



City of Palm Springs Development Services Department Office of Sustainability

TO: Sustainability Commission

FROM: Tracy Sheldon, Program Coordinator

SUBJECT: Bicycle Survey

MEETING DATE: January 18, 2022

The Bicycle group consisting of Commissioner Torrens, Jim Flanagan, Brett Klein, Vic Yepello, Robin Abrahams and Timothy Papanadreou have asked city staff to distribute an electronic bicycle survey.

The group began their efforts with a survey for the Oahu Bike Plan Update and made modifications to the survey to make it applicable to Palm Springs. The survey consisted of 35 questions.

During the December 21, 2021 Sustainability Commission meeting, Commissioner Torrens provided an update that the survey had received minor edits. City staff recommended the survey be condensed before distribution to the community. Commissioner Ocañas volunteered to review and edit the survey as surveying is a feature of her profession. Program Coordinator Sheldon will forward the draft survey to Commissioner Ocañas after the meeting. Commissioner Ocañas condensed the survey to 14 questions.

The condensed survey was forwarded to the bicycle group on January 4, 2022 and the feedback has been in support of the condensed survey but to add in question #23 about priorities.

Below is the proposed bicycle survey.

Palm Springs Bike Survey 2022

The City Palm Springs is updating our Bike Plan and we need your input! Even if you never or rarely ride a bicycle, your input will still be beneficial. Your responses will help us make Palm Springs safer and healthier by improving bicycling conditions across the city. On behalf of the Sustainability Commission, we thank you in advance for your time.

How do you get around?

1. First, please indicate how frequently you use the following modes of travel around Palm Springs.

	Daily	A few times a week	A few times a month	Once a month	Less than once a month	Never
Car						
Motorcycle or moped						
Bike						
Walk						
Motorcycle						
Carpool						
Public Transit						
Carshare						
Other						

2. Which of the following do you NOT have access to?

- a. My own bicycle
- b. Bicycle from rental or bikeshare company
- c. Electric bicycle
- d. Car
- e. Motorcycle/Moped
- f. Walking ability

3. What is the average distance of your ride (single trip, one-way)?

- a. Less than 2 miles
- b. 3-5 miles
- c. 6-15 miles
- d. 16+ miles

Bicycle Infrastructure (bike lanes, bike parking, bike paths etc)

4. How satisfied are you with bicycle infrastructure in Palm Springs? This includes bike lanes, bike paths, and bike parking options.

- a. Very satisfied
- b. Somewhat satisfied
- c. Neutral
- d. Somewhat unsatisfied
- e. Very unsatisfied

5. Where do you usually ride your bike in Palm Springs?

- a. Neighborhood streets
- b. Major streets with bike lanes
- c. Major streets with protected bike lanes (bike lanes that are physically separated from traffic)
- d. Multi-use paths
- e. Major streets sharing a lane with cars
- f. Parks
- g. On sidewalks

h. Other__

6. How comfortable would you be biking in the following situations?

	Very Comfortable	Somewhat comfortable	Somewhat Uncomfortable	Very Uncomfortable	Would NOT ride
Biking in automobile lane					
In bike lane exposed to traffic					
In bike lane physically separated from traffic (with posts, curb, etc.)					
In a separate multi-use pathway (shared with pedestrians)					

7. Palm Springs is considering improving bike paths at numerous locations, as described in the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Active Transportation Plan (https://www.cvag.org/library/pdf_files/trans/Transporta5on_Documents/CVAG%20ATP%202016-06-20%20rev2017-06-07.pdf). Which of the bike path improvements are of greatest interest to you?

- a. Installing a protected two way painted bike lane on Palm Canyon between Alejo and Ramon (PS180)
- b. Implementing a road diet (one lane in each direction with a protected turn lane in the center), with painted bike lanes on either side of South Palm Canyon between E. Palm Canyon and Murray Canyon (PS201)
- c. Installing painted buffered bike lanes on Belardo between Amado-Ramon (PS98 and PS95)
- d. Other streets or areas as shown on CVAG Table 4-27 or in general, please describe:

Why not ride more often?

8. What prevents you from riding more often (if you wanted to)? (Choose your top 5)

- a. I do not own or have access to a bike
- b. Safety concern (risk of being injured or killed)
- c. Conflicts with pedestrians
- d. Inclement weather (excessive heat, rain, wind, etc.)
- e. Sweating
- f. My social circle (family, friends) do not bicycle
- g. Risk of getting ticketed by police
- h. Risk of bicycle getting stolen or damaged
- i. Too much stuff to carry/too heavy
- j. Need to transport other people/children (in car or bus)
- k. Distance to destination too far
- l. Don't know how to ride a bicycle
- m. Other reason: __

9. The best way for Palm Springs to make biking more comfortable would be to... (select up to 3)

- a. Offer a bicycle safety class for residents, groups, Businesses, and hotels
- b. Increase enforcement of rules and safety violations for both auto drivers and bicyclists
- c. Improve signage and infrastructure to steer more bikes onto bike paths
- d. Create more bike pathways and lanes that are separate from other traffic (pedestrian and automobile traffic)
- e. Improve infrastructure to slow down automobile traffic (i.e. speed bumps, lighting, extend curb, etc.)
- f. Create more direct bike routes that connect me to my destinations (including public transit stations)
- g. Install more secure bike parking locations
- h. Improve lighting on multi-use pathways
- i. Provide more shower and changing facilities
- j. Other (please write): _____

Tell us about yourself

10. Home ZIP code:
11. Are you a;
 - a. seasonal resident or
 - b. year-round resident
12. Birth Year:
13. What is your gender?
 - a. Male
 - b. Female
 - c. Non-Binary self-identify as: _____
 - d. Prefer not to say
14. What is your race/ethnicity?
 - a. American Indian/Native American
 - b. Asian
 - c. Black/African-American
 - d. Hispanic/Latino
 - e. Pacific Islander
 - f. White (non-Hispanic)
 - g. Two or more ethnicities
 - h. Other
 - i. Prefer not to say
15. What type of residence do you live in?
 - a. Apartment building or condo
 - b. Single family residence
 - c. Mobile home park
 - d. Other
 - e. Prefer not to say