

*1. If elected, what would be your top priorities for improving safety and comfort for people walking and biking in Newburyport? Are there specific locations that you would like the City to focus on in the next few years? Are there specific initiatives or policies you would support?*

Downtown is already a central hub for residents and local commerce. With the evolving and increasingly dense areas of the MBTA commuter rail station and Port Plaza/Storey Ave, the city should initiate a study as to whether a local regular shuttle service would assist residents in moving between the three areas. While not a bicycle option or a pedestrian option, such a shuttle could reduce demand for automobile transport, decrease local vehicular traffic to a degree, and have a marginal improvement in the biking and pedestrian experience

The City with City Council involvement should evaluate and bike share pilot to determine long term feasibility. The City should make sure we have adequate bike racks downtown.

The City should advocate with the State and MBTA to improve bicycle security at the MBTA platform, perhaps using a model similar to the Oak Grove Orange line station <https://www.duncangalvanizing.com/oak-grove-pedal-and-park> with other types elsewhere in the MBTA system <https://www.mbta.com/bikes/bike-parking>.

The City should adopt and implement Vision Zero principles through collaboration with Merrimack Valley Planning Commission's regional safety plan, emphasizing zero traffic deaths.

The City should prioritize the Three Roads intersection for a redesign which could include roundabout.

The City should prioritize the Kent Street and Merrimac Street intersection for redesign.

The City should prioritize a Hale Street bike/pedestrian pathway to better connect the West End with the rest of Newburyport.

*2. What do you think the City is doing well in terms of bike and pedestrian facilities and infrastructure? What could be improved?*

I'm glad the City adopted the bike share pilot which I supported on the Council and am deeply appreciative of the role Newburyport Livable Streets played to make that a reality.

3. *Snow and ice can block sidewalks, curb ramps, bus stops, and bike lanes for days, making it difficult for people who walk, roll, bike, or rely on transit to travel safely. Clearing these areas quickly is essential for maintaining year-round accessibility. How do you envision improving accessibility for walkers and bikers during winter weather events?*

The City could publicize an inventory of sidewalks and when they've been cleared as a way to build accountability for residents, businesses, State owned property and the City itself. This could build on the reporting link that Newburyport Livable Streets created a few years ago "Reporting Problems with Snow Clearing on Public Sidewalks"

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZBH5XVS>

4. *Safe walking and biking routes to school help children have the freedom and independence to move around the community and reduce car trips for parents and guardians. Is there anything the City should do to promote safe options for kids walking and biking to school?*

The City should continue to support the Bike Buses which Newburyport Livable Streets has sponsored. I'd look to Newburyport Livable Streets to tell the City what to do.