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Spring 2025 Newsletter

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Rockland County Safe Streets Survey

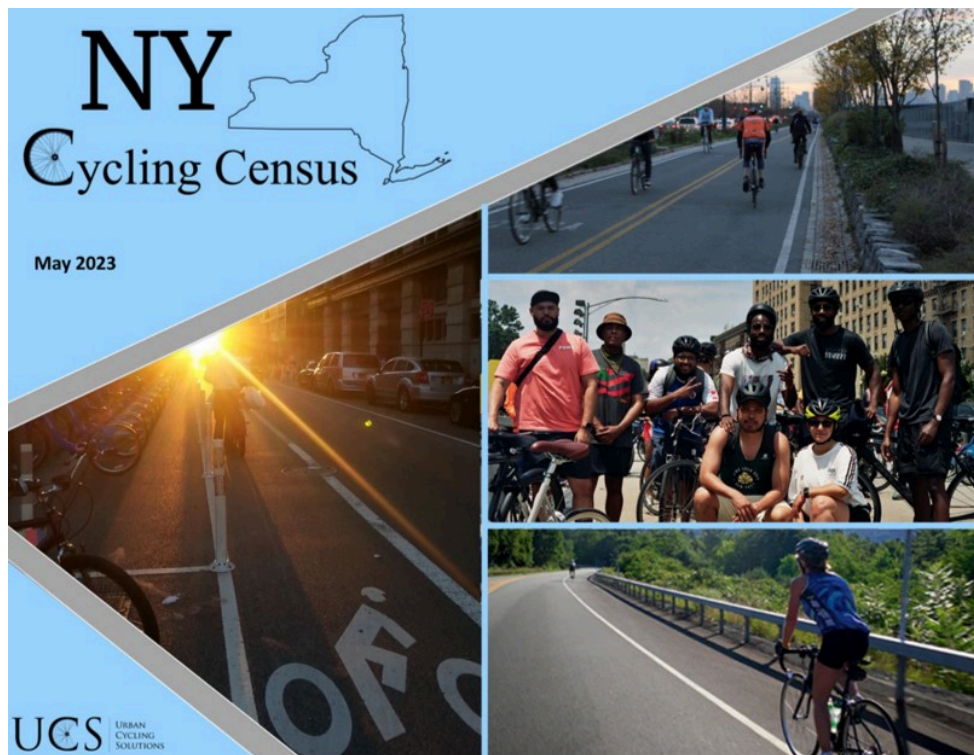
We are relaunching Rockland County Safe Streets and we need your help! By taking this short survey, you will help us better tailor content and safety resources to the needs of Rockland County residents. Your feedback on safe bicycling, walking, rolling, and driving in Rockland County will also help us identify strategies for improving the roadway experience for all modes and users. Click the button below to take the survey now!

[Take the Survey!](#)

The 2023 New York Cycling Census provides data on biking preferences and conditions on every county in New York State. In Rockland County:

- The top three reasons for biking are 1) Exercise and fitness, 2) fun, 3) mental health and wellness
- The most frequent bike trip purposes are recreation and exercise.
- The biggest barriers to biking in Rockland County are 1) lack of bike lanes or safe routes 2) fear of conflicts with cars, and 3) weather.
- Ebikes are more likely to get people biking in Rockland County.
- Generally, Rockland County residents bike just as much or more than they did before the Covid-19 pandemic

Learn more about the NY Cycling Census [here](#).

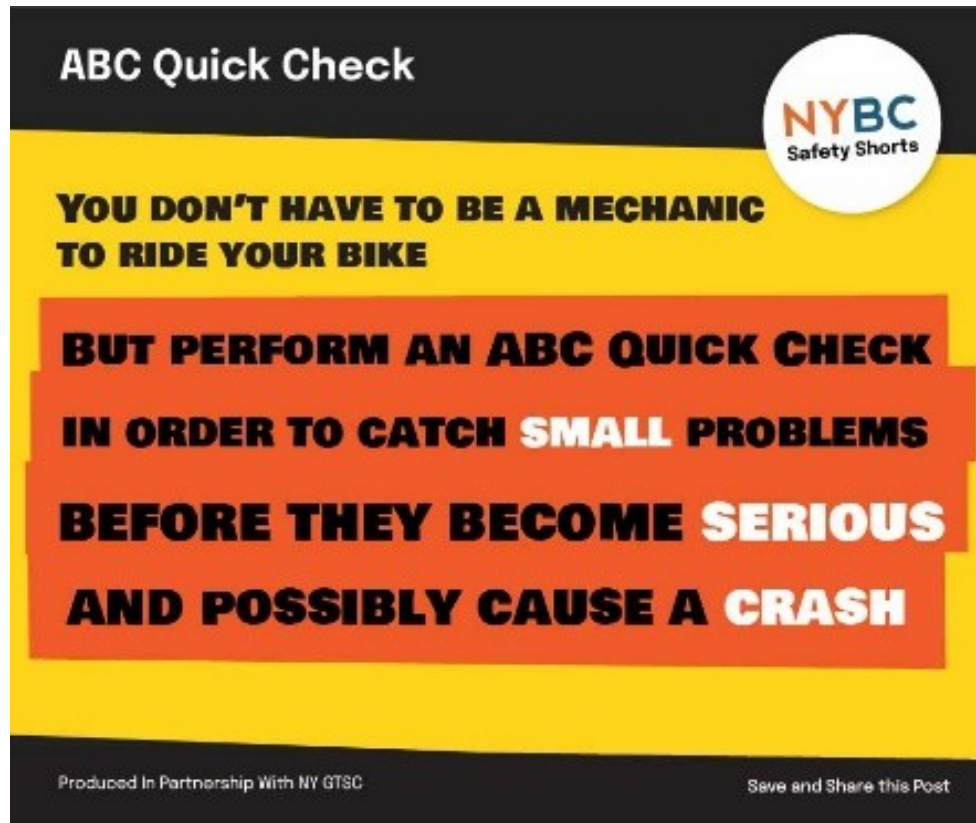


Cycling into Spring

Prime riding season is right around the corner, and it's time to give your bicycle a once over to ensure it's safe and ready to ride this spring. In addition to a seasonal tune up at your local bike shop, be sure to give your bike an "ABC Quick Check."

- **A = Air:** Make sure that your tires have enough air. You can check the recommended pressure on the side wall of the tire.

- **C = Chain:** Make sure the chain is on the gears and well-lubricated.
- **Quick = Quick Release Levers:** Ensure that the levers holding on the wheels and seat posts are closed, and firmly attached.



NYS Pedestrian Safety Laws

New York has a very specific set of laws pertaining to the rights and responsibilities of pedestrians. Did you know:

- Pedestrians must use the right side of a crosswalk; Pedestrians also have the right of way at all intersections however, they should yield to vehicles when crossing
- When no sidewalk is present, walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic
- Pedestrians are not allowed to cross an intersection diagonally unless permitted by traffic control devices.
- Soliciting rides along state roadways (hitchhiking) is not permitted
- Drivers are required to yield to pedestrians with guide dogs and/or white canes with a red tip.

You can read more about NYS' Vehicle and traffic laws pertaining to pedestrian safety [here](#).



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