proposals
- Continuing Public Engagement
- Ambassadors

Public Comments / Q & A

- Maintain the momentum
- Identify opportunities
- Keep the transportation issue 'front & center'
- Consider what you can do to improve travel