GOALS: GENERAL

- Improve bicyclist SAFETY and MOBILITY

- Create a COHESIVE NETWORK, built on existing studies’ recommendations

- Support cycling as a viable transportation mode – IMPROVING public HEALTH, increasing transportation OPTIONS, and spurring ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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Reference to Merritt and Norwalk R. Valley Trails
GOALS: CONNECT

- Support continued development of North/South & East/West travel corridors

- Connect major routes* and destinations** to the corridors

  * including: Merritt Parkway, Routes 1 & 7, Western New England Greenway segments

  ** including: Metro-North Stations, employer sites, parks
North/South Bicycle Connectivity Corridor
GOALS: FACILITATE

- Identify some “Quick Build” projects
- Identify sources of funding for bicycle trails and on-road improvements
- Provide a means for bicyclists to report bicycle facility and accessibility issues
GOALS: EDUCATE

- Work with BikeWalk CT and other partners to bring bike safety and skills into the elementary school PE curriculum
What is the Connecticut Statewide Transportation Study?

The study collected information on average daily travel behavior of representative group of residents in the state of Connecticut including how they travel, where they go, why they travel, and how long it takes. Additionally, the study collected household and person level demographic information.

How are the statistics compiled?

The statistics were generated using travel survey data from the 2016 Connecticut Statewide Transportation Study. All statistics reported are based on weighting analysis to match characteristics of CT residents from the 2009-2013 American Community Survey.

What else should I know about the statistics reported?

Where appropriate, imputed, or logically estimated, values are utilized to supplement the collected data from the survey. As with any survey, the statistics are subject to error and bias.

How can I learn more about the study?

Please visit: ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=1383&Q=586922 for more information.
How do they travel?

- 49.1% — Single occupant vehicle
- 22.8% — Family carpool
- 12.2% — Other carpool
- 7.3% — Walk or bike
- 5.4% — Other
- 3.2% — Public transit
What’s Next?

- Determine where needs and opportunities are to support all types of cyclists and all abilities
  
  - Exercise: draw on-street connections for bicyclists on the map in BLACK / Off-street (trail) connections in RED
  
  - Distribute Bicycle survey
  
  - Plan a consistent region-wide network
Questions/Comments?

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