

FOLLOWING A ROUTE TO SAFETY



New Haven REACH, led by the Community Alliance for Research and Engagement, is partnering with the City of New Haven to launch "Safe Routes for All."

The goal of Safe Routes for All is to make active transportation safer for all residents.

Safe Routes for All began with a series of six demonstration projects in low-income neighborhoods. The goals for each project were to:

- increase safety by slowing traffic
- reduce the distance that pedestrians had to cross
- improve the roadway for active transportation users

These projects reflect best practices to make streets safer and serve as a model as the City of New Haven Department of Transportation, Traffic, and Parking develops an Active Transportation Plan.

Intersections were selected in community forums where residents and stakeholders were invited to identify frequent destinations and dangerous intersections in their neighborhoods. These projects will be incorporated into an Active Transportation Plan.

The six demonstration projects were completed with volunteers helping to "Paint the Pavement" and install the designs.

PROJECT DAY FEEDBACK

Long overdue!

Makes people want to go outside more!

Beautiful and colorful! Neighborhood needs a little touch of love and care.

Fair Haven
Before



After



IMPACT OF SAFE ROUTES FOR ALL



LESS TIME SPENT IN CROSSWALK

Reducing the length of time a pedestrian is in the crosswalk allows for reduced risk of pedestrian crashes

34% crosswalk reduction across all 6 sites



SPACE RECLAIMED

Reclaimed pedestrian square feet across all 6 sites

19,492 sq. ft.



NEW HAVEN RESIDENTS & TRANSPORTATION

Approximately...

1 in 2 

Black and Hispanic adult residents have access to a car 'very often.'

1 in 5 

Black and Hispanic residents mostly use the bus to commute or for their regular daily activities.

1 in 5 **1 in 4** 

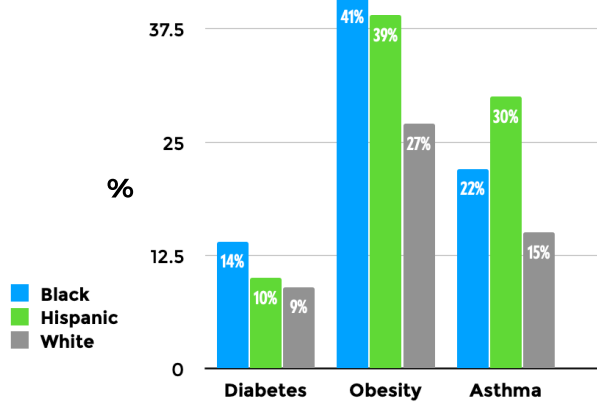
Black residents report there are not safe places to bike in their neighborhood. Hispanic residents

DataHaven (2018). New Haven Crosstabs

CHRONIC DISEASE IN NEW HAVEN

Poor transportation policies and systems may reduce levels of physical activity, increasing residents' risks for chronic diseases. Seniors, children, and those who live in low-income communities typically bear the greatest burden when it comes to these negative health impacts.¹

¹APHA Active Transportation Fact Sheet



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NEXT STOP: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The New Haven Active Transportation Plan prioritizes the City's communities of color in making streets safer for walking, biking, or taking the bus by working with communities to develop a set of individual strategies, street by street. Part of building this plan is understanding areas that need improvement, specifically related to missing pavement markings, signage, pedestrian signals, and sidewalk ramps.

Residents are invited to get involved and report issues in their neighborhood by:

- Logging issues on SeeClickFix: <http://bit.ly/nhvseeclickfix>
- Speaking with Alders
- Attending a Community Management Team meeting

What is "active transportation"?
Walking, biking, rolling, scooting, or taking the bus.

Why is taking the bus considered "Active Transit"?
Those taking the bus, or public transit, walk or bicycle to access the bus stop, or transit line. Previous studies have shown that public transit users have a higher likelihood of walking to destinations near their home and work.²

² Bopp, M., Gayah, V. V., & Campbell, M. E. (2015). Examining the link between public transit use and active commuting. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 12(4), 4256– 4274. doi:10.3390/ijerph120404256

The Active Transportation Plan will potentially impact 221 miles throughout the City. We expect that the plan will be approved by summer 2021.

221 POTENTIAL MILES IMPACTED in the city of New Haven

