

BICYCLING

IN CARY



A FINAL SET OF QUESTIONS EXAMINED BICYCLING IN CARY.

The respondents were first asked how often they or those they live with ride bicycles on Cary streets, sidewalks, or greenways. The results show

that 51.0% of the respondents ride bicycles at sometime during the year (Table 75). In terms of frequency, only a very small percentage (1.5%) ride every day in Cary. There were 15.7% who ride a few times a week, 16.2% who ride a few times a month, and 17.5% only a few times a year.

Table 75. How Often Respondents Ride Bicycles in Cary

EVERY DAY	A FEW TIMES A WEEK	A FEW TIMES A MONTH	A FEW TIMES A YEAR	NEVER
1.5	15.7	16.2	17.5	49.0

The respondents were then asked what impact five possible actions the Town could take that would increase how often they would ride a bicycle. A five-point scale from no increase (1) to large increase (5) was utilized. Table 76 shows adding more greenways was the highest rated with a mean of 3.06 with 49.0% of the responses above the midpoint (3). Two other actions with higher ratings were adding bike lanes that are physically separated from traffic (2.78) and adding more sidewalks (2.77). The two lowest rated actions were adding painted

bike lanes to more Cary streets (2.22) and adding more bike racks and lockers (2.20). There were 32 comments made for other suggestions to impact bicycle ridership which are shown in Appendix P. There were suggestions for better connectivity of greenways (7 comments), separate bike lanes on the greenways (3 comments), better signage/mapping (3 comments), more paths/greenways around parks/lakes (2 comments), and facilitating electric bikes (2 comments). See Appendix B for selected bicycling cross tabulations (B544–B561).

Table 76. Impact of Actions to Increase How Often Respondents Would Ride a Bicycle

HOUSING CHOICES	MEAN	1	2	3	4	5	%
Adding more Greenways	3.06	36.8	4.7	9.6	13.5	35.5	49.0
Adding Bike Lanes that are Physically Separated from Traffic	2.78	42.7	6.5	9.8	11.9	29.0	40.9
Adding more Sidewalks	2.77	41.7	6.7	10.4	15.3	25.9	41.2
Adding Painted Bike Lanes to more Cary Streets	2.22	53.4	10.1	12.7	9.3	14.5	23.8
Adding more Bike Racks and Lockers	2.20	53.2	10.9	13.2	8.3	14.3	22.6