

Welcome to the Women's Transportation Cycling Survey

The Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (www.apbp.org) is interested in gathering input on transportation cycling issues. This particular survey is just for women and girls.

How long does this survey take? 15 minutes on average.

Can I share this survey with other women? Please do. The more women and girls you refer to this survey, the more it assists us in figuring out what factors need to be addressed to encourage women to cycle more places more often. The survey will remain open until Saturday May 15, 2010.

The quality of our project depends on the quality of your answers. Please consider the questions carefully. We reserve the right to remove responses that appear disingenuous.

Privacy Policy: Any personally identifiable information will be kept confidential to the project team. Any personal quotes or other details will be anonymized. If you want to participate in follow-up efforts related to this project, you will need to provide us with an email address at the end of the survey. We will not share your email address with anyone after the project is complete.

One final note: we recommend taking this survey from the comfort of your laptop or desktop browser. This survey is not formatted for mobile devices.

Part 1: A quick question before we get started

This survey is an opportunity for a woman or girl to tell her story. While we definitely appreciate that the gentlemen may have valuable views about this topic, this survey is by women for women and girls to capture a snapshot in time. In the future, we may construct a survey for the gentlemen as well.

1. Are you male or female?

Male

Female

Part 2: We would like to know a little about you before we get started

2. Where do you currently live?

City

State

Country

3. How would you characterize the area where you live?

4. Do you use a bicycle for any of your daily trips in the community?

Part 3: This part of the survey covers bicycle use and mind-set

5. Do you ever use a bicycle as transportation to any of the following destinations in your community?

6. Do you ride a bicycle?

7. How many miles do you typically bike per week:

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Good weather week	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Bad weather week	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

8. Why do you use your bicycle for trips? (check all that apply)

- It's the best part of my day
- It's great exercise and keeps me in shape
- I enjoy being in the outdoors
- Bicycling reduces my stress
- It's the easiest/quickest way for me to travel
- I can stop and chat when I see people I know
- It saves me money
- I don't have a car
- I don't have good public transit options
- It's very green and I am doing my bit for the planet
- I use my bike to get to my local bus stop/transit station
- I can do something fun with family and friends
- I want to be a leader in my family and community
- I look great bicycling
- Other (please specify)

9. What type(s) of bike do you use?

- An old junker
- Road bike
- Hybrid bike
- Folding bike
- Mountain bike
- Dutch bike

Other (please specify)

10. What reaction do you get when cycling for transportation? (check all that apply)

- No one blinks an eye
- Sometimes I get strange looks
- I get mostly positive comments and questions
- I'm the seventh wonder of the world
- Some motorists tell me to get on the sidewalk
- Harassment
- Some motorists don't see me
- Motorists expect to see me and are courteous
- Some motorists are overly deferential

Other (please specify)

11. What attitudes do you encounter regarding your bicycling:

	Supportive	Negative	Safety concerns	Mixed reaction	No reaction
Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-workers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strangers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Do the reactions and attitudes to your cycling, make you:

- Bike more
- Bike less
- They have no impact on my decisions

13. Do you engage in the following more than occasionally while riding (check all that apply):

- I follow the rules as much as possible
- Make cell phone calls
- Run red lights
- Run stop signs
- Travel with no lights at night
- Wear dark clothing while riding at night
- Wear headphones
- Wrong way riding

14. Do you engage in the following (check all that apply):

- Check new routes in advance on a map or website
- Check the weather and then decide what I'll wear for cycling
- Check the weather and then decide whether I'll cycle
- Deliberately wear bright/reflective clothing
- Never ride alone
- Never ride in the dark
- Wear special clothing and change at destination

15. Do you wear a helmet when you ride?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

16. Do you wear a helmet when riding with your own children?

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes
- Not applicable

17. What is your experience at bike shops? (check all that apply)

- My bike shop is great and provides great service
- My bike shop makes a special effort to cater to women customers
- My bike shop is run by women
- I feel so intimidated every time I try and ask anything
- It's all guys and they ignore me
- It is dark and unappealing
- Everything is so complicated
- Everything is so expensive
- They have such a small selection of women's bike products
- Other (please specify)

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18. How would you characterize your bicycling style (check all that apply)?

Assertive

Carefree



19. When you ride on the street, what lane position do you take? (check one)

20. Almost everyone has had injuries when bicycling at some point. Have any of the following occurred to you (check all that apply):

	Fallen off bike	Knocked off by vehicle	Hit by opening car door	Deliberately pushed off
As a child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
As an adult	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 4: This part of the survey deals with perceived or actual barriers to ...

21. Cycling skills & confidence: what factors influence your cycling decisions? (check all that apply)

- I don't know how to ride a bike
- Distance is too far
- Weather is not suitable (too wet/hot/cold)
- I have personal safety/security concerns
- I'm afraid of the bike breaking down
- I don't know cycling rules
- Cycling has become too dangerous
- I dislike aggressive/distracted drivers
- I don't like being assertive with cars
- It's hard starting up from a stop
- I don't like to ride after dark
- I had a scare/near-miss on my bike in the past
- I'm not in shape to ride a bicycle
- I would love to cycle again but I just don't know where to begin
- My cycling skills are really poor
- It's so many years since I've cycled that I'm not sure that I can
- None of the above apply to me

Other (please specify)

22. Facility design and maintenance: what factors influence your cycling decisions? (check all that apply)

- No bike lanes or bike paths in my area
- Local roads are too busy for me to cycle on them
- They don't clear the ice/snow from the bike facilities
- Its difficult to ride my bike to transit
- Too many hills in the area
- I dislike car fumes
- I don't like riding close to all the buses and trucks
- There are dangerous pinch points on my route
- Roads are in terrible shape, potholes, debris, etc.
- There is nowhere for me to park my bike
- Some of my routes are not well lit
- There are no facilities for locking bike/changing at my work
- None of the above apply to me
- Other (please specify)

23. Life style issues: what factors influence your cycling decisions? (check all that apply)

24. Bikes and equipment: what factors influence your cycling decisions?
(check all that apply)

- I don't know how to work the gears
- I can never get my brakes working right
- I'm afraid that I'll get stranded with a flat tire somewhere
- My hands get dirty when I have to do anything with the bike
- I don't like it when oil gets on my clothes from the chain
- I don't know how to carry stuff on my bike
- I need fenders
- None of these factors bother me
- Other (please specify)

25. Culture and fashion: what factors influence your cycling decisions?
(check all that apply)

- Clothing/grooming are a problem
- It's difficult bringing spare clothes
- All the clothes and gear look so complicated
- I would look silly on a bike
- No other women in my neighborhood cycle
- All those other women look so fit
- I hate arriving anywhere all red and sweaty
- Helmets mess up my hair
- Shoes are an issue
- I'm afraid of negative comments about my appearance after cycling
- None of the above apply to me
- Other (please specify)

26. What are your safety concerns about bicycling? (check all that apply)

- Volume of cars
- Speed of cars
- Moving cars
- Distracted driving
- Motorists who run red lights and stop signs
- Moving trucks and buses
- Parked cars opening doors
- Vehicles turning right in front of me when I'm going straight
- Vehicles hitting me from behind when I am cycling
- Crossing at intersections
- Other cyclists running into me
- Pedestrians stepping out in front of me without looking
- Stranger attacks
- Someone stealing my bike while it's parked
- None of the above
- Other (please specify)

27. What would cause you to start or increase your cycling (check all that apply)?

- More people cycling
- More bike lanes
- Wider lanes on the roads
- Completely separated off-road cycling paths
- Better connectivity/more direct routes
- Reduced traffic speeds/cars
- Better lighting along routes
- Showers and lockers at destination
- Incentives from my school
- More bike racks everywhere
- More bike racks at my transit station
- Secure bike parking
- Ability to bring bike on train or bus
- More fashionable
- More security and safety for cyclists
- Increased levels of other women cycling
- More encouragement from my friends and family
- Organized social cycling events
- Cycling with a buddy more often
- Starting-up cycling classes
- Ladies-only cycling class
- Work-place encouragement

28. When did you first have freedom to bicycle places alone?

Part 5: What would encourage more women to cycle?

31. What could your community do to encourage more women to bicycle for trips?

32. Could your community do anything different to encourage more teen girls to bicycle for trips?

33. What could your community do to specifically encourage more young girls to bicycle for trips?

34. Is there anything that you would like to add on the topic of women and bicycling:

Part 6: Can you let us know a little about you and your household?

35. What is your age group?

- Under 20
- 20-30
- 31-40
- 41-50
- 51-60
- 61-70
- 70 and over

36. What is your highest educational level obtained?

- Still in school
- High school
- College
- Graduate

37. Cultural & Ethnic Background:

- American Indian and Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
- Other
- White

38. May we get in touch with you again in the future to discuss this topic? If so please provide us with a contact e-address. We will not share this address for any other purpose.

Part 7: Thank you for your interest in our survey

To the gentlemen, while we definitely appreciate that you have valuable views about this topic, this particular survey is by women for women to capture a snapshot in time. In the future, we may construct a survey for the gentlemen as well. Do join us for a free webinar on this topic on March 31, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, or view the archive later at your leisure.

