



# Map: 10 of the busiest spots for bikes in Boston

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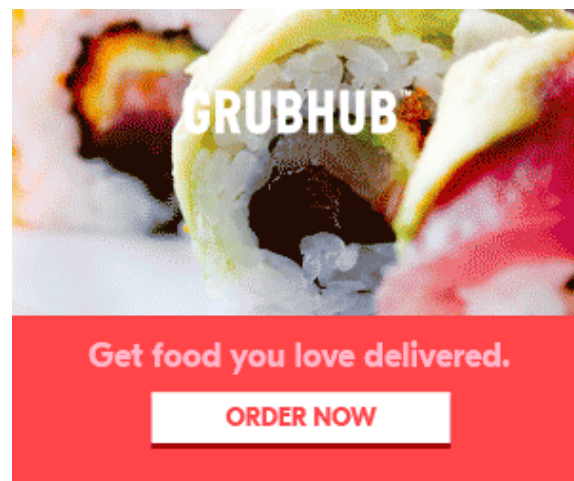
A new municipal study highlights some of the busiest spots for cycling in Boston.

[Data](#) released this week by the Boston Transportation Department show that the busiest spot the city

identified was the area around a [Back Bay intersection, near the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Beacon Street](#), that was found in a separate study to be the most frequent spot for collisions involving cyclists.

How busy that area is may help explain why so many crashes have been reported there in recent years.

Other busy spots: The BU Bridge area, north of Commonwealth Avenue, and the Southwest Corridor Bike Path, south of Heath Street.



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The city study measured bike usage across 60 locations citywide and found that, on average, nearly 30,000 trips were made by bike per day.

During rush hours in some spots, the number of cyclists accounted for more than one in six of all vehicles passing by, both cars and bikes combined.

“Bicycling is a healthy and low-cost form of transportation and we are pleased that so many people are choosing bikes to get around the city,” Boston Transportation Commissioner Gina N. Fiandaca said in a statement.

“We are working to make bicycling more convenient, comfortable, and accessible to people throughout Boston, and these counts will help us to track our progress and plan for future enhancements to our bicycling programs.”



Biking in Boston [has become more popular](#) in recent years, according to Census data and previous studies by the city. At the same time, the [rate of injuries](#) among cyclists has [dropped](#), suggesting that efforts by the city to make Boston safer and more bike-friendly have paid off.

The city conducted its most-recent counting of cyclists during a 72-hour stretch at the end of September and using a fully automated system.

Video was taken at each of the 60 locations and then run through software that classified each vehicle passing by as either a bicycle or a motor vehicle. Bikes traveling on sidewalks were excluded from the counts, and the city also had staff do some of their own counting and video reviews to ensure accuracy.

In previous years, the city relied on teams of volunteers to stand outside during rush hours and count bikes manually.

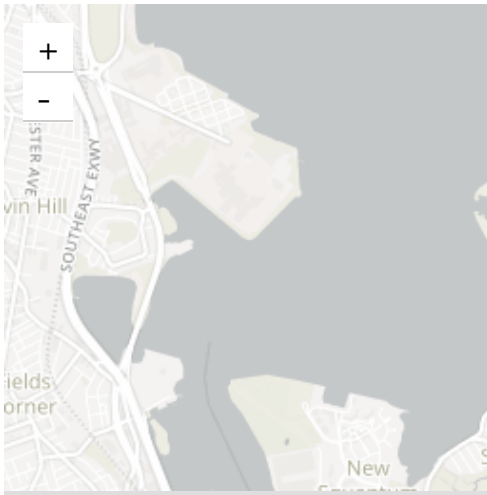
“Automated counts allow us to capture bike trips taken throughout the day and in all kinds of weather,” Stefanie Seskin, the city’s Active Transportation director, said in a statement. “This better reflects where people are riding today and will help us to understand where they’ll ride in the future.”

The city this week also announced that the process to reinstall Hubway bike share stations after their winter hiatus has begun. Officials said they expect most stations to be reinstalled by mid-March and the rest should be in place by April. For more information on the stations’ statuses, click [here](#).

To see more findings from the bike count survey, click [here](#) and [here](#).

## 10 of the busiest spots for cyclists in Boston

The size of the bubbles reflect the average number of bicycles counted at the location for a 24-hour period.



**SOURCES: Boston Transportation Department**

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