

# Welcoming and Encouraging Bicycles in Washington Square

*a few ideas to think about ....*



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## Newport's "Complete Streets" Resolution: September 2010



Two years ago, in September, 2010, the Newport City Council passed a Complete Streets resolution – the first in Rhode Island - setting forth a policy to encourage the use of Complete Streets concepts in “the planning and redevelopment of transportation-related infrastructure improvements within the City of Newport.” There are now nine Rhode Island municipalities that have passed Complete Streets resolutions.

Complete Streets policies ensure that cities plan and operate roadways with all users in mind – including bicyclists, transit riders, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities. Photo above is a sample Complete Streets renovation.

Read more about Complete Streets [here](#).



## Bicycle Friendly Community Resolution: May 2012



Five months ago (May, 2012) the Newport City Council passed a resolution commending Bike Newport for its initiatives and achievements, and inviting the organization to assist the city in making Newport more bikeable.

The resolution requested Bike Newport to assist in educating motorists and cyclists on how to share the road, and helping Newport achieve recognition as a Bicycle Friendly Community through the national certification program administered by the League of American Bicyclists.

The following month, 12 Bike Newport volunteers (shown above) completed intensive training to become League-Certified Instructors, prepared to provide free Smart Cycling classes to residents of Aquidneck Island.

More information about the Bicycle Friendly America program is available [here](#).

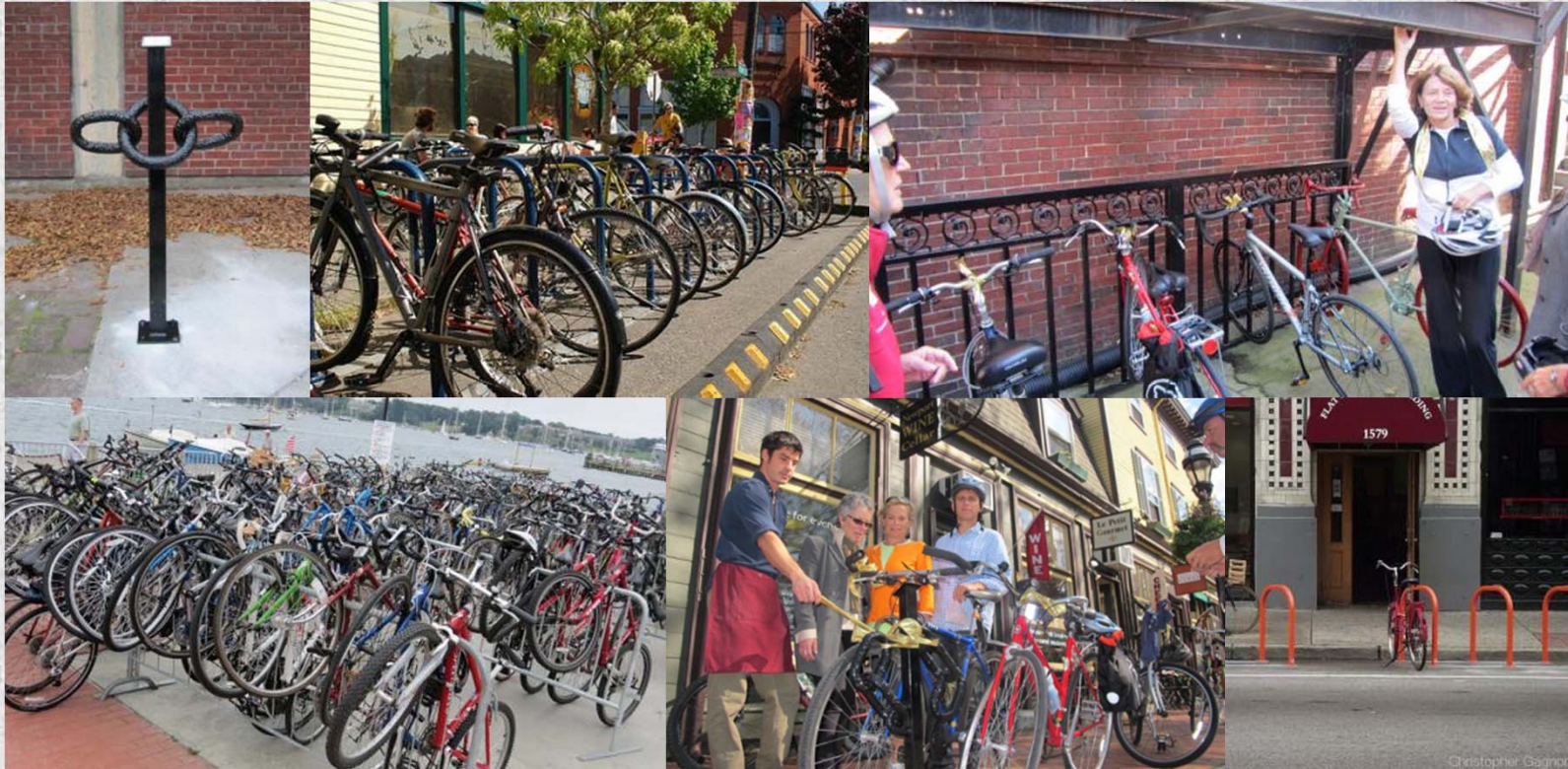
## Planning for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety: September 2012



Last month, (September, 2012) the RI Department of Transportation (RIDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and VHB (Transportation Planners) came to Newport to engage Bike Newport and other RI agencies in discussions of bicycle and pedestrian safety, intended to lead to local and statewide *Vulnerable Users of the Roadway Safety Action Plans*. The three days of workshops were held at the Newport Police Department and used Newport as a model for planning safer roads and road sharing. *Pictured (l-r) Eric Earls, City of Newport; Corey Bobba, FHWA; Wellington Hall, RIDOT; Jeffrey Martins, RIDOT; Jacinda Russell, FHWA; Craig Hochman, City of Providence; Peter Pavao, VHB; Maureen McHugh, RIDOT; Bari George, Bike Newport; Bob Rocchio, RIDOT; Sean Raymond, RIDOT; Deanna Casey, AARP; Dan Nabors, VHB*



# More Bicycle Parking Needed



Clockwise from top left: Business-sponsored bike hitch fabricated from reclaimed anchor chain, Newport; sample street parking corral; Jane Pickens rack from salvage Victorian fencing; sample street parking corral; Bike Rack dedication, Bellevue Ave; makeshift bike parking from sidewalk barriers, Newport Folk Festival 2012.



# Consider Meter Hitches

*Efficient use of space.*



## Bike Share

Boston's Hubway found the average ride of annual members, who pay a base annual fee, is one mile, or about 13 minutes (the first 30 minutes is free) For casual riders, such as tourists and other visitors, the average use is 50 minutes. Folks interested in longer use and longer rides opt for more cost-effective traditional rentals.



*Pictured (top left) Boston's Hubway, with technology in docking station; (top right) representatives from Newport visit Boston Bikes and Hubway with Boston Bike Coordinator Nicole Freedman 11/11; (far left and left) Coastal Bike Share, with technology on bike, supports smaller scale operations.*



## Increase Bicycling Law Enforcement



*Newport Community Police Officer and Bike Newport Representative, Officer Jimmy Winters*



## Events in Washington Square: Bike to Work Day 2012





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.. and touring Newport history on a bicycle.



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