WalkBikeDutchess Survey: Lower Taconic

Responses: 154 from Lower Taconic Planning Area (Towns of Beekman, East Fishkill, La Grange and Union Vale).
Note: Not all respondents answered each question.

Q31. On average, how often do you walk and/or ride a bicycle? Select one response for each. (n=154)

How Often I Walk

- Every Day: 19%
- 5-6 Days per Week: 26%
- 3-4 Days per Week: 10%
- 1-2 Days per Week: 0%
- A few times per Month: 3%
- Rarely: 7%
- Never: 2%
- Weekends Only: 13%
- I am not physically able: 0%

How Often I Bicycle

- Every Day: 18%
- 5-6 Days per Week: 13%
- 3-4 Days per Week: 28%
- 1-2 Days per Week: 18%
- A few times per Month: 5%
- Rarely: 3%
- Never: 0%
- Weekends Only: 12%
- I am not physically able: 0%
Q32. For which of the following purposes do you usually walk/ride a bicycle? Select all that apply. (n=153)
Q33. When you choose to walk, why do you? Select all that apply. (n=148)

Why I Walk

- It's healthy/good exercise
- It's pleasant/fun
- It's environmentally friendly
- To be with family/friends
- It's economical
- Destinations are relatively close
- Other
- I don't drive/have access to a car

Q34. When you choose to ride a bicycle, why do you? Select all that apply. (n=123)

Why I Bicycle

- It's healthy/good exercise
- It's pleasant/fun
- It's environmentally friendly
- To be with family/friends
- It's economical
- Destinations are relatively close
- Other
- I don't drive/have access to a car
Q38. When you choose NOT to walk, why do you? Select up to 4 reasons. (n=137)

Why I Don't Walk

- Inadequate road shoulders/sidewalks: 90
- There's too much traffic: 60
- Poor surface quality: 50
- I don't feel safe: 70
- Drivers are inconsiderate: 50
- It takes too long: 40
- Unpleasant walking environment: 30
- It's hard to walk with kids, bags, etc.: 20
- Other: 10
- Too difficult physically: 0

Q39. When you choose NOT to ride a bicycle, why do you? Select up to 4 reasons. (n=128)

Why I Don't Bicycle

- Road shoulders are too narrow: 90
- Drivers are inconsiderate: 70
- There's too much traffic: 60
- Poor road pavement: 50
- Too few bicycle paths/trails: 40
- I don't feel safe: 30
- No safe bicycle parking: 20
- I don't have access to a bicycle: 10
- It's hard to ride with kids, bags, etc.: 0
- It takes too long: 0
- Surrounding area is unpleasant: 0
- I don't know how to ride in traffic: 0
- Other: 0
- It's too difficult for me physically: 0
Q40. What is the best location for walking in your area? Why? Be as specific as possible. (n=140)

Best Walking Locations

- Rail Trails
- Parks
- Walkway Over The Hudson
- Local Neighborhoods

Q41. What is the best location for bicycling in your area? Why? Be as specific as possible. (n=122)

Best Bicycling Locations

- Rail Trails
- Walkway Over The Hudson
Q42. What is the most problematic location for walking in your area? Why? Be as specific as possible. (n = 124)

Difficult Walking Locations

- Rt. 82
- Rt. 55
- Noxon Rd

Q43. What is the most problematic location for bicycling in your area? Why? Be as specific as possible. (n=119)

Difficult Bicycling Locations

- Rt 55
- Rt 82
- Rt 376
Q44. When walking, what issues do you encounter most often? Select up to 4 issues. (n=144)

Walking Issues

- Lack of adequate shoulders/sidewalks
- Aggressive/fast motorists
- Motorists passing too close to me
- Distracted/Inattentive motorists
- Too much traffic
- Poorly lit streets
- Difficulty crossing intersections/roads
- Motorists not obeying traffic laws
- Poor road or sidewalk condition
- Large trucks
- Other

Q45. When bicycling, what issues do you encounter most often? Select up to 4 issues. (n=118)

Bicycling Issues

- Lack of adequate shoulders/bicycle paths
- Motorists passing too close to me
- Aggressive/fast motorists
- Poor road conditions
- Distracted/Inattentive motorists
- Too much traffic
- Motorists not obeying traffic laws
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- Poorly lit streets
- Large trucks
- Other
Q46. What is most important when you choose where to walk/ride a bicycle? (Select up to 3 criteria for each.) (n=152)

Route Criteria

- A trail/off-street path exists
- Seems safe
- Scenic
- Surface quality
- Low traffic volumes
- Wide road shoulders exist
- Direct route available
- Not too hilly
- Other

Q47. Please indicate how strongly you agree with each of the following statements: (n=154)

Local Walkability

- Many alternative walking routes exist in my neighborhood
- Stores are within walking distance of my home
- My neighborhood has many interesting things to look at while walking
- It is easy to walk to a bus or train stop from my home
- Many places are within walking distance of my home
Q48. How satisfied are you with how the community where you live is designed for safe walking and bicycling? (n=152)

**Community Designed for Walking**
- Very Satisfied: 4%
- Somewhat Satisfied: 33%
- Somewhat Dissatisfied: 28%
- Very Dissatisfied: 25%

**Community Designed for Bicycling**
- Very Satisfied: 3%
- Somewhat Satisfied: 25%
- Somewhat Dissatisfied: 34%
- Very Dissatisfied: 38%
Q49. In your opinion, what are the 4 most important improvements to be made? Select up to 4 improvements. (n=147)

Suggested Improvements

- Add more rail trails/shared-use paths
- Increase width of road shoulders
- Add bicycle lanes/shared lane markings
- Add more sidewalks
- Provide smoother road pavement
- Maintain walking/bicycling facilities
- Expand safety education
- Enforce traffic safety laws more strongly
- Implement traffic calming
- Install better crosswalks/crossing signals
- Add more bicycle racks/parking for bicycles
- Upgrade traffic signals to detect bicycles
- Provide safety/directional signage
- Provide more sidewalk amenities
- Other

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Q50. Where is bicycle parking-- racks, lockers, etc. needed? Select the 3 most important locations. (n=124)

**Bicycle Parking Needs**

- At parks
- On sidewalks adjacent to local destinations
- At stores
- At town halls/libraries/municipal facilities
- In parking lots
- At bus stops/train stations
- At schools
- At job sites
- Other

Bar chart showing preferences for bicycle parking locations.
Q51. If equally good facilities existed, how would you prefer to travel? For each trip type, choose by bicycle, walking, public transit, or car. (n=148)
Q52. What factors should be used to prioritize improvements? Select up to 4 factors. (n=152)

Prioritizing Improvements

- Create longer continuous walk/bikeways
- Maintain walking and bicycling facilities
- Address existing/potential crash locations
- Facilitate trips to local destinations
- Economic development/tourism
- Build facilities that will serve the most users
- Provide access to bus stops and train stations
- Facilitate walking and bicycling to school
- Spend similarly in various municipalities
- Other