

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

Department of Transportation





















Multimodal Innovations Webinar Series



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#### Multimodal Innovations Webinar Series



2020

#### Oct. 21

Wilson and Via launch RIDE

– a new microtransit service

(recording is available)

#### **Nov. 12**

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Explosion in COVID: What is the data showing and how can we maintain it?

#### **Dec. 15**

Non-Motorized Policies and Programs – How are we doing and how do we compare with other states?

2021

#### Jan. 26

S-Line: Leveraging new rail access and transitoriented development to spur economic growth

#### Feb. 23

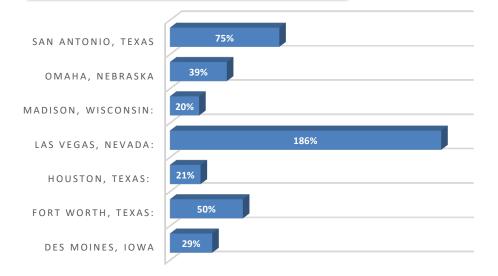
Charlotte Gateway Station: Learn how to develop an iconic multimodal station at any scale

What we are seeing nationally?









### What we are hearing?





- Cycling 'explosion': coronavirus fuels surge in US bike ridership
   The Guardian, May 2020
- A survey of 932 U.S. adults, 9% of American adults say they
  rode a bike for the first time in a year, because of the pandemic.
  And a majority of those riders say they will continue riding after
  shelter-in-place orders are removed. PeopleForBikes, June
  2020

## What we are hearing?

- Another Way to get from Here to There
- Bicycles have enjoyed a boom during the pandemic. Will it last as car traffic resumes? LA Times, June 2020
- Initiative closes off some streets in Durham to give residents more space outdoors CBS17, October 2020
- 67% of Austin voters cast ballots on November 2 supported Proposition B, a \$460 million active transportation bond meant to expand walking and biking networks throughout the city. PeopleForBikes, November 2020

Today's Speakers

Another Way to get from Here to There

- Blythe Carter Geiger & Brendan Kearns -NC State – ITRE
- Haynes Bunn Strava Metro
- Joe Michel, eBike Central

# Impacts of COVID-19 on Bicycling and Walking in North Carolina

Summary of Volume Trends
Observed by NC NMVDP
Counting Locations

Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) Bicycle and Pedestrian Program











North Carolina's Non-Motorized Volume Data Program (NC NMVDP) is a research project to test a bicycle and pedestrian count protocol and replicate this methodology across the state.



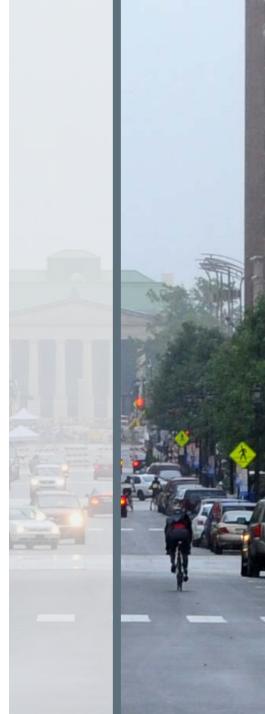
NCDOT Sponsored Research Project

What gets measured, gets done. If you're not counted, you don't count!

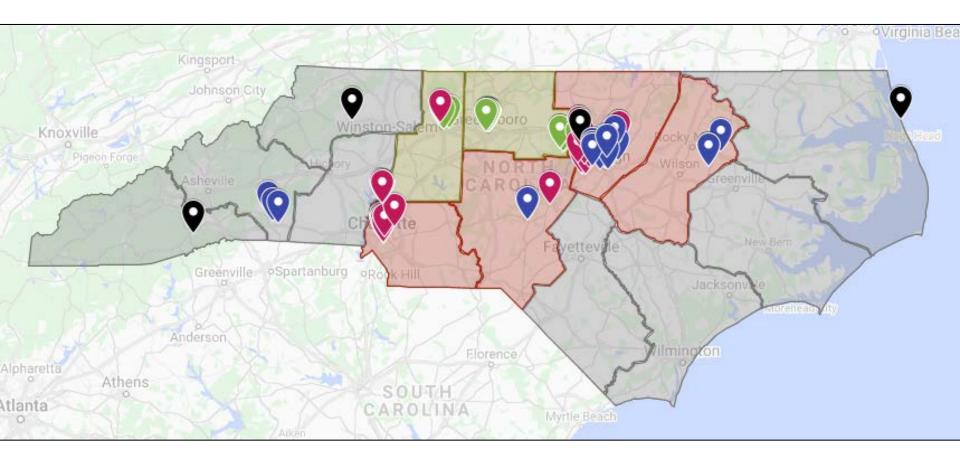








#### NC NMVDP Continuous Counter Locations



- Data available from September 2014 to October 2020
- Data run through rigorous QA/QC process to identify counter malfunction
- A State of Emergency declaration in response to COVID-19 was implemented in North Carolina on **March 10, 2020**









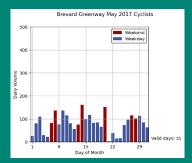
Changes in daily patterns indicate that more people are taking recreational trips and less people are taking errands or commuting trips

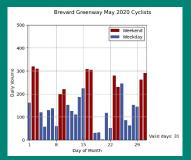


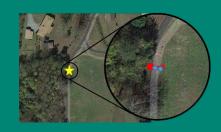




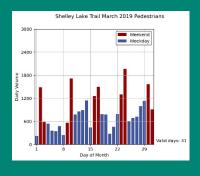
#### Recreational Trips

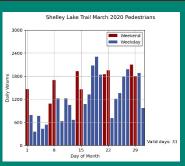






Increase on weekdays Increase on weekends







Increase on weekdays

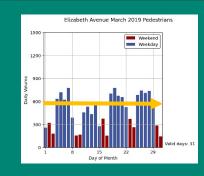




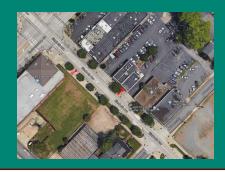




#### Commercial & Commuting Trips

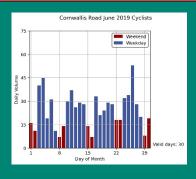


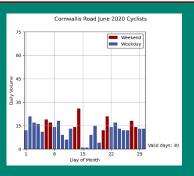


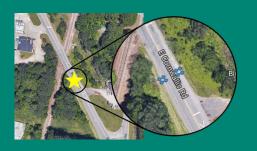


Decrease on weekdays

Decrease on weekends







Decrease on weekdays No change on weekends







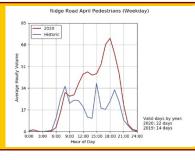


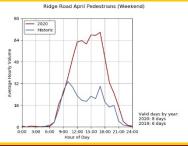
Changes in hourly volume patterns indicate context-dependent changes in trip purpose





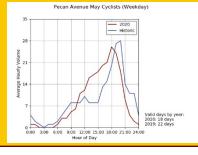


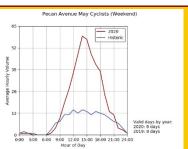


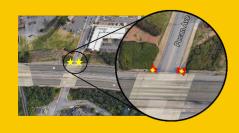




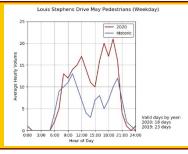
Shift in hourly patterns Increase in volumes on weekends Increase in volumes on weekdays







Increase in volumes on weekends







Increase in volumes on weekdays

Decrease in volumes on weekends







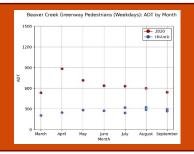


Changes in volume patterns may continue, although the magnitude of these changes may decrease over time

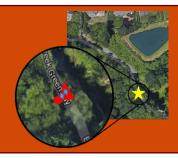




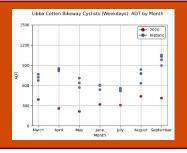


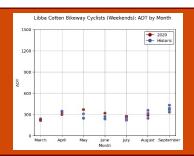






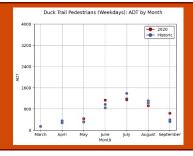
Initial large increase Less increase over summer Increase greater in fall

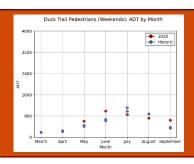


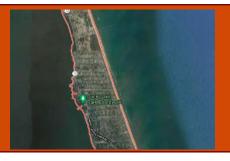




Continued weekday decrease No change on weekends







Vacation season extended







Bicycling and walking volumes are higher in certain areas and lower in others







#### September 2020 Pedestrian MADT

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Apex	Beaver Creek Greenway	Ped	312	582	89%	92%	84%
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Raleigh	House Creek Trail at Lake Boone Trail	Ped	131	211	65%	85%	41%
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Raleigh	Neuse River Trail at Royal Forrest Drive	Ped	351	528	56%	45%	70%
Charlotte	Blue Line Trail	Ped	1890	2875	53%	61%	39%
Wake Forest	Main Street - Wake Forest	Ped	99	154	50%	42%	72%
Raleigh	Neuse River Greenway	Ped	332	478	49%	37%	65%
Raleigh	Mine Creek Trail at North Hills Drive	Ped	110	152	41%	47%	32%
Sanford	Endor Iron Furnace Greenway	Ped	133	181	35%	37%	29%
Winston-Salem	West End Boulevard	Ped	396	524	31%	28%	40%
Raleigh	Rocky Branch Trail at Dorothea Drive	Ped	109	139	25%	17%	49%
Apex	Olive Chapel Road	Ped	132	161	21%	22%	20%
Apex	Louis Stephens Drive	Ped	176	210	16%	35%	-9%
Wilkesboro	Yadkin River Greenway	Ped	239	279	16%	4%	53%
Raleigh	Ridge Road	Ped	367	425	14%	2%	53%
Apex	Salem Street	Ped	1570	1761	13%	-3%	40%
Durham	American Tobacco Trail at Highgate Road	Ped	367	393	9%	14%	2%
Davidson	Griffith Street	Ped	308	340	8%	-11%	89%
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Winston-Salem	W 4th Street	Ped	4519	2155	-52%	-47%	-59%
Greensboro	Spring Garden Street	Ped	1234	599	-53%	-58%	-25%
Raleigh	Hillsborough Street	Ped	1868	875	-54%	-60%	-26%
Charlotte	N Tryon Street	Ped	587	244	-58%	-63%	-45%
Charlotte	Elizabeth Avenue	Ped	507	161	-70%	-74%	-28%











Recreational Shared-Use Paths



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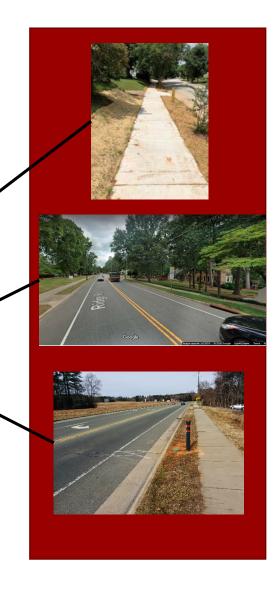




#### Residential Sidewalks



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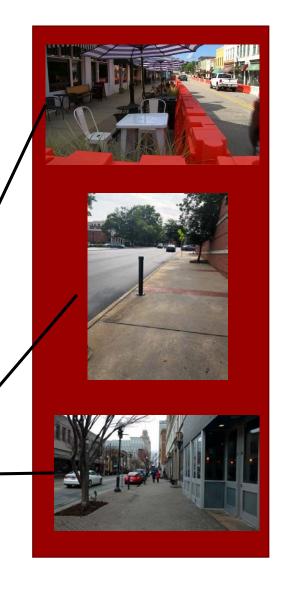




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University Commute Corridors



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Raleigh	Crabtree Creek Trail at Crabtree Boulevard	Ped	37	35	-6%	-15%	15%
Greensboro	Walker Avenue	Ped	1078	922	-13%	-17%	-6%
Charlotte	Stonewall Street	Ped	290	221	-24%	-27%	-17%
Davidson	S Main Street	Ped	2080	1484	-26%	-35%	-12%
Carrboro	Libba Cotten Greenway	Ped	366	270	-28%	-32%	-16%
Winston-Salem	The Strollway	Ped	260	183	-30%	-36%	-13%
Raleigh	Hargett Street	Ped	366	233	-37%	-38%	-33%
Charlotte	University City Boulevard Sidepath	Ped	330	208	-38%	-42%	-15%
Raleigh	Cameron Street	Ped	1096	657	-40%	-44%	-31%
Greensboro	S Elm Street	Ped	3536	1873	-48%	-49%	-45%
Winston-Salem	W 4th Street	Ped	4519	2155	-52%	-47%	-59%
Greensboro	Spring Garden Street	Ped	1234	599	-53%	-58%	-25%
Raleigh	Hillsborough Street	Ped	1868	875	-54%	-60%	-26%
Charlotte	N Tryon Street	Ped	587	244	-58%	-63%	-45%
Charlotte	Elizabeth Avenue	Ped	507	161	-70%	-74%	-45%
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#### Downtown Access Points



Municipality	Station	Mode	Pre-2020	2020	MADT	Weekday	Weekend
	Reedy Creek Trail on NCMA side of I-440 Ped						
Raleigh	Bridge	Ped	290	567	100%	58%	176%
Apex	Beaver Creek Greenway	Ped	312	582	89%	92%	84%
D. L. C.	Neuse River Trail across from Buffalo Road	D. I		00	0.40/	500/	1000/
Raleigh	Park	Ped	55	99	84%	59%	120%
Duck	Duck Trail	Ped	355	639	81%	79%	84%
Raleigh	House Creek Trail at Lake Boone Trail	Ped	131	211	65%	85%	41%
Winston-Salem	Salem Lake Greenway	Ped	512	796	60%	65%	56%
Raleigh	Neuse River Trail at Royal Forrest Drive	Ped	351	528	56%	45%	70%
Charlotte	Blue Line Trail	Ped	1890	2875	53%	61%	39%
Wake Forest	Main Street - Wake Forest	Ped	99	154	50%	42%	72%
Raleigh	Neuse River Greenway	Ped	332	478	49%	37%	65%
Raleigh	Mine Creek Trail at North Hills Drive	Ped	110	152	41%	47%	32%
Sanford	Endor Iron Furnace Greenway	Ped	133	181	35%	37%	29%
Winston-Salem	West End Boulevard	Ped	396	524	31%	28%	40%
Raleigh	Rocky Branch Trail at Dorothea Drive	Ped	109	139	25%	17%	49%
Apex	Olive Chapel Road	Ped	132	161	21%	22%	20%
Apex	Louis Stephens Drive	Ped	176	210	16%	35%	-9%
Wilkesboro	Yadkin River Greenway	Ped	239	279	16%	4%	53%
Raleigh	Ridge Road	Ped	367	425	14%	2%	53%
Apex	Salem Street	Ped	1570	1761	13%	-3%	40%
Durham	American Tobacco Trail at Highgate Road	Ped	367	393	9%	14%	2%
Davidson	Griffith Street	Ped	308	340	8%	-11%	89%
Brevard	Brevard Greenway	Ped	181	194	6%	0%	22%
Durham	Main Street - Durham	Ped	431	444	5%	38%	-29%
Carrboro	Old NC Highway 86	Ped	76	79	3%	-2%	15%
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#### September 2020 Bicycle MADT

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	Winston-Salem	West End Boulevard	Bike	29	87	200%	199%	203%
	Apex	Beaver Creek Greenway	Bike	48	115	138%	171%	96%
	Wilkesboro	Yadkin River Greenway	Bike	54	124	127%	100%	178%
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	Raleigh	Ped Bridge	Bike	179	309	73%	57%	94%
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	Durham	Road	Bike	324	555	71%	65%	77%
	Raleigh	House Creek Trail at Lake Boone Trail	Bike	109	185	70%	57%	89%
	Raleigh	Neuse River Trail at Royal Forrest Drive	Bike	395	654	65%	54%	81%
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	Raleigh	Shelley Lake	Bike	103	167	62%	59%	66%
	Raleigh	Neuse River Greenway	Bike	379	612	62%	53%	73%
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	Raleigh	Road Park	Bike	369	556	51%	49%	52%
	Duck	Duck Trail	Bike	262	355	35%	41%	25%
	Greensboro	Walker Avenue	Bike	31	37	21%	12%	45%
	Cary	New Hope Church Road	Bike	45	52	16%	17%	16%
	Raleigh	Mine Creek Trail at North Hills Drive	Bike	117	127	8%	10%	6%
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	Greensboro	Spring Garden Street	Bike	160	91	-43%	-49%	-20%
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Recreational Shared-Use Paths



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Raleigh	Reedy Creek Trail on NCMA side of I-440 Ped Bridge	Bike	179	309	73%	57%	94%
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Residential/Suburban Roadways



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## Downtown Access Points & Business Districts



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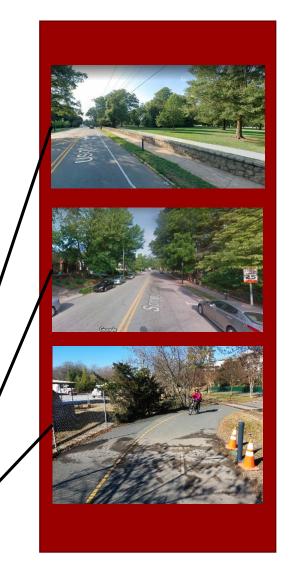




#### University Commute Corridors



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#### Discussion

- Who are the people new to using these facilities? Who are the people who no longer use these facilities?
- Will these trends continue?
- Are communities investing in active transportation facilities as a result of COVID-19 impacts?
- How will the changes in temporal patterns affect non-motorized traffic monitoring practices?







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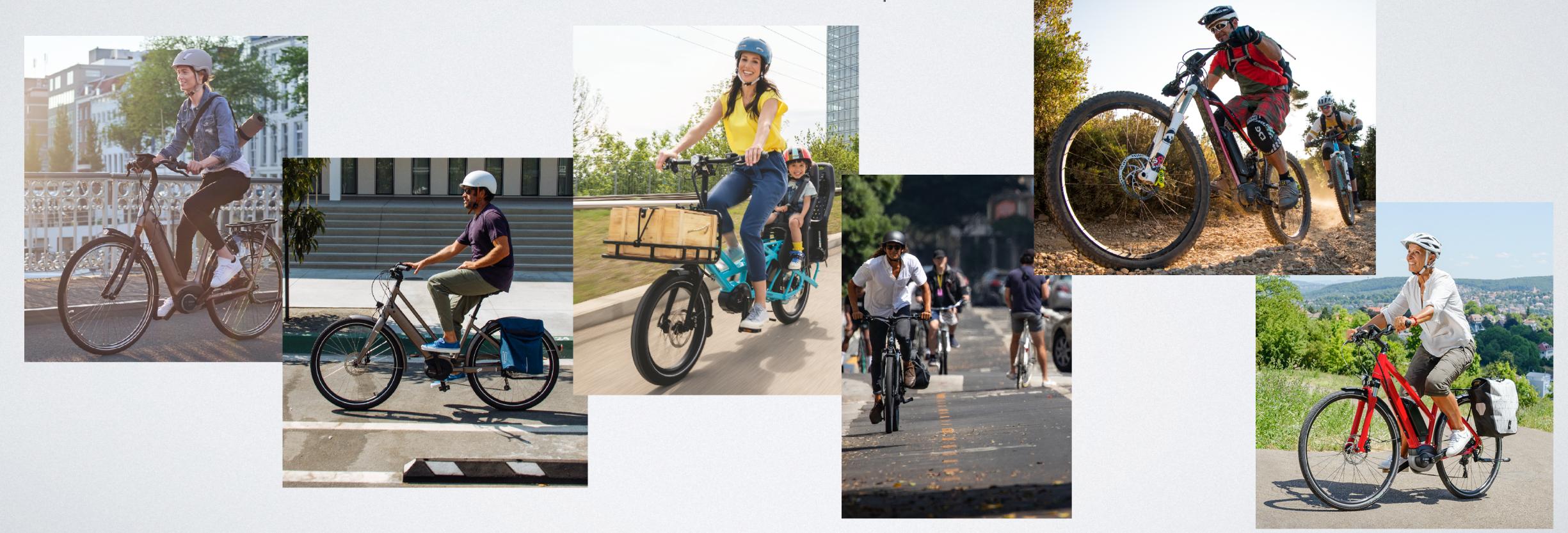
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### ELECTRIC BICYCLING IN NC

eBike Central's Perspective



## OUTLINE

- •eBike Central
- What are Electric Bicycles?
- E-Bike Laws & Categories
- E-Bike Usage NITC Study
- Bicycle Usage during the Pandemic
- E-Bike Share Programs
- DOT Focus on Bicycles
- Trends with E-Bikes







- •eBike Central is an exclusive electric bicycle (e-Bike) dealer specializing in premium brand eBikes for Road, Off Road, Compact, Cargo, City and Commuting transportation.
- Locations in Charlotte and Greensboro NC
- Market is primarily the Southeast US.





#### WHAT ARE ELECTRIC BICYCLES?

- · Electric Motor provides Variable Pedal Assistance with 30-50 mile range.
- Developed in Europe/Asia and Trending in North America: Numerous Manufacturers; Variety of Models; Support different uses.
- New Mode of Transportation that could substantially improve efficiency in the transportation system if adopted, especially if they substitute for car use.
- Enhances the Role of the Bicycle, especially for errands and commuting.
- •Increasingly integral part of transportation network and trail system.
- •Allows new categories of riders to participate in bicycling (i.e. physical limitations, older adults and people in geographically challenging areas).

#### E-BIKE LAWS

#### E-Bikes are defined by Three Classes under Federal Law:

- Class I: pedal-assist only to a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph.
- Class 2: pedal-assist only to a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph, Throttle option.
- Class 3: pedal-assist only to a maximum assisted speed of 28 mph.

All classes limit the motor's power to one horsepower or 750 Watts.

#### Where to ride?

- Treated as a Bicycle and not a Motorized Vehicle.
- Streets, Greenways and Off Road Trails with Limitations.
- National Parks recognize E-Bikes as Bicycles with designated areas to ride.

# E-BIKE CATEGORIES

#### Compact/Folding



**Urban/City** 



Off Road



Cargo/Utility

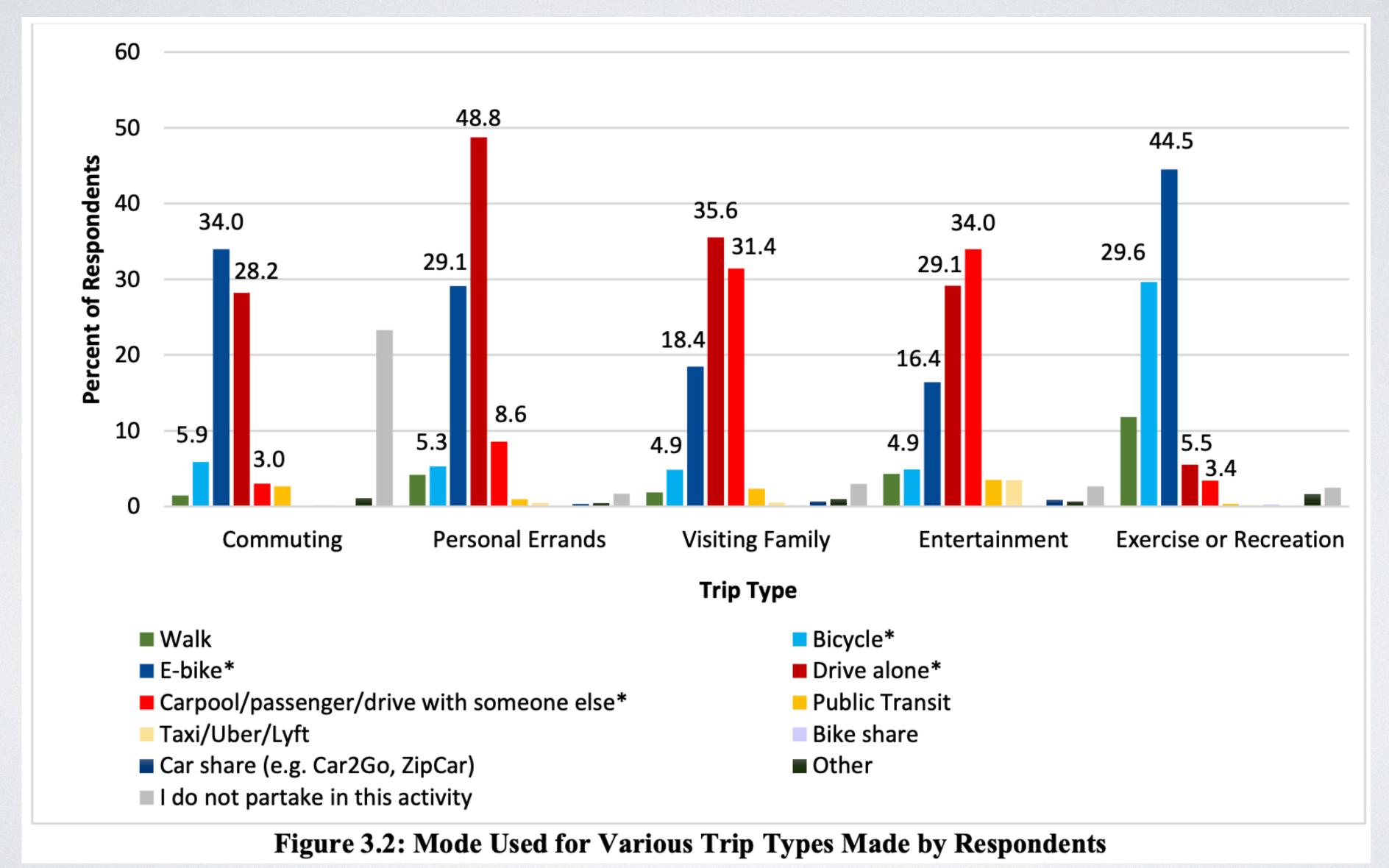


## E-BIKE USAGE - NITC STUDY

National Institute for Transportation and Communities (NITC) Study - 2018; 1,796 survey respondents.

- Reduce the riding effort for Health, Fitness and Recreation.
- Replace car trips and make commuting easier.
- · Carry Cargo, Children and Keeping up with Other Riders.
- Feel safer riding an e-bike than they do a standard bicycle.
- Can take longer routes to utilize lower volume or more comfortable streets.
- Can maintain higher speeds to eliminate speed differentials of cars.
- Focus on the 'Ride' and not 'Riding'.

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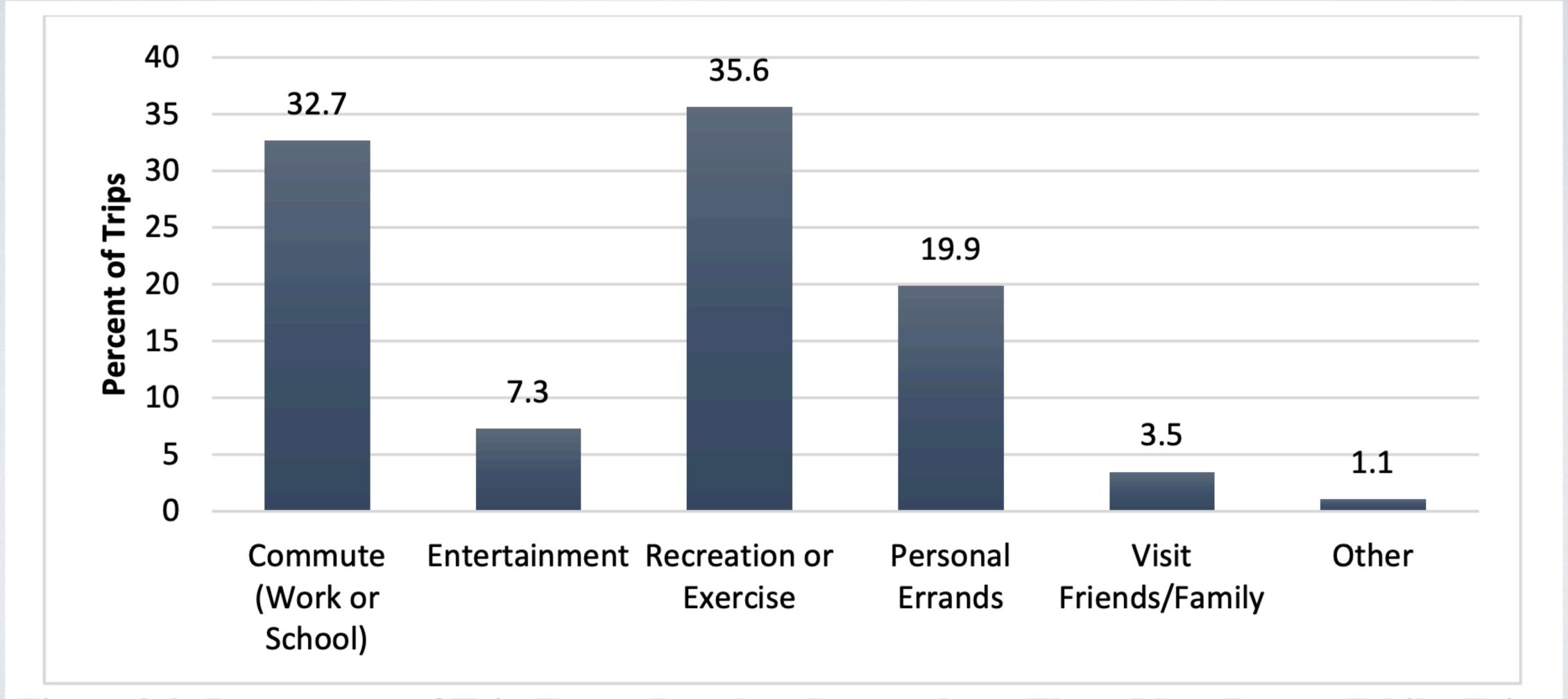
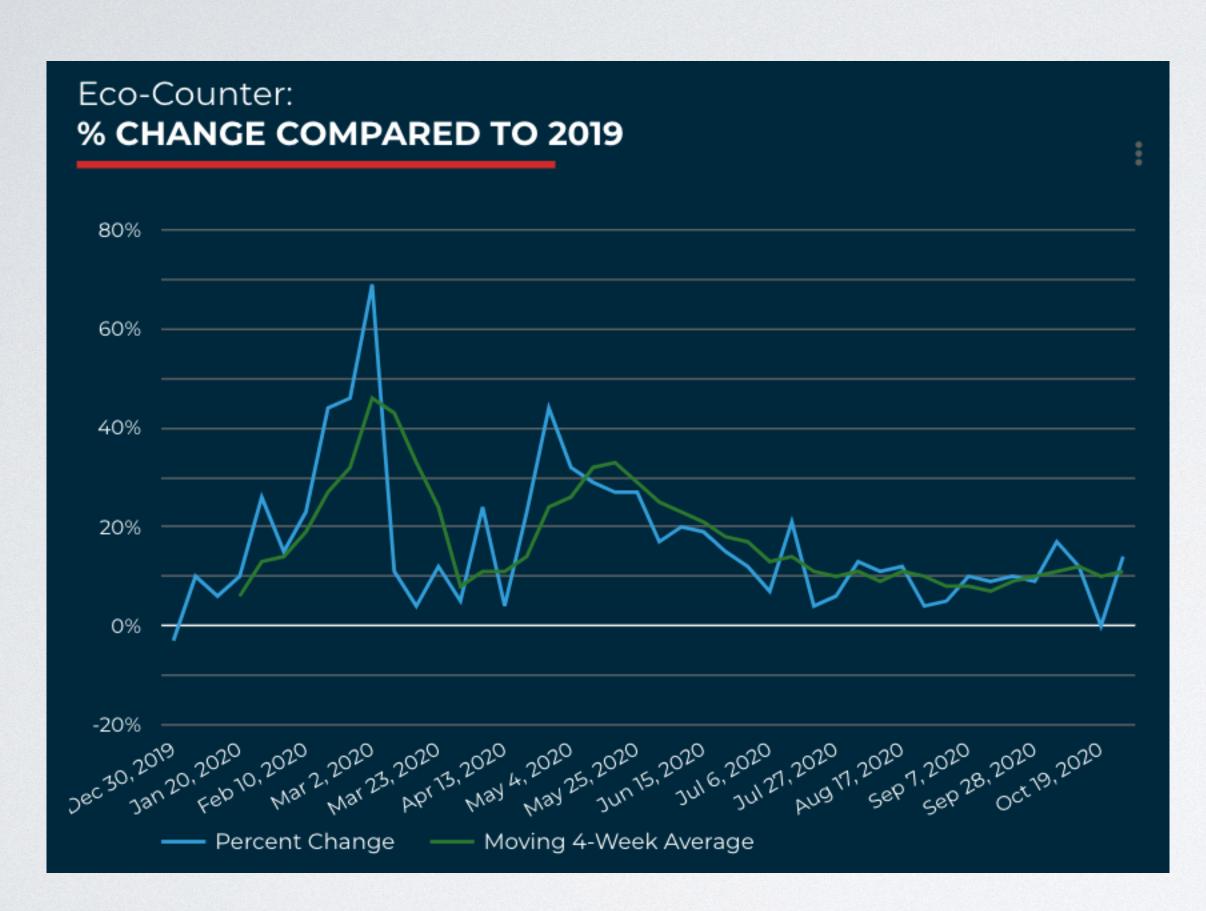
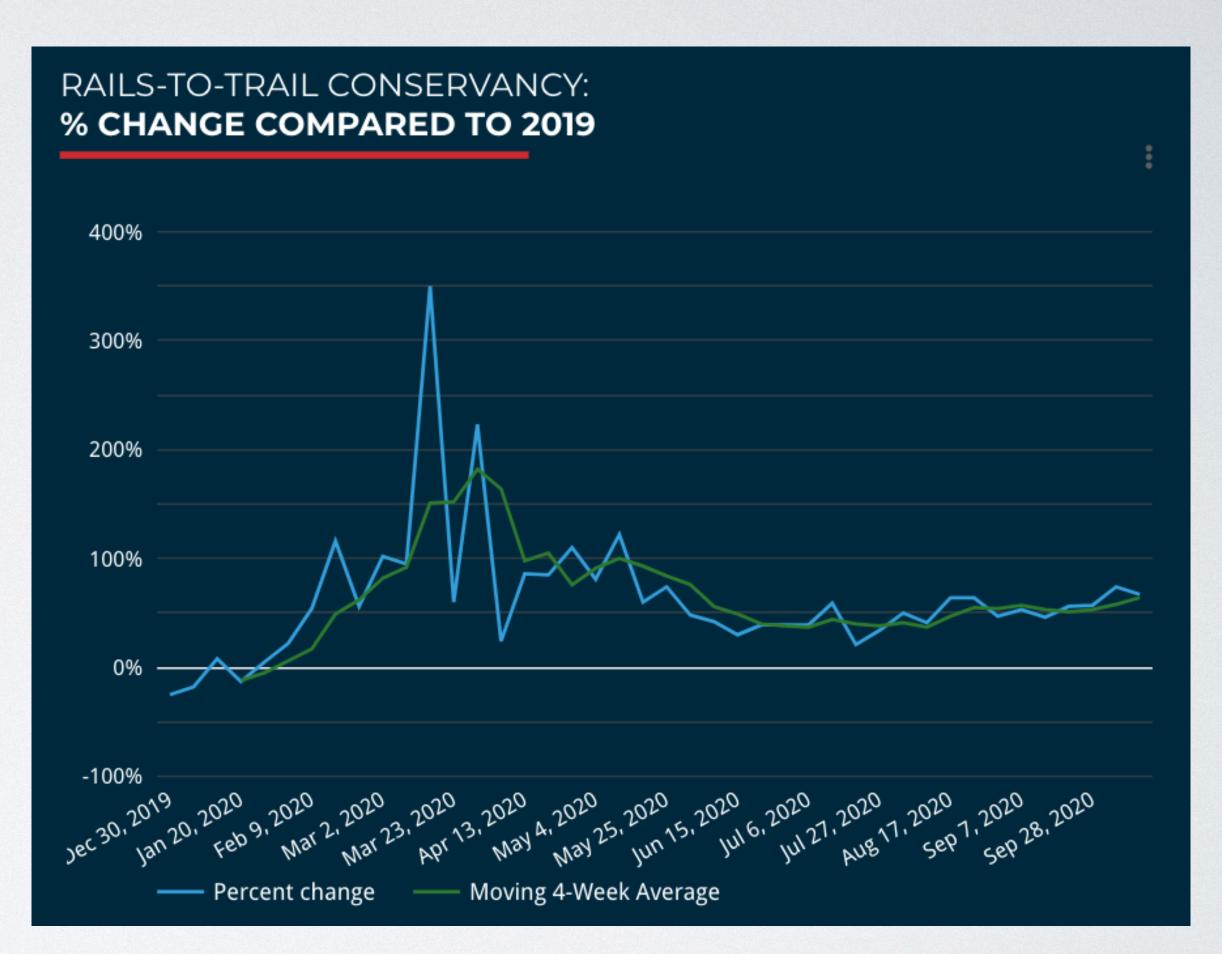


Figure 3.8: Percentages of Trip Types, Based on Respondents Three Most Recent E-bike Trips

#### BICYCLE USAGE - 2020 VS 2019

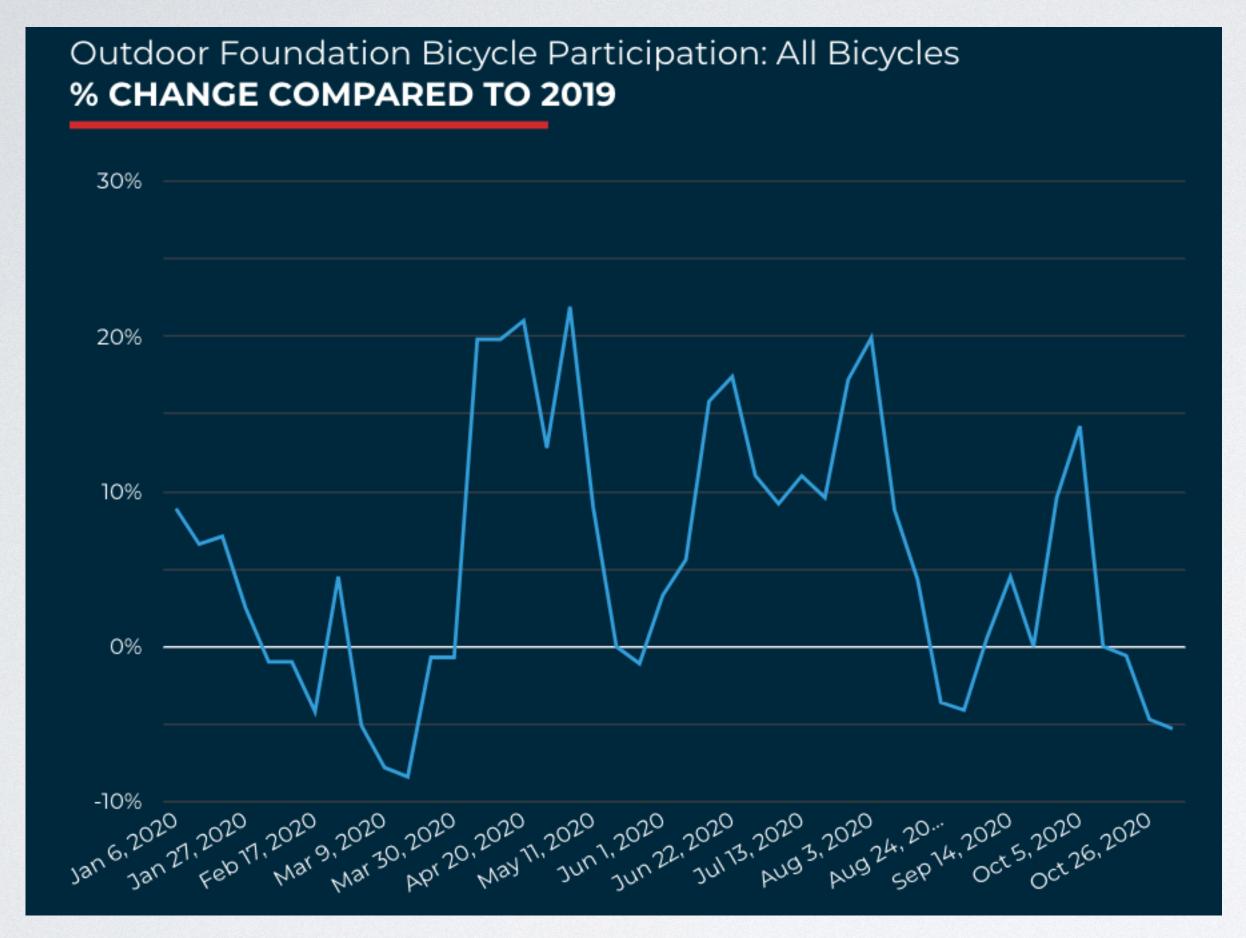


·Number of bike trips taking place in urban areas

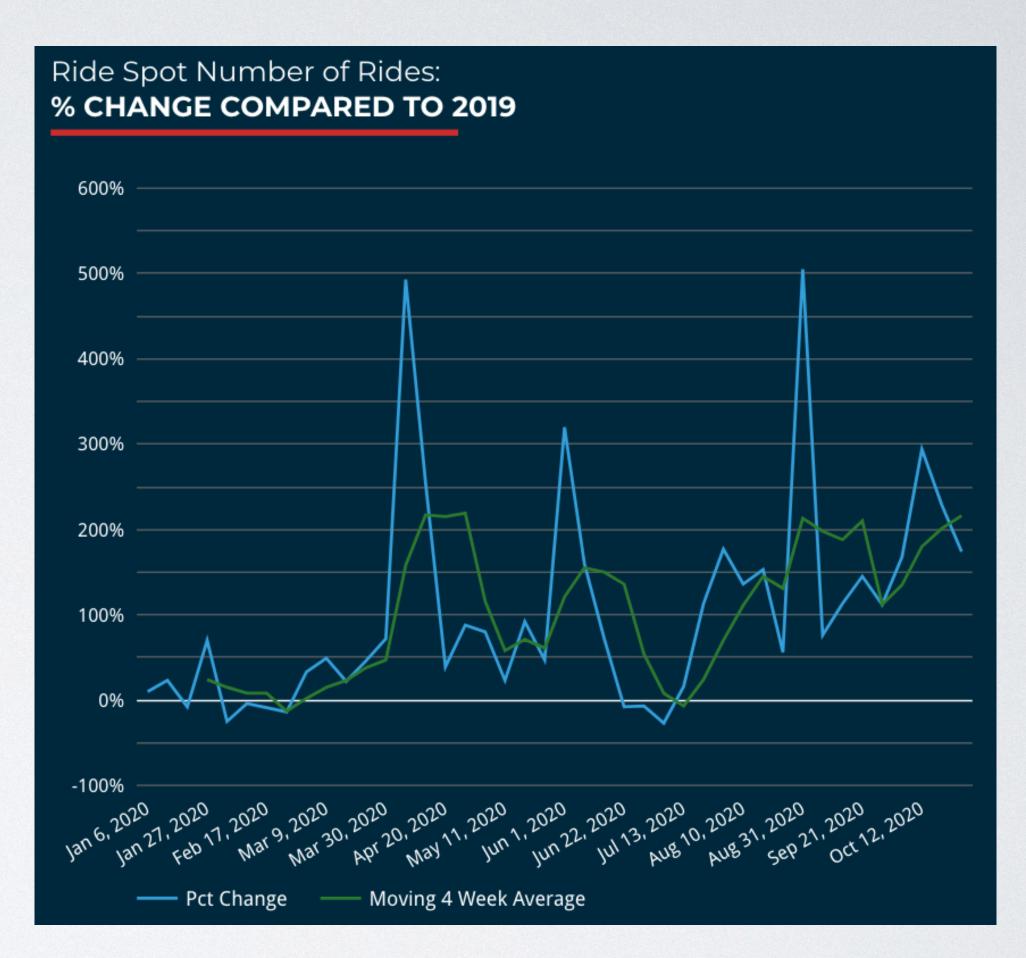


•% change in the number of bicycle trips recorded by 14 bicycle-specific counters located on rail-trails across the U.S.

### BICYCLE USAGE - 2020 VS 2019



 Weekly estimates of ages 6+ who participate in recreational bicycling



•change in the number of bike rides and bike riders recorded in Ride Spot

## E-BIKE SHARE PROGRAMS

- Electric Bike Share programs have had mixed results, constant improvement.
- Scooters and Bike Share programs thrive in dense urban population areas.
- Parking Challenges and Cost of Car Ownership support Share Programs.
- Multi-modal transportation options support each other, bikes/trains/buses/cars.
  - First & Last Mile Solutions to Bus/Train.
- Riders enjoy riding with others as an experience.
- E-Bike Share Programs build awareness and support Ownership, Bicycle Advocacy and Policy Changes.



## INFRASTRUCTURE IN N.C.

- Greenways every major city has projects in progress.
- Shared Streets Initiative major cities are testing and adopting this approach.
- Protected Bike Lanes larger cities see benefits of committing street space.
- ·Bus/Bike Lanes dedicated lanes for buses and bicycles.
- Trail Access off road or e-Mountain Bikes are allowed on certain trails, but more are needed.



# DOT PROJECTS IN N.C.

- •Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan was passed in 2013 but the goals to improve Mobility, Safety, Health, the Economy and the Environment:
  - · Have been left unfunded at the state level.
  - · Restricted to utilizing federal money for projects.
  - Left to local municipalities to fund at a unequal rate across urban and rural areas.
- •NCDOT funded projects have been vastly limited since 2013 and the Interconnectedness of its facilities is lacking.
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#### DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE

- ·Left to Local Organizers to Plan, Design and Build in the absence of State Level Funding for Greenway, Protected Lane and Trail projects.
- Improvements are Incremental, Inconsistent and Unsubstantial due to the lack of Complete Streets integration into NCDOT codification.
- •NC has left the integration as an Unfunded Mandate.
- •NC has the second largest roadway network in the nation but only ranks 22nd for cycling.

#### E-BIKE TRENDS

- •E-Bikes and other personal mobility technologies are creating a more diverse transportation profile (E-Bikes, Scooters, other e-mobility).
- •E-Bike's growing popularity in cities require greater focus on support for their specific needs.
- Increasingly, Older and Younger Residents are finding ways to leave the car behind to Live, Learn and Earn without driving.
- · Residents are attracted to cities that support Healthy Living.
- ·Ridership would grow dramatically with Safer Riding.







### N.C. CAN INNOVATE

State funding and renewing the Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan to support:

MORE Connected Greenways

MORE Protected Bike Lanes

MORE Off Road Trail Access

MORE Education

Ridership will significantly increase when it is safer to ride, not competing with cars.

## END

Pedal Farther, Faster on an eBike!

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#### INFRASTRUCTURE ADENDUM

- NC is the second largest roadway network in the nation but only ranks 22nd for cycling
- In some of the largest cities like Charlotte, congestion makes the ranks of the 24th most congested city. (https://inrix.com/scorecard-city/? city=Charlotte%2C%20NC&index=127) with last mile speeds at 15mph.

  Raleigh ranks 54th and the last mile speeds are 22mph (https://inrix.com/scorecard-city/?city=Raleigh%2C%20NC&index=425)
- Due to the lack of complete streets integration into NCDOT codification, incremental improvements are inconsistent and unsubstantial.
- NCDOT has left active transportation projects out of competitive funding to fulfill its commitment to provide safe, usable roads for all users by not prioritizing projects in the STI over toll road and highway projects.
- On road, off road, greenway and protected facilities within and along roadway right of ways have been left for the most part to local bodies to plan, design and build.
- -Since 2013, the NCGA has limited the state from funding any stand alone bicycle or pedestrian projects, thereby limiting all opportunity for critical infrastructure improvements at the local or state level.
- NC has made strides to plan for the future but, has left this as an unfunded mandate. (https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/BFS%20Report%20Card\_2019\_NorthCarolina.pdf) In the most recent Bike League Scorecard, NC gets a C in infrastructure, a D+ in education and enforcement and a C in policies and programs. So plenty of room to improve.
- Since the active transportation users cross over into every segment, NC also has two of the top 100 house districts in the nation for pedestrian fatalities (https://smartgrowthamerica.org/dangerous-by-design/). 59th and 99th for District 9 and 12 respectively.

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