

Comments in letters to Mayor Michael Nutter supporting Bike Sharing in Philadelphia

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The text of the letter:

I recently learned about Bike Sharing through Bike Share Philadelphia, and became informed that these programs can reduce automobile congestion and harmful urban air pollution. A program in Philadelphia would increase public transportation usage when used as a bridge between origination points, transit and destination points. It would also increase the City's public health and be a win-win toward making Philadelphia a greener city. I'm asking you to bring a public bike sharing program to all of Philadelphia for our 21st Century City!
mo 19365

The Comments:

Dear Mayor Nutter, First, thank you for your service to the city of Philadelphia. It is evident that you truly care about the future of this city. In my opinion, one of the best features of Philly is that it is a very bike friendly city. While we may not be able to compete with NY, Boston or DC in attractions and prestige, we could really stand out if we led the pack in sustainability efforts. A program like Bike Share Philadelphia could not only benefit the environment but it would provide a great service to citizens who cannot afford cars or public transportation. I've used the public bikes in Paris and it was so easy to use and affordable. I hope you will consider adopting Bike Share Philly! Sincerely,
am 19148

I fully support the bike sharing concept as well as any measures, including bikelanes, bikeracks, greenways and DRIVER EDUCATION, to make Philadelphia a more bicycle-friendly city!
kp 19147

We must begin to make these kinds of changes to make the city a better place to live, work and play!
mh 18929

Please move ahead quickly on bike-sharing - Portland and San Francisco and a lot of Europe are already on board - let's go greener sooner rather than later!
ja 19041

Dear Mayor Nutter, I've been told that you're supporting the Bike Share movement in Philly. Bravo! We need all the various low and high tech "tools" we can muster to counter our dependence on foreign oil,

and this is certainly one. Bike Sharing reduces traffic congestion and the need for additional parking. Bicycling is healthy, and fun. It creates no air pollution. Cleaner air helps reduce the costs of illnesses such as asthma and cardiac disease. In short, Bike Sharing is a win-win for all. Thank you very much for your support.

jm 19082

Bike Sharing will provide alternative transportation for those with low-income; will promote physical exercise as a result of choosing bicycling over walking or taking other means of transportation; and, will help reduce the increasing physical obesity that is characteristic of the US. Peace.

bp-t 19119

Dear Mayor Nutter, As ZipCar and RideShare have transformed innercity traffic for Philadelphia- a bike-share program would also reduce the emissions and make our city cleaner and more transport-friendly. If we could pair this with a corridor of walk/bike only streets in the city (say the entire Pine Street from East to West)- locomotion would be easier and the citizens of Philadelphia would be healthier for it. We could erase our title as America's "fattest, dirtiest, most unfriendly city" and replace it with adjectives like "progressive" "healthy" family-friendly" and "green". Thank you for your time and consideration.

cb 19143

This is an idea whose time has come. I urge you to support it. I attended the initial presentation at the Academy of Natural Sciences and appreciated the support and enthusiasm you showed there. I know these are difficult times and I hope you and the City - where I have lived for over 30 years - pull through this. Green ideas will help both in tangible and intangible ways. Thank you for your efforts and work for our great city.

ac 19130

Get On Board, Little Children!

db 19128

Thank you for your leadership!

rk 19406

I personally ride my bike to work every day here in Center City except on snowy and slippery days. Yes, even in the rain! Please take this program seriously, it is a wonderful initiative that will show Philadelphia as a city with forward thinking and progressive programs to help the planet and its citizens.

me 19146

I was recently riding my bike in a bike lane and was hit by a car - that didn't stop. Having a bike share program would allow an increase in visibility for bikers, and would therefore increase the safety of riding in the city. Bike share programs have worked in other cities, larger than Philadelphia, for years. It is a green solution. It is a SOLUTION to many issues: driving without car insurance, a decrease in the amount of damage that cars are doing to our streets and air (not to mention incidents like Wendy's at 10th and Walnut!), increases the potential for tourists to enjoy the city, etc. Please support this program - please support our home, our city, our earth.
aq 19146

Just one step towards a better transportation infrastructure is dedicated bike lanes that buses can't disturb. Lyon is a great example of how autos can't adjust to the massive influx of bikes & become safer. Please help support this program!
Dr. ad 19146

I would be even prouder of living in Philadelphia.
sh 19146

Bike sharing belongs in the city I live in, work in, and love!
ed 19146

I'm a Philadelphia resident who is currently living in France and I'm very excited about the possibility of a bike share program in Philly. When I'm living in Philly I ride my bike everywhere which works great. Since moving to France I've spent a decent amount of time in Paris riding around on the Velib bikes and they have convinced me how much of an impact a bikeshare program can have, and also that it can absolutely work!
pb 19146

As someone who does not currently own a bike but like riding, a Philly bike share program would really interest me.
jt 19143

I would love to see Philadelphia become one of the greenest cities in the next 8 years. This would be a large step!
mb 19146

I feel like a Bike share program would be very beneficial to the city of Philadelphia. I think that I would definitely cut down on the amount of vehicular traffic throughout the city, as well as help with the city parking problem. Finally, from traveling abroad, and visiting cities with public bike programs, I have seen

the positive effect that this type of program has on a city. I'm sure much thought has been give to all of the benefits that this type of program can have and I hope your administration will make a push for its initiation in Philadelphia.
ka 19124

thank you sir!
jb 19106

Dear Mayor Nutter, I have no doubt that you will pursue a bike sharing in program in Philadelphia. I'm a Temple University student currently studying in Rome. Of the many places I have been recently, including Barcelona, Spain, Bern, Switzerland and Frankfurt, Germany, I have noticed bike sharing stations all over. When you bring bike sharing to Philadelphia, don't forget the students. We are always looking for better means of transportation, and we would love to have access to public bicycles.
jc 19130

i like the bike sharing idea. i am in middle school student i think it is a great idea. i want to do a project on it for the first lego league can you please tell me how it works?competition for the research project.
c 65203

Dear Mayor Nutter, I have heard about philly bike share through various sources. The most recent through a Designphiladelphia exhibit called "a clean break" (www.acleanbreak.org). I am also a memebr of philly car share and am thoroughly in support of any efforts to improve the economical impact of our city. I am very involved in community development - i volunteer very regularly at the schulkyll rive park, and have a plot in the schulkyll river park. I also am the photographer for center city resident's association - i work pro bono because i want to do all i can to improve the quality of life for everyone. I love the idea of philly bike share. not only would it improve economical potential but also improve traffic in center city as well as parking. In my opinion the united states as a whole is a joke when it comes to being economically conscious and it will take cities as a whole to change this. Various cities such as seattle have made huge strides in improving this status, and it would be fantastic if philadelphia could fallow their lead. Thank you for your time!
jtc 19146

This would be such a great program!! I already use Phillycarshare and would love the oppportunity to commute by bike through bike share. I am considering buying a bike but am concerned about it getting stolen and therefore have not done so; this would be a great solution!
kl 19130

What a great way to really bring Philly on a map that no other North American city is on. This could be quite revolutionary for us.
ao 19147

I would love a bike sharing company but I think that it is also important to extend it to the suburbs of Philadelphia as well. I live outside of the city and I would love to ride my bike to and from the city every day.
ad 19001

Bike sharing is a fantastic idea! I took advantage of it on the 9/19th when they had a trial day. What a fantastic way to get more people to exercise and have the opportunity to explore the beautiful city of Philly at low cost => I hope it takes effect soon!
lp 19104

Win-win situation. No reason why not to do it. It would bring great benefits to this beautiful city.
gs 19130

This would be used by my family regularly and we could get rid of one car.
es 19103

This is a great incentive to cut down on use of resouources from the Middle East!
mg 19104

I recently learned about Bike Share Philadelphia, the advocacy group, and became informed that these programs can reduce automobile congestion and harmful urban air pollution. A program in Philadelphia would increase public transportation usage. It would also increase the City's public health and be a win-win toward making Philadelphia a greener city. I'm asking you to bring a public bike sharing program to Philadelphia for the 21st Century!
jm 19104

I love to ride my bike! Help me out!
tq 19079

A bike sharing program would allow me to easily use PATCO instead of driving into the city with my car everyday!
ks 08030

Running a gym that helps people to loos fat and gain muscle it is easy to the health benefits of a bike program, let alone the environmental and traffic impacts. Philadelphia needs to at least try some big

changes to take this city to the next level where it should be. We need busiessses, we need education and we need traffic/environmental solutions. I believe in Nutter.
gm 19107

From every angle this is a great idea. Check out Portland, Oregon which is quite advanced in this enterprise.
js 19147

I want to write to you about my concerns of the bicycle lanes throughout the city. Mainly, these lanes are being used by careless motorists as a temporary parking spaces, leaving bicyclist open to accidents by being forced to ride with traffic. I have been disappointed with the fact that the Philadelphia Police do nothing to enforce this! They themselves are guilty of misuse of these lanes! Since parking in bike lanes is not be enforced, it further reinforces the fact that cyclist are second class citizens and their safety is not a concern to the city. Shame shame.
mm 19104

Dear Mayor Nutter, I am very excited about the proposed bike sharing program, and feel that Philly could lead the east coast in terms of this green transportation model. Our citizens will be healthier, as well as the air quality improving and traffic diminishing over time. Thank you so much for supporting this.
lf 19063

I would also add, that starting with making lanes, and parking spots available to many commuters who ride into center city from the outlying areas, would be a great start to increase the safety, as well as reputation of Philadelphia as a city that is truly on the forefront of what has to happen for ourselves as well as our children's future.
aw 19119

I was interested in using a bike to work. A Bike Share location in Manayunk would be ideal since we have a bike path from Valley Forge I just saw on TV the mayor of Minniapolis or Saint Paul on TV, whare the Share a Bike progam is a hugh suces to Center City Phila. I will keep reading to see how this program progresses
t 19128

I think bike-sharing is long overdue! Please take the necessary steps to make this happen in Philadelphia. It is the right thing to do. Sincerely, Marilyn Storck
ms 19130

Please, we need more bike lanes on city streets. High gas prices are here to stay, and more and more people are sharing the streets with cars these days. Also, seems like there should be a bike only lane on Kelly drive.
jj 19119

Philadelphia needs this program!
ab 19118

Please make this a reality!
jc 19107

I would be in Center City a lot more if this was available.
kw 19119

This is an excellent idea that deserves the whole support of every Philadelphian.
dkm 19104

It is crucial that we start planning process to ease pollution and traffic asap. With the success of Philly car share I believe the bike program can help launch Philly into the progressive city it aims to be. Sincerely
gm 19123

I've personally used the system in place in Barcelona, and while European city centers are much different than Center City and Philly in general, I found it to be extremely well used, maintained and respected by users, drivers and pedestrians alike. Something similar in Philly would be a boon to all Philadelphians, not to mention making Philly a glowing example of how things could be in every urban center in the USA.
dd 19147

What a wonderful way for our city to encourage public health and a commitment to making Philadelphia a greener city.
as 19147

Thanks
jzd 19147

Dear Mr. Mayor, A bike sharing program would help put our fine city at the forefront of progressive, international cities. In addition to the benefits of traffic relief, pollution reduction, public health benefits, and potential reduction in city services related to streets maintenance; such a program would be another great way to extend the welcoming hand of the City of Brotherly Love to the millions of tourists we host every year.

th 19144

i would love the city to try bike share. thanks.

jb 19103

Please implement this great idea and be one of the best cities in the country for Green ideas!

Is 19066

Mr. Nutter thanks for your anticipated support of the bike share program. Next year in Bicycling Magazine I would love to see Philadelphia listed as one of the most bike friendly cities.

sb 19083

Do it!

jk 19106

This is a great idea whose time has arrived! Please support this!

fs 19130

This is a great idea and as we know has been quite successful in Europe already. With the rising cost of fuel we need to seek alternative travel modes within and outside of our urban areas. This is a great way to help curb congestion, invigorate our city and help save fuel and help protect the environment as well. Sounds like a win-win-win situation to me.

cd 19096

Beyond that which is said in the generic statement, I believe that Philadelphia has the opportunity to make itself one of America's premier green cities. Great advancements in the condition of human societies have always come from dedicated but confident investments into the future. It has become too common in this age, and too common in this often neglected but beautiful city, that we prefer to invest instead in the past because it is far less risky. There is little to lose, but there is also little to gain. This brand of solipsism only ruins our neighbors and our very selves. Let's show not only the rest of the country but also ourselves as Philadelphians that we are ready to change the trend. Let's begin investing in our future. It made us great before, and it can make us great again.

jl 19333

Green cities draw new college grads like flies and hence promote economic growth. It's a powerful statement for a city to make. Let's share bikes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
rm 19087

I would not mind paying extra taxes for this program. It is time we clean up the city's air and the country's oil addiction.
gm 19147

I moved to city so that I could live a more urban life style, and while I use public transportation frequently, I would use it more if I had a cheap, quick, reliable way to get from the closest station to a more remote destination, or even just around town. Philly bike share would be an excellent start in closing that public transportation gap, and reduce car trips, which anyone living in the city would agree would make life even more pleasant.
ph 19128

I think this is a fantastic idea whose time has come. The only concern I would have is that we find a way to ensure that the system is set up in such a way that you don't have to return the bikes in the same spot that you dropped them off at (like Philly car share). In order for people to be able to utilize this service really effectively they need to be able to take it from point A to point B and drop it off; go about their business; go out with friends; and then be able to take a different bike back for the return trip. I don't know how this could work out logistically speaking, but I'm not sure that 3 hours would really be enough time otherwise (which is what I had heard they are doing in DC). The Lyon plan seems far better overall with more time checkout options and whatnot. It would be nice to see Philly emulating more of their original design and implementation but I am definitely for this project. Please go forth! More bikes and less cars would definitely not be a bad thing.
srl-m 19144

Being able to commute in center city on bicycle was one of the main draws of moving to Philadelphia from the New York metro area. I am a young voter who would like to live in this city for a long time and see it become a greener and more lively place.
cb 19130

This is a very simple solution to making the city "greener". Less Co2 emissions, less parking tickets, less traffic congestion, less obesity and on and on. The benefits are immeasurable. Please consider adding a bikeshare program in the city.
hg 19129

This would be great for people coming outside of the city to have an option to ride a bike to get around the city. Please make this happen!
mw 19038

I've been in Philly for 10 years but I'm originally from Lyon France where a bike share system has been into effect for a few years. It's extremely successful and i find it a lot more pleasant to go visit my home town now that there are less cars on the streets and bike lines throughout the city so that people can basically ride to anywhere they want to in the city and safely. This could be a huge improvement to the city of Philadelphia and i hope to see it happen soon!
bl 19130

Biking is great.
jb 05829

This would be great to have!
bb 19087

As a frequent visitor to center city I always use mass transit. I often use bike on rail but sometimes can't due to SEPTA restrictions. With bike share I could have a bike waiting for me to ride to my destination even during peak hours. Thanks for reading
eh 18914

This opportunity will bring Philadelphia in line with major European cities which have already made this kind of program a success. Now, with record prices for gas and record levels of obesity, is the perfect time to implement this system.
kt 19106

A resident of West Philadelphia for 3 years and an employee of the American Philosophical Society (founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1743), I have invested a significant part of my life in this fine city. Our city began as a sustainable community, utilizing sensible urban planning that ensured the preservation of green spaces for both aesthetic and environmental benefits. I've lived here for 8 years; I moved here for college and stayed here to start a career. I've ridden my bicycle to work year around for the past 4 years. Ice is the only condition that will stop me. Today, I ride 8 miles round trip every day to get to work. It is a very enjoyable experience, except when bus drivers, cab drivers and SUVs (the last of which should not be allowed in the city limits) don't share the road. The pollution can also be daunting. I am especially disheartened when I see plumes of smoke coming from public transportation vehicles. Individuals can only be regulated so much, but if the city cannot regulate it's own contractors, what are we to do? I have been a member of PhillyCarShare since it started (though I rarely drive) and would be a member of BikeShare if I didn't already own two bicycles. I am in full support of this program and believe that it can do wondrous things for our great city. I would also like to see center city drivers taxed during business

hours. This revenue could be used to rejuvenate the public transportation infrastructure. I hope you and the city council will consider this seriously. It could be a staged process to make it more feasible to implement. Thanks for your time and interest in this crucial issue.
cdc 19104

These days with the price of petroleum, any alternative to automobile usage would be welcome. I think this program (Bike Share Philly) is a perfect fit for the city.
jp 19125

Make this a better world to live in. Everyone can help in some way
re 19009

Dear Mayor Nutter, I believe it is very important to the future of this city and therefore the nation to institute programs like Philly Bike Share. I applaud the Philly Car Share program but believe that it is time to instate an even greener (and sometimes more convenient) bike program. The culture of bikers in Philly is growing and as gas prices are rising to unmanageable heights, a program like this will be greatly utilized. We are asking you to introduce this necessary program to Philadelphia.
nf 19087

People are too dependant on gas guzzling vehicles to get around. We should be able to get around on our own power and bikes are the answer. Clean air! Less traffic! Less obesity! Ride your bike!!!
tc 19128

To put it simply, you can't be independent from gasoline without increasing bicycle usage. This is one way to do it.
du 19123

While I do not currently reside in the city, I used to live in Center City and think this program will be useful. I wish it was around when I lived in the city.
rn 19038

Cycling is Such a wonderful activity! having this program in and around the city of philadelphia will be such a gift from the city for its people! Cycling promotes healthy living and lots of fun! It is not just a sport or hobby for alot of people, but rather a lifestyle choice. Many choose to cycle (and take public transportation) rather than drive cars etc. Bike sharing will further enhance this cities feel and create a better situation for cyclists. Having more cyclists on the road will be such an encouragment to all and promote cycling safty! Please be a part of this! it means alot to me, and the people of Philadelphia!
dk 19087

before we start on a new adventure I would like to see you keep your promise about honoring the court award for collecting trash and recycling items from apartment building we pay taxes to then you can do the bike share
j 19144

Minor changes, at the highest level, enable great change among man.
nz 19128

I went to Paris and saw their system where bikes are all around the city and you can pay with a credit card. This will help so much with pollution and traffic making our city easier to get around. Right now the buses and subways do not take you everywhere you need to go and then you must walk. I have a car but prefer not to drive in to the city because of parking. Plus bikes can be faster than cars in traffic! This city needs to look to the future which will include more environmentally friendly options with rising gas prices. Please get this program going!!!
lr 19038

Let's continue the great momentum that has been brought into the city of Philadelphia and add bikesharing to our streets!
sa 19104

The college in my hometown, Carlisle, PA, recently started a bike sharing program and it has been a huge success. It would be fantastic to see this work on a larger scale. I hope you'll make this a priority!
pr 19104

I really think that cycling it is a real option for many short trips, enhances health, mood and help the environment.
mo 19365

I think that this could be a great program and help members of Philadelphia more inclined to ride their bikes. Not to mention a sense of pride in a Green City! Also, I was so impressed that you rode your bike on that rainy day, Mayor Nutter! Keep up the good work.
mah 19130

I work in Center City Philadelphia and I would love the opportunity to ride a bike when I need to get around in the city.
rd 19465

I want Bike Share. I've used the similar concept in Paris and it was fantastic. I already have a great idea for where a great "bike point" might go in my neighborhood. Let me know how I can help you make it happen.

mm 19146

This is such an amazing concept with so much potential for the City. This is really the sort of thing to put Philadelphia on the map as a leader in innovation and sustainability.

bmr 19145

I currently ride my bike for transportation. I ride everyday to work and would love to see more people riding bikes. I think it's a great idea to have a bike share initiative take place in Philadelphia. Not only would biking decrease congestion and pollution but it will also help with the ever increasing health and obesity problems of America, particularly Philadelphia. I would also love to see more roads with bike lanes as well as better paved roads. Please take a look at 3rd street, it's impossible riding a bike up that road.

cb 19147

I think that this kind of service would impact the quality of the air, improve the physical well-being of the people, and allow for a quick and convenient way to shop, learn and live in what I know you would love to fulfill its' "first class city" potential. I also think that the bikes ought to have side bags to allow for shopping; families are pressed for time, and such a service would allow folks to exercise, reduce greenhouse gases, and, possibly, to spend quality time with family, friends, and/or neighbors (as a teacher of children with special needs in at Olney High West, I see the impact of the lack of these areas being emphasized everyday) This could allow us, as a citizenry, to "be the change" we want in the world; as you know, Philadelphia is where many things had their start - the whole world is still watching us for leadership Michael. Respectfully,

jz 19122

As someone who routinely hosts visitors to Philadelphia, a bike sharing program would be perfect for me to show these people around. Philly is such a bike-friendly city, this would only improve it.

cm 19146

It would make it so easy to ride my bike to work in inclement weather if I could take it on the subway during rush hour. Have one car on each train designated for bike use. i think if there was a big ad campaign for this and maybe dicounts for bike riders in the beginning it would have a lot more people using bike s and public transportation. PS i don't use buses. Too unreliable and slow.

as 19148

Please support bike share. Make Philadelphia an innovative green city like San Francisco or Stockholm!
It's good for the city's image across the world.

jj 19130

Bike share is a fantastic idea. Philadelphia should be a leader in this wonderful public transit innovation!
hw 19147

This is very important to restoring the sense of community in Philadelphia and to cut vehicle emissions.
ro 19148

After moving here from Brooklyn, I was pleasantly surprised to find Philadelphia a far more bike-able city than New York. Bike Share would be a great program in Philadelphia, and a great move forward in greening the city. I look forward to getting the opportunity to sign up!

su 19130

I was an early supporter of Phillycarshare, before it came to Philadelphia, and I support Bike Share for many of the same reasons. Philadelphia is so congested with traffic it would really be in the public interest to get people onto bikes which not only use less road space but allow us all to get a little exercise while we get to where we're going. Bike Share would also do a lot to raise the status of biking in Philadelphia in general, and we all (those of us in cars and those of us on bikes) would benefit from that.

Sincerely,
mh 19104

Dear Mayor, I currently am not a constituent of yours, though I do plan to move to Philly as soon as it financially within my means, I currently live in the Suburbs. I do, however, like to visit the city as often as possible, but this means invariably that I have to drive my car, fight traffic on 76, and then either fight for a parking space or pay to park in a lot. I wish that I could rely on our current transportation system once inside the city, but my plans become so fluid and Septa seems to never have a bus coming until 20 minutes or so later. When I first heard of this new Bike Sharing idea, it immediately seemed to solve all of my problems. I feel that if this initiative is put into place many more people would come to the city from the 'Burbs for relaxing trips, because it releases all the anxiety inherent in trying to either drive or park once in the city. I urge you to make this possible. Thank you.

jl 19406

Dear Mayor Nutter, I attended a city council meeting (to speak against the slots casinos on the riverfront) and there first heard about bike sharing. It sounds like a good idea to me. Philly Car Share certainly has worked out well. I'm not certain bike sharing would work as well but I think it is certainly worth a try. There will be some problems to work out but it sounds as though the groups promoting this have some good ideas. I was impressed that City Council would take the time to listen to so many citizens on a

variety of topics. They are to be commended. Keep up the good work.
sj 19146

I lived in Philly for 25 yrs & rode my bike every where, I was hit quite a few times by careless people & taxi cabs. I always wore a helmet, had lights on front & back, used a mirror & did everything possible to make sure my bike was safe, (up to inspection mode, like a car) & myself. They were a lot of times I had friends who wanted to borrow my bike to get around. I would, but was often paranoid about it getting stolen. So, if this program continues & grows, more people would be able to get around one of the greatest & easiest cities to get around by bike, for jobs, school, exercise, family fun, less car use, less congestion, less emissions, just less stink! Septa is already making it easier by letting bikes on trains & buses, but they need to have more route lines added for bikes, especially the bus lines. Since I moved out to beautiful central PA I find it harder to ride a bike. It was so much easier for me to ride in the city & then out into the country, they haven't quite "gotten it" here yet. Maybe they don't need to, but the Mennonite and Amish sure do have it down! The last place I lived was in S. Philly & I lived there for a number of years, while I was going to Temple I would always ride my bike, even in bad weather, because I could get there faster than Septa! So please, this is one of the greatest programs, besides Philly Car Share, which I still remain a member of. Thank you for your attention to this highly urgent matter. sincerely & still faithful citizen at heart, Elizabeth Smith
es 17837

I was recently hit by an uninsured driver while riding my bicycle, breaking my collar bone in 2 places. I believe that having access to bicycles, and with the high gas prices, many drivers will begin to see that they have options, and tensions between cyclists and drivers may be alleviated.
nb 19143

I commute 16 - 20 miles a day by bicycle. I would hope that a program like this would help us all by decreasing the number of motor vehicles and increase city money spent on bicycle lanes (think like the Europeans... sidewalk / bicycle lane / then parking) why do we ride in traffic and in harms way! Thank you
kw 19125

Bicycling to work is my favorite, most challenging, energizing thing I have to do each day - says my life must be boring...? just the opposite - it makes it much more interesting ;)
ya 19130

We also need a program/campaign to educate drivers on how to share the road with pedestrians and bicyclists. I often experience cars double parked in bike lanes, hostility, and aggression when riding my bike and it borders on unsafe.
aa 19125

It would really help me get around the city and spend my New jersey dollars in my old home town!
fd 08108

I take the train into the city everyday. Several times a week I must travel to other offices within a mile or two of the office. A bikeshare network would save me valuable time making these short trips. More bikes on the streets will make them safer for cyclists and pedestrians.
dm 19087

I am also hoping your planning commission will consider switching the car parking with the bike lanes. The advantage of this is the parked cars would form a protective layer between the cars being driven and the bikes being ridden. It's being done in other places. Why don't we make this alteration for the safety of walkers and bikers?
egg 19119

William Penn wanted the citizens of Philadelphia to enjoy his "greene countrie towne." That's so much easier to do on a bike or on foot than cooped up in a car!
cf 19104

Dear Mayor Nutter: I applaud your efforts to make Philadelphia a greener city and all the sustainability initiatives you have begun. I urge you to do everything in your power to encourage safe bicycling, including urging public and private employers, businesses, and schools and colleges to provide incentives for customers, employees and students who bicycle rather than driving. Thank you, and safe cycling!
ms 19130

Philadelphia needs this! When I lived in the city, I commuted to my job via bicycle every day, and I would certainly use this service to get around in center city if it were available. Bring it on!
cr 19119

Let's make this a premier biking/walking City. It's a great place to live, work, play and raise a family. My family has experienced it all including a great education at Central High School!!
ac 19130

As a recent transplant to Philadelphia, I was drawn to the city by the wonderful urban fabric and the numbers of cyclists and pedestrians I saw in the streets every day. I hope that Philadelphia can become an example to the nation of the innovative, human-centric transportation system envisioned by the generations of humanist leaders, thinkers and planners from Philadelphia's past.
ar 19145

I read a good article in Time magazine over the weekend about bike sharing. Let's embrace this before we've missed the bus...

bf 19130

I know you believe in green and a sustainable city. i have heard you speak many times. This is an excellent idea and we should implement asap!

nr 19106

Dear Mayor Nutter, Biking in the city is a enjoyable and convenient means of transportation. As a lifetime Philadelphia resident and fellow St Joe's Prep Graduate (2002), I feel that a bike share program would not only promote a healthy living environment and cut down on the burdens put on the failing (in my opinion) and increasingly expensive public transportation system, but would also benefit all residents rich and poor that live in and around the center city area. As a fellow "man for others", the opportunity to benefit less fortunate individuals who spend a good part of their paycheck on public transportation must be striking and almost impossible to ignore. The benefits of this program would certainly out weigh the costs to taxpayers and residents of Philadelphia and the surrounding areas. Thank you for your time and the excellent programs and measures you have propogated and supported in your short time as mayor. You have been doing tremendous work, keep it up, our beautiful city desperately needs your guidance and assistance.

lw 19130

There's a successful program like this in Portland. It's worth a shot.

lgh 19111

Gas prices are resting heavy on everyone's shoulders. Obesity is an issue that our city and country struggles with. This program promotes an opportunity to address both issues, with little to no downside at all. What a great way to put Philadelphia on the map as one of the greenest, most forward-thinking cities in America!

dm 19106

This would be a great thing that would get more people in the city riding a bike and less people driving their cars. This would cut down on pollution, would make Philly a prettier city, and would help the health and well-being of its denizens. Please help with this important program!

nm 19130

Come On! Let's do this! It will be so good for so many people for so many reasons! Thanks,

md 19147

Makes sense, right? :)
Im 19143

A terrific, forward thinking idea, that would gain Philadelphia much positive press!
jb 19107

I've seen this system in Europe and it is truly amazing. Please, let's get this here in Philly.
sr 19148

Let Philly be a role model city - bringing a program that has worked in European cities to the US. Thanks
Michael Nutter!
jd 19119

This is a terrific idea. It works well in Amsterdam, and it can certainly work here!
bm 19107

Dear Mayor Nutter, In addition to supporting a bike share program, I would also ask that you consider how to make it safer for our children to ride to school. Next school year, my daughter will be taking public transportation because she will be going into the 7th grade. How awesome would it be if there were safe ways to ride across town. She would be riding from 2nd and Poplar to 16th and Lombard--a tricky ride even for an adult. Thanks for your attention on this matter, Sincerely,
lr 19123

Bike sharing in Philadelphia is a great idea! I think what would help the success of this project would also be to dedicate some streets as bike only streets. This may seem a little extreme, but I know plenty of people who do not ride bikes around the city, simply because they feel it is too dangerous to ride amidst city traffic. Painted bike lane lines do not deter a great many drivers from using them as passing lanes and parking spots, and are not always seen as safe places to ride. Another factor that would help this project would be if SEPTA increased its regional rail service frequency and extended its hours. This would encourage those coming into Center City to take public transportation rather than driving due to the inconvenient regional rail schedules.
kr 19125

I have been working on this for the past 13 months. The program will work, the future of Philadelphia is so very bright. I cannot wait to see how successful this program is!!
bb 19104

\$4.19/gallon gas is ridiculous! Let's set an example for the rest of the nation and make Philly shine with bike share! Keep the city clean, keep the streets less crowded.
bk 19130

Dear Mayor Nutter -- bike sharing has been demonstrated to significantly increase the quality of urban life in other cities around the world in recent years, and I wanted to chime in and add my voice to those many who have already spoken up with regard to bringing bike sharing to Philadelphia. I think it's a fantastic idea -- and something that a fantastic city like ours deserves. Especially at present with energy prices at all-time highs, the implementation and introduction of this program would be quite timely, and signal Philadelphia's vibrancy, innovation, and attractiveness to current and prospective individuals and businesses. Let's bike! Sincerely,
jj 19143

Please, Please, please bring this program to this city. I just bought my first house in south philly and would love to see the city become more bike friendly. We need more bike lanes too. Just look at any major European city, bike lanes and share programs everywhere.
du 19148

Dear Mayor Nutter, In addition to the many important reasons listed above, a bike share program will also increase the safety for current bikers. As a biker, I find that drivers are often unaware of bike/driving road sharing etiquette. This could be partially rectified by expanding the use and appreciation for how biking can improve our city. Thank you for your time. Sincerely,
lm 19148

Dear MAyor Nutter, This is such an exciting opportunity! I already ride my bike everywhere, but i'd like to convince more friends to give it a whirl! Please, please, please, move this forward!!! So exciting!!!
ap 19130

I would use a system like this to bike to work daily, and I think many others would as well. Please, do something like this Nutter.
rm 19103

Imagine how much this city loves philly car share-- bike sharing could be even better!
mg 19103

I am a daily public transit user and I would love to have the option of taking a bike instead of waiting for a late bus!
kn 19135

Please continue your efforts to make Philly a more green, hip, liveable, and progressive city. I love Philly, am excited about your administration, and look forward to using this service in my trips around town!
rp 19147

I want to encourage the City of Philadelphia to support a bike share program. I prefer to come to Philly by train from Malvern instead of driving to visit my daughter's family in Queen Village and to attend meetings and cultural events. I will use a bike share program. I know you are a cyclist. Please help Philly become more bike friendly through bike share and improved parking for bikes. Thank you.
ab 19380

This is very important, we should strive to be as clean as possible. This in no way can hurt the city as long as its citizens use it responsibly.
mc 19124

I have been biking to work approximately 11 miles from my home in East Oak Lane. Not only does it save gas and contribute to cleaner air (one less car) it's a great fitness program - something many Philly folks can't really argue with :-)! A bike share program will contribute to all these benefits of cycling and I encourage your support.
ja 19126

Anything to help our planet is a plus, after the mess Corporate America has created !!
jj 19103

Dear Mayor Nutter: Thankyou for being such a progressive Mayor. You and your staff are doing an excellent job of "fixin' Philly". Our wonderful city was the best kept secret prior to you taking the reins. Please know that your hard work and thoughtful decision making are appreciated. Respectfully, JoAnne DiSanto
jd 19106

Dear Mayor Nutter, I have recently been informed of the interest in the bike sharing program and I think it would be incredibly beneficial to the city. This would affect not only the environment but also because the effective advocacy of a program such as this will help Philadelphia tourism, increase obligatory efforts to keep Philadelphia streets clean and at the same time provide leisure for the general population. A registered bike program in Tokyo, Japan is a great success and helps to dissolve congestion and

therefore pollution in one of the largest cities in the world. This system leads to a decreased bike theft rate and also a population that is not dependant on their vehicles to get them from point A to B. I am asking you to help Philadelphia become a better city by building this bike program.
cg 19133

Dear Mayor Nutter, I recently learned about Bike Sharing through Bike Share Philadelphia, and became informed that these programs can reduce automobile congestion and harmful urban air pollution. I am very excited about this program because we are a one car household. I am looking forward to the day when I can take the train from Germantown to Center City then use the bike share program to get around downtown. I think its a fantastic opportunity to ease congestion and to enable Philadelphians to stay physically fit. Please endorse this program. A Bike Share program in Philadelphia would increase public transportation usage when used as a bridge between origination points, transit and destination points. It would also increase the City's public health and be a win-win toward making Philadelphia a greener city. I'm asking you to bring a public bike sharing program to all of Philadelphia for our 21st Century City!
Regards, Health and Physical Education Teacher Lingelbach School
er 19144

Your Honor, I ride Septa two days per week from Media to University City to teach at Penn's School of Dental Medicine. I would be pleased as punch to be able to jump on a Bike Share bicycle at the University City Station and pedal up to 40th. street. Let's make this happen!
hk 19063

Dear Mayor Nutter, I do not live in Phila. but I work in Phila. I am a daily bicycle commuter. I think bike share is an excellant idea and I will be a regular user of this program. Thank you for being a green minded mayor. Tom Smyth
ts 19018

Philadelphia is a great city! Reducing motor traffic in favor of bike traffic will make the roads less crowded and reduce air pollution. It may also help Philadelphians to work off all of those roast pork sandwiches with sharp provolone and broccoli rabe (way better than a cheesesteak, by the way). Thanks for your support.
sh 19146

bikes bikes bikes! More bikes less cars! Always!!
ch 19104

When SCA moved into the Cira Centre, we considered implementing a bike sharing program to compliment our LEED office. However we are experts in making bath tissue and paper napkins, not setting up bike-shares! Hence we fully support a bike sharing program that will keep Cira tenants

connected to Center City & University City in an active manner.
kh 19104

I have always worked in CC (>30 years) so very much feel like Philadelphia is MY city. It would be wonderful to replace some of the cars in the city with bikes. It would be a great option that I would take advantage of and I'm sure that many others will, too!
cc 19477

Philly bike share would help put Philadelphia in the forefront for public transport. Decreased traffic, green transportation and happier citizens.
dm 19119

I have lived in Center City Philadelphia for 22 years and feel very fortunate to have witnessed its blossoming into such a great city! I loved Philadelphia from the moment I set foot here in 1985 and it seems that every year there is something new to love. Although I am not an athlete nor a hard-core bike enthusiast, I love riding my bike through the city and I consider my peaceful 1/2 commute on the SEPTA R5 to Villanova to be one of my job perks. My husband and I have never owned a car and even with raising children and my job in the suburbs, we don't miss it in the least. Recently, Phillycarshare has made it even more convenient for the few times that we need to drive. Even though I own a bike, there have been many times when I have arrived someplace by alternate means of transportation and have very much wished I could easily borrow a bike for a few hours. Bike sharing is such a good idea. I hope it will encourage more people to ride bicycles in Philadelphia, which is a GREAT CITY FOR CYCLING.
mp 19103

I'm thrilled to see the initiatives already taken under your tenure as mayor and am confident that this program meshes well with your overall philosophy!
lg 19143

Lets be ahead of the curve instead of behind it! Bike share is an idea whose time has come, and which has already come to many other cities around the world. We all need exercise and we can't afford to be dependent on oil and BikeShare kills two birds with one spoke. I want Philly to get GOOD press for a change, so lets pedal forward.
ra 19118

Mr. Nutter, I have many friends in Philly that support this idea also I would be thrilled to have a bicycle share program in Philadelphia. (1)I have my own bicycle but sometimes don't ride it if I need to do a one-way trip. (2)I have a friend who visits and we would use the bike share when we want to ride together. (He has trouble walking due to a hip problem, but bicycling saves us from having to use my car all the time). (3) No gas prices! (4) Less auto exhaust and air pollution! (5) The joy of bicycling: I say hello to my neighbors as I ride through neighborhoods I might not even notice otherwise. The city opens up to me.

What's not to love! P.S. I'm so happy we finally have a good, smart, caring mayor. Thank you.
bb 19147

i want bike share asap as carshare actually has me driving more than i used to. this city is too beautiful to be moving around in a car, it should be experienced on a bike and daily! i will use it and all my employees too.
mw 19103

I lived in Philly for many years and this is a great idea.
rs 19083

Dear Mayer Nutter, With your support, Philadelphia could help lead the nation in supporting the ground-root bike-sharing initiative. We, the people, are willing to help make a difference in combating global warming and reducing our dependence on carbon based fuels. Respectfully,
ss 19119

YOU CAN MAKE HISTORY. ONLY YOU CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN. EARN THE RESPECT, LOYALTY, and ADMIRATION OF THE WORLD.
lg 19103

This would be a great asset to the city of Philadelphia, the health of it's citizens, and the global environment.
yn 19106

Biking is the fastest and easiest way to get around town - I would change my commuting habits if bikeshare were available to me!
cg 19143

I saw a program similar to this while vacationing in Barcelona this past March. It was extremely well organized and perfect for urban life. I hope it comes to Philadelphia.
sb 19130

Given that we live less than a mile from where we work and shop in Center City, bike sharing would be ideal for us to get around town.
dw 19147

Please support Bike Share. People need to act for several reasons. Moving more means a healthier city population, if we use pedal power we save fuel, and overall we change the mentality to a more green friendly city.

jk 19147

I have seen the benefits of various bike share programs in European cities such as Paris, and I believe that this program can be viable and functional here in the City of Brotherly Love. We already have a vibrant bike culture and the infrastructure; this would be an added dimension to help keep our environments and roads clean. Thank you!

el 19107

Hi Mayor Nutter, Just a quick note to say that I had the opportunity to see a very successful bike share program in action when I traveled to Copenhagen three summers ago. It was a fantastic way to get around the city, and I think it also reflects a great deal about the citizens' progressive approach to urban planning, and about the overall health and vitality of a city itself. I was really impressed to read about your decision to purchase hybrid vehicles for your use as a city official earlier this year. I think that sends exactly the right kind of message - and I think more and more Philadelphians are catching on. Bike Share would be a terrific option for city residents and visitors alike, and it would send a powerful message about the kind of city we want to become. That's why I urge you to give this program serious consideration.

Thanks for all you do! Yours sincerely,

ef 19147

Now is the time to take bold action and put Philadelphia in place as a national leader in forward thinking. Support bike sharing to create a more beautiful and responsible Philadelphia.

dw 19125

This would help to make Philadelphia not only a greener city but show how Philadelphia is evolving into a modern US city. Let's make Philadelphia a hip place to live.

ed 19104

Dear Mayor Nutter, I recently learned about Bike Sharing through Bike Share Philadelphia, and became informed that these programs can reduce automobile congestion and harmful urban air pollution. This is one of the best ideas introduced recently! I would LOVE to be able to bike on the river path but I do not have space for my own. I will jump on the opportunity to bike ride again! but in addition, a program like this in Philadelphia would make it greener city. I'm asking you to bring a public bike sharing program to all of Philadelphia for our 21st Century City! We, the citizens of Philadelphia, have great hope for you embracing the best programs for our city

dt 19103

I think this is a great idea. I know we have some bike lanes in the city, however, to make this work we will need more and they must be well marked
ck 19130

I would love to have this available - I have nieces /nephews visitng on weekends and it would be a great idea to bike the day thru the city- I would much more prefer biking as exercise as oppossed to a gym as well.
jl 19103

I just read about bikeshare program. I'm a 50 yr old woman and I've been a biker all my life. I wholeheartedly back this wonderful opportunity to leave a smaller footprint in this world of ours. It's a win-win situation. Healthier lives, less conjestion on the streets and money in your pockets at the end of the week! Who can afford gas now. Please bring bikeshare to Philadelphia. Let's go green!
ph 19055

Please activate this bicycle-sharing program so that Philadelphia can bring cleaner air to our city--free of dangerous pollution from our cars. Thank you for listening.
js 19147

Bike sharing would go along way in helping to make Philadelphia the sustainable city it can be. I and the rest of the staff here at the council look forward to helping in any way we can to help make bike sharing in Philadelphia a reality.
jb 19103

My whole family would take advantage of this. I read about this in The Inquirer and thought it was a great idea.
jd 19147

Let's work to reduce the city's carbon footprint, make streets safer for bicycles and pedestrians and attract more visitors and residents to the city. This is a great idea whose time has come!
cl 19446

We need to make the new south st bridge more bike friendly too!
jl 19143

Bikesharing will put Philly on the map as a city committed to solving some of the biggest problems in America, including climate change and personal health. The benefits far outweigh the costs, especially

since other cities like Lyons have already proven that the technology works. Go for it!
jk 19107

Bike Sharing is the answer.
sl 19147

There have been several instances where a trip from University City to Center City would have been much faster for me by bike than by foot. I just hope the city streets are safe enough for this, and that cyclists would be sure to wear a helmet!
kc 19144

Bike share is an excellent idea for Philly provided that there is enough support for the program and it is launched on a large enough scale. Also, more must be done to ensure the safety of people on bikes aside from a few signs that say "share the road".
dr 19146

I work at the University of Pennsylvania in University City and can imagine numerous uses for a bike share program over here. Please consider!
mh 19103

I hope to see this program implemented in Philly. You had my vote when I saw you debate at the Sustainability Forum at the Museum of Natural History and I knew you would be the one who would take real action to make Philly greener. Aside from reducing the number of cars on the road at any one time, I think if every driver took the opportunity to be a biker occasionally, it would make them more aware of the plight of the biker and would make them more considerate drivers. Then maybe I wouldn't almost die every morning on my way to work. (Clearly I'm exaggerating, but I do have close calls at least once a day). Thanks for considering the program.
as 19147

I'm looking forward to a wonderful bikeshare program. I know it will be a great way to spend time with my family and keep fit.
js 19143

Bike share is a concept whose time has come and is integral to creating a greener Philadelphia. I fully support creating a bike share program for Philadelphia and would participate if this service was available.
rb 19107

We can't we emulate Paris?
kf 19103

A great bicycle policy in Philadelphia will attract attention, especially with fuel at \$4.00 per gallon.
sn 19064

Mayor: Leadership is crucial. Set the stage for a re-born city. You are the key change agent. Take a look at Portland, Oregon. Turn Philadelphia into a biking community like that. You can be that mayor. We will follow.
pd 19003

I am an avid cyclist who bikes to work in Center City every day. I think this is great idea and could help get more people on bikes and less in cars in our city. Please do all that you can to ensure this program's success and feel free to let me know if there is anything else i can do to help out.
hr 19146

I was just recently in Europe and was able to see the system that the Parisians use. What a great opportunity for Philadelphia to be a pioneer in the United States for this initiative!
at 19147

Dear Mayor Nutter, Actually I am AGAINST the BIKE SHARE PHILADELPHIA proposal UNLESS traffic laws are enforced for vehicles, bikes and pedestrians. Currently all three users of our streets routinely practice flagrant violations of the law. The only tickets that are regularly meted out are for parking meter violations. UNLESS you / your Administration start enforcing traffic laws (other much more complicated cities like Wash. DC do, adding more bikers means adding bikers who fail to wear helmets & night lights & reflectors; who fail to use hand signals; and who weave in & out of traffic. This means more accidents & preventable harm and death
mm 19146

Bikes not guns.
ma 19029

Let's move forward and change the culture of cars. They are dangerous, noisy, dirty, and wasteful. I've owned a bike all three years in Philadelphia and have enjoyed a far healthier and more efficient life (something else our city needs desperately) because of it
et 19143

Several European countries have been dealing with high gas prices and congestion in their city centers - they all have some variation of a bike share program. Why re-invent the wheel when the one part of the solution is obvious? Please be a true leader and help us implement a Bike Share program in our city.
hs 19106

Please consider this seriously. It could make a big difference in our city on many levels.
as 19146

This city will step closer to becoming a fitter city, too. Thank you for your time.
bh 19143

Philadelphia is not only a walking city but should also be a biking city--especially with the high price of gas and all the car/truck traffic on Walnut and Chestnut streets here in Center City.
elg 19147

I recently learned about Bike Sharing through Bike Share Philadelphia, and became informed that these programs can reduce automobile congestion and harmful urban air pollution. A program in Philadelphia would increase public transportation usage when used as a bridge between origination points, transit and destination points. It would also increase the City's public health and be a win-win toward making Philadelphia a greener city. I'm asking you to bring a public bike sharing program to all of Philadelphia for our 21st Century City!
jw 19128

I already ride my bike to and from work everyday in order to reduce the amount of pollution my car would produce otherwise.
me 19146

I'm really tired of so many cars being on the street. People are forced to drive cars if there isn't affordable, convenient, well servicing (aka upgraded subway system to include a line from South Columbus to Brewerytown) public transportation in Philadelphia. Bikes are the next best thing and won't cost as much money. Europe has been doing this for a long time. It's about time we start here. Thank you!
gdIII 19103

I believe gas prices climbing through the rough is no mistake...other countries ride bikes as their major means of transportation. Yes, they are lower developed, but look how much money it saves and how much exercise you get...it's a means to staying fit too.
sp 19143

We have the most bike lanes of any city on the East Coast. This is the next logical move in positioning our city as a leader in quality of life for our citizens and the country. Please consider making this a viable reality for our city.

dw 19125

I have lived in Philadelphia for 11 years and have been an avid bike rider for the entire time even though I have lived in several neighborhoods in the city. I commute exclusively by bike, and use it to get around at all times. I also teach in Vienna Austria where they have an amazing bike sharing system that is used by tourists and citizens alike. Philadelphia could really benefit from such a system and in many instances it will be much more efficient and faster than many public transportation options.

as-u 19147

Dear Mayor Nutter, I want to add my voice to the move to promote bicycling in Philadelphia. The city could be far more bicycle-friendly than it is; imagine if a few streets in the downtown grid were restricted to bicycles (and perhaps the cars of residen

mk 19103

From everything I've read to date, Mayor Nutter, you would be a proponent for a program such as this in Philly. Please help make it a reality and a success as similar adventures have been in other world-class cities. Personally, and as a new part-time resident and full-time taxpayer, PPA has been uncooperative in issuing a parking sticker for my NJ-registered compact car. Increasing the use of bikes in the downtown area would take a considerable amount of pressure off the space available for on-street parking, possibly clearing the way for me to locate my car in the vicinity of my house!

wg 19147

Dear Mayor Nutter, I want to add my voice to the move to promote bicycling in Philadelphia. The city could be far more bicycle-friendly than it is; imagine if a few streets in the downtown grid were restricted to bicycles (and perhaps the cars of residents). Aside from the enhanced quality of life for all concerned, a concerted bike path program could significantly contribute to Philadelphia's appeal as a holiday destination. The city is fascinating, and mostly flat; cycling could be a truly wonderful part of it.

wt 19070

I think that this is a great opportunity for Philadelphia to make it easy and convenient for its citizens to be nice to the environment, and live more active lives.

em 19139

Mayor Nutter, As an avid bicycle rider, I know how difficult and crowded it is to bike in this city, and how rewarding. Any program in order to get more people on the streets and exercising will help to increaso

our city's health and vitality, and clear the congestion from Center City. Please support this program - what is there to lose?
ka 19147

I am very concerned about the poor air quality I have to live with everyday in Philadelphia. Please do everything you can to encourage the city and the state to become more bike-friendly.
sn 19147

I am a person with a congenital visual disability whose main mode of transport is bicycle. This resource gives me independence, good health and positively effects my life and environment on a daily basis.
cg 18915

As a resident of North Philadelphia, I have been very concerned about the plight of poor residents of the city who don't have cars or reliable transportation options. As SEPTA service remains infrequent on weekends, off-peak and sometimes peak times, it is imperative that Philadelphia residents have an inexpensive and convenient way to get around. Moreover, poor residents often live in high crime areas and are disproportionately obese. By making bicycle riding more convenient, safe, and commonplace, you are reclaiming public space, encouraging good health, and promoting economic efficiency by moving people from here to there. This pedestrian movement, also makes a cleaner environment and fosters a sense of community. It is a measure that will help us to reclaim public space and our city in general. I urge you to support this measure.
tm 19132

PLEASE implement citywide bicycle sharing and more bike lanes or bike routes in Philadelphia!
bm 19106

This is a very exciting program that has been successful in European Countries and considering the current expense of transportation, the pollution damage that Philadelphia as seen lately, and the bike-ability of this city, I think it would thrive here as well. I hope you will agree
as 19145

Thank you!!
dm 19147

Dear Mayor Nutter, I support the Bike Share program sponsored by Rep. Babbette Josephs. The health of City residents may be vastly improved by access to exercise options such as those provided by programs like this. Your excellent choice for Deputy Mayor Bernard Schwartz might put this into action and also keep working on the Schukill River greenway park extension below Locoust St. and add those

planned docks. Exercise greatly improved the quality of my life and enhances the enjoyment of my favorite city in the world... which I strongly support your effort to make into a great metropolis. "A man would have to be a god or a animal to live without the polis."-- Aristotle
tb 19103

Dear Mayor Nutter, The traffic in the city is ridiculous! Please help make biking around the city safe and common. I ride my own bike, but I feel that if enough people participated in the BikeShare program, it would making biking safe for everyone! More bike lanes too, please! Thank you!
ch 19103

I ride my bike everywhere. I do not have a car; no one in the city needs one. Show them this by instituting a bike share program.
tg 19146

With the enormous press of events on a daily basis - murder, hunger, a plummeting economy - it is easy to let long-term visions for a livable city slip away. A city with record-low use of private cars could be one of those casualties. Please don't forget that this kind of vision IS important. Bike share is an idea that is creative, playful, and demonstrably workable. It is the kind of idea that can contribute to the attractiveness of our city, lessen our dependence on fossil fuels, get us outside and moving with more genuine connection to our environment - and it's cool! Please don't lose sight of how important this kind of initiative really is.
ag 19103

This is such a great solution. Up with biking!
lw-a 19107

A bike share program would create tremendous buzz for the city. Let's not wait 5 years to mimic progressive cities like San Francisco and Chicago. Let's be seen as leaders. I urge you to make this happen. It will not be expensive or politically difficult. Keep up the good work.
kp 19147

From everything that I've read about Bike Share models in other cities, it really seems like a fantastic program. I hope you'll support it in Philadelphia! Thank you!
es 19148

I don't have a car, and with current gas prices, I couldn't afford one. A bike share program would make a big difference in my life.
rs 19103

I don't own a car and I don't want one. I live in Center City and my (2) bikes over the years were stolen. But this system sounds good for me AND the city.
bp 19103

we need a bike share program.
jb 19103

Dear Mayor Nutter, I am thrilled to learn that Philadelphia is considering joining the ranks of forward thinking cities in adopting a bike share program. As a family who owns no car and is a member of PhillyCarShare as well as using our own bikes, we think it is high time that we stop feeling like the odd men out and find ourselves surrounded by fellow Philadelphians who care about the future of our city and it's citizens. If there is anything we can do to help, we would be happy to. Thank you for all the good work you are doing to help our city find the potential it has to be a first class city!
js 19146

As a person who bikes just about everywhere, I think having more people on bikes just makes sense given that gas is soaring, Septa doesn't work for EVERY need and we all need more exercise.
ms 19146

Dear Representative Josephs and Mayor Nutter: I think the idea of bicycle share is a wonderful idea. Obviously, every auto we get off the streets of Philadelphia will improve the air as well as the quality of life here in the city. However, this is not the way to make a REAL improvement in our city as I strongly suspect only a minor part of the population would use this type of program. The single best step the city could take to greatly improve air quality, quality of life, the flow of commerce and many other factors would be to TIME OUR TRAFFIC LIGHTS! Every automotive expert will tell you the greatest pollution comes from automobiles which are sitting still with their engines idling. There is simply no proper traffic light timing anywhere, often even on major thoroughfares such as the Ben Franklin Parkway, Chestnut Street, Walnut Street and Broad Street. Poor timing and NO timing creates traffic jams all over this city, including in places there should be no jam! It would often be easier to drive west on Pine Street or east on Spruce Street! Proper timing would improve our air quality and all the other factors noted above FAR more than all the gasoline additives in the world. I fully understand keeping our traffic lights in proper timing would have to be done by a computer system and that would probably cost significant money. However, in my opinion, this would be money well spent by the city and commonwealth in view of the real improvements it would create in air quality, gas consumption, ease of life and the attractiveness of the entire city for residents, conventioners and visitors. Please consider this suggestion. Thank you.
rcMD 19102

Dear Mayor Nutter: As an avid user of Philly Care Share, I fully expect a Philadelphia bicycle sharing program to do equally well at helping reduce congestion, improve air quality, increase our citizens'

exercise levels, and provide a reasonably priced alternative to high gasoline prices and a pathetic public transportation system. The private use of bicycles is already high and would be higher if designated bike lanes increased user safety. Please support a public bike sharing program for Philadelphia.
rm 19146

This will make our city a model for other cities! Please support bike share!
js 19148

It really makes a lot of sense. I ride 22 miles round trip on a regular basis from home in So. Philly to Germantown. It's easier AND faster when in Center City, particularly, to ride a bike. Not to mention the improvement in street parking which has already had a huge dent put in it by the carshare influx. I'm still amazed that traffic hasn't decreased in the city. People must be going into a lot of debt just driving to work every day. Bikeshare is a great idea that has already worked well in other major cities. It would also make a statement about our nation if another leading city in the U.S. took this step whose expense is miniscule compared with the potential return.
ts 19147

I would love to see Bike Share Philadelphia happen! I don't own a car or a bike. I'd love to have some wheels!
mm 19103

This program works in Copenhagen. You would just have to find a way to keep the bikes from being stolen by the local hooligans. Cameras?
dj 19147

A great way to help make Philly the green city of the 21st century we all want to see it become.
er 19103

Dear Mayor Nutter I'm a bike rider in Phila,with the gas prices going thru the roof and higher please encourage more bike ridership from citizens of Phila.We must as a society lessen our automobile usage,carpool if possible use public transportation,walk or use the good ol 2 wheeler to get around.Just these simple suggestions will cut down on traffic congestion and air pollution. Thanks Paul Lotkowski
pl 19128

It's such a great idea and would be wonderful for our city!
lk 19147

Mayor Nutter, Firstly, I want to tell you that I think you are doing a fine job, Sir! Keep up the good work. A bike sharing program is a terrific idea for Philadelphia. This program works well in quite a few European cities and I believe New York and Chicago have plans to implement a program. I believe that you already have many wonderful ideas regarding the greening of our city and I think this one should be considered, too.

jb 19147

Dear Mayor Nutter, I am one of your biggest fans and am so proud that we elected a mayor so smart and so full of integrity. The early progress in recycling is already promising. I look forward to weekly curbside recycling for the entire city one day soon and then moving on to compostables/garbage recycling. In the meantime, this Bike Share idea, following in the steps of a great city like Paris, is very exciting. I do hope it comes to fruition soon and that consideration is given to two important features beyond the bicycles themselves: 1) figuring out a way to provide really safe bike paths (perhaps a few auxiliary north-south and east-west streets that are bikes only between certain commuting hours e.g.) and 2) keeping bicycles off sidewalks (I love bicycles but my love is tested daily when I am almost hit as a pedestrian by a bicycle using the sidewalk) Thanks for listening!!!

nb 19147

I have been a long-time member of phillycarshare, and this would be a great additional resource. If only I were a confident bike-rider!

mj 19103

We could learn about this type of program from Portland, Oregon, which has been rated the best in the country. Then we could put up tall garages at every entrance to our city, (as Louis Kahn suggested years ago to Ed Bacon who nullified this very forward-looking idea) and then have minibuses running with ease through Center City instead of the no-moving-traffic that just pollutes the air that we have now. Let's move on this quickly.

js 19147

I think this is a great idea and would love to see this happen in our city. This would be one more reason for me NOT to move out of Philadelphia once I graduate.

ms 19130

Other cities I've visited around the world have programs like this and are fantastic - such as Frankfurt, Germany - where they can actually text from their cell phone to get the bike lock code and pay for the rental directly!

cp 19102

I believe this is a wonderful way not only to improve the quality of life in Philadelphia, but to improve the health and well-being of it's citizens.
md 19131

In conjunction with bikeshare, I think it is also important to make the streets and bridges more bike friendly, and perhaps talk to the public more about bicycle safety. For example, when people ride on the sidewalks instead of the road, that is dangerous to both cyclist and pedestrian, cyclists should wear helmets and ride on the roads, and drivers need to be more aware of their presence. Thank you very much for getting behind bikeshare!
us 19147

i live in a three-story walk up. owning a bike that i bring upstairs each night is not really an option in my building, but i would love to have access to a bike I could pick up on the street.
lb 19103

I would also urge you to consider parking and driving solutions for small motorcycles and scooters, which could provide alternative, cost effective, and gas efficient, transportation solutions to Philadelphia residents.
dk 19125

This plan would also make bike safety and education a bigger issue for the general public, making the roadways better and safer for bikers and more attractive for new cyclists to participate. More attention to a system like this will benefit everyone - even drivers.
js 19147

Mayor Nutter, Go GREEN with more bikes in the city. Great idea that you should go BIG on.
do 19103

I am an avid cyclist. Getting more people involved in this fun, healthy, green activity would only make Philadelphia a better place. More bike lanes would be required to keep novices safe, and efforts such as posters to increase pedestrian awareness of cyclists would also be a great idea. TY!
bg 19103

BIKE SHARE PLEASE! I understand that this may be a huge financial burden on the city in the long run, but I believe if the program were implemented for just 3 years, it would enable people who may not ordinarily consider biking to try it...and then they'd go out and get their own bikes!
sh 19130

I do not live in Phila. (just outside) but I think this is a fabulous idea. I commute to work and other places on occasion and would certainly do so more if I had a program like this available to me. I support anything that gets people moving (in a fitness way) and doing what they can do to not further crowd our streets and pollute our air. Again I think this is a fabulous idea and even though I do not live in the city I would support it with my time and money to help get it started. That's how good of an idea it is. Thanks for listening. Have a great day.
cw 18974

Share the road!!!
pr 19104

I live in Center City and don't have a car. I rely on Septa and my feet to get me most places, but I think a bike share program would be perfect for commuting and errands.
c 19107

Thank you for all that you already do for our city!
cb 19123

Please help Philadelphia become an example of a Green City. It is better to be at the front of the line leading the way, instead of trying to play catch up. We are looking for your help. Thank you in advance for your time and support.
km 19107

Philadelphia would be a great city for bikeshare. It's central core is easily bikeable, and its tourist sites are even more concentrated.
sc 19143

PLEASE PASS THIS PROGRAM!
kt 19102

Dear Mr. Nutter, I think this program would be fabulous for people like me who want to ride a bike to get around the city but have no practical way of storing bicycles.
hn 19103

Bike sharing is good for everyone. It's good for personal health and fitness, the environment, and city transportation!
lb 19010

My bike was recently stolen. This sounds like a great opportunity to continue biking to work and around the city without having to purchase a new bike that would likely just get stolen again.
kd 19125

I would also like to ask that more dedicated bike lanes be added in more places than University City. I ride to work daily from South Philly to Center City and have no bike lane to follow.
mc 19145

I work in Philadelphia during the week and frequently run errands during the lunchtime. Having a bikeshare program would be a great way to get around the city faster and healthier.
dm 19003

Bicycle Sharing would be crucial for low-income people to be able to more easily be transported to work and school. For those that are over-weight this would improve their physical condition. It would reduce the carbon footprint by vehicles. It would reduce exposure to secondhand smoke/car exhausts by pedestrians. Bicycle Share just went into effect in another US city and has been in effect in Europe for a longer period of time. Please pass legislation to put this into effect.
bp-t 19119

My family and I think you are going to do great things for our beloved city! I hope that a Bike Share program will be one of them!
jc 19143

I live and work in Mount Airy. I use my bike to get back and forth locally. I take the train to Center City about 3 days a week. It would be a dream to take a bike from a rack near Market East of Suburban Station and ride it to my final destination. We have a city that has shown a clear desire to be green and utilize our natural resources (witness the success of Philly Car Share!). Let's set the space aside for the needed bike racks, and take a step ahead of Chicago for the title of greenest city in America!
mw 19119

As the President of the Bicycle Club of Philadelphia, comprised of over 1000 recreational bikers, we urge Philadelphia to support a bike sharing program in Philadelphia. Many of our members are commuters and many more would do so if there were biker friendly programs and facilities available in Phila. Bike Share is one of the best ways to take us into a greener and healthier 21st Century.
ml 19119

Mayor Nutter, I think that the Bike Share program is an absolutely amazing idea. Philadelphia has already taken steps to remove itself from the transportation dark ages which the automobile has left us

perpetually trapped in. Philly car share has allowed many people to realize that it is not necessary for them to own a motor vehicle. Philly Bike Share would contribute to that even more. I personally believe that asphalt will go the way of the dirt road before my life is over. Programs like these are steps towards preparing our society's mentality for that inevitable direction. If you're not already familiar with PRT (Personal Rapid Transportation) I encourage you to do some research on it. It's actually being implemented at the Heathrow International Airport in London for the first time next year by a company named Ultra. If you read about PRT for five minutes with a road map of Philadelphia in mind, then you will see why it is the future of this city. But until then, I'd really like to ride a bike.
er 19121

Philadelphia is progressive in many ways. It is part of why I love this city. I believe Bike Share Philadelphia would be another positive step forwards in the progressiveness in community values of this city.
jr 19143

My main question is this: "Why NOT?" Seems like a no brainer! The city slims down, we have less pollution from cars, less dependence on foreign oil, less traffic congestion, more sustainable way of life, less stress on the infrastructure. LET'S DO THIS!
ms 19147

What a great way to teach our young residents about conservation and good stewardship while encouraging healthy exercise just by getting where we need to go anyway! Also, the more we bike through our city, the more aware we become as drivers of the need to share the road and be respectful.
jsw 19144

Please, this is such a great idea and well worth our time and investment!
sr 19122

I strongly encourage the City of Philadelphia to support Philly Bike Share financially and with infrastructure. The City must think green and sustainable if it is to be considered world class.
rm 19103

With the increasing price of oil, the average Philadelphian is most likely to try biking to work, to do errands, etc. Add to that the decrease in pollution, congestion that biking can contribute to the well-being and health of the Philadelphia and its citizens. Please introduce measures that will bring bike sharing into the city.
mh 19147

I bike everywhere, mostly for work, errands, not recreation. Cycling is how I shop and get around and go out at night. I find it faster and healthier for me, and the environment. It is also cheaper and easier to repair/upkeep a bike than a car - and no expensive parking tickets! I owned a car for 10 years, and got rid of it when I moved to NYC. I'll never go back! Carshares take care of my long distance driving needs.
bz 19143

I've been interested in riding a bike in Philadelphia, but haven't made the leap to purchase one yet. A program like this for the city would be a good way to encourage people who are on the fence about biking. I may even make the switch from a car if I had a chance to try out biking through a city program.
kw 19144

Biking is good. Sharing is better. It's kind of a no brainer when you think about it. Do it Mayor Mike.
ja 19122

I'm an avid bicyclist, and I've also worked on urban planning projects in other cities. Having that experience I know how successful this can be, and what it can do to change a city. Especially when it comes to sustainability and commuting.
af 19147

Please bring a bike sharing program!! Our children, our air, our community, our streets and our world will benefit!! Thank you, Mayor Nutter!
md 19122

I appreciate the energy, positive spirit, and enthusiasm for Philadelphia that you have brought to the Mayor's office. Please consider supporting a bike sharing program as a way to keep up the good work!
st 19125

Please continue your push to make Philadelphia a greener city. I applaud your efforts with the hybrid vehicle, the citywide cleanup (which needs a follow up event) and other environmentally friendly policies. This is not just something that will reduce pollution, but it will decrease traffic and increase people's awareness to other types of transportation that can benefit them in many ways. Plus it will make this city safer for all bikers, who still face many challenges and dangers while riding around this city. I am proud to have you as my mayor and I hope that you will continue with progressive policies to make Philly the world class city that it can be.
ny 19123

Thank you!
jk 19122

Philadelphia is transforming into a more progressive and vibrant city. I believe that the Bike Share program would increase this reputation and continue our wonderful city on its exciting trajectory. Many of my friends would ride a bike, if they had one. This program speaks directly to their needs. It is not only good for them and good for the environment, the program is good for Philadelphia.

jr 19125

Dear Mayor Nutter, I supported you in your mayoral election because you articulated an inviting and refreshing strategic vision to make Philadelphia a more functional, pleasant and inhabitable city. I think a citywide Bike Share program compliments your vision greatly; I hope you choose to support it. Keep up the good work.

bf 19123

Dear Mayor Nutter, As I write this, I'm thinking of the bike sharing program I saw in Amsterdam in 1966. It seemed wonderfully workable, and I think having a bike sharing program in Philly might be a good idea, too.

cdh 19124

I am sure that there would be great interest among the workforce at Penn who currently drive around the sprawling campus to get their business done. I live in Center City and have my own bike for commuting but many others drive in from far reaches of the city and suburbs. They envy my mobility.

tf 19147

Dear Mayor Nutter, Congratulations on your first 100 days in office. We are expecting great things from your office. Bike Sharing is one of those things. So are green jobs and efforts to make Philadelphia as green as Portland, Oregon. By the way, I live in a high-rise. How do I do single stream recycling. I'm very tired of separating metal, glass, paper and plastic. Also when will we see a wind turbine in Philadelphia?

mk 19103

Support Bike Sharing and anything else that will reduce congestion and clean our air!

cm 19144

I am currently studying abroad in Belgium and have traveled to cities that use bike sharing systems (and used it in Amsterdam). It is an incredibly useful system and I would be more than pleased with a mayor who could bring such a great program to the city where I live.

df 19104

Dear Mr. Mayor, I am an architect / urban designer. This is so exciting. Last summer, I spent 3 months in Copenhagen, Denmark. They had the bikeshare program in that city. As a tourist, that is one of the best things that can be available to you. This program would make the city so much more tourist friendly. If anyone needs more information, you can always contact me. 908.938.7536
ns 19428

I fully support the realization of the project. It will greatly enhance the quality of life in Philadelphia.
j 19107

PHILADELPHIA NEEDS THIS
ew 19146

A Bike Share program is exactly what our city needs in order to become a greener and healthier place.
kr 19002

Dear Mayor Nutter, With your support, Philadelphia has the opportunity to become one of the greenest and most progressive cities in the United States! Please do not pass up on this exciting opportunity to put Philadelphia in the national spotlight as a catalyst for sustainable change in America! Thank you.
jc 19104

Bike Share is one more incremental positive step to guide Philadelphia into the top tier of livable American cities.
s 19144

This would be a great way for me to bike for a leg of my commute from South Philly to 30th Street. I don't currently do that for fear my bike might get stolen, or that if I bike on the way in and then it's raining in the afternoon and I might want to take a cab or the subway I'm kinda locked in to riding my bike home in the rain. With a bike share I could take the bike out in the morning park it at 30th street completing that 'rental' then decide to rent a bike for the way home or take cab, subway, bus if conditions warrant it. This is a great, green, progressive idea can you work with possible advertising or business sponsors to help make this happen? Also would be fun for tourists.
jm 19147

I ride a bike to get around this city. Sometimes, I still find myself taking the train because I'm too scared of the roads and the cars. If it was better, I'd ride my bike all the time!
cc 19122

We would love to be part of a Philly Bike Share program. I believe in time it would be as popular as the car share program.

tb 19144

Please consider bringing Bike sharing to Philadelphia. It will bring a community together. With increased population cycling, we can also improve our city's health. Since we have such lovely places to ride as well, and superb bike lanes (although we could use more), many people would be able to benefit - and take better advantage of public parks, especially far away places like fairmount park, Kelly Drive, as well as visiting many venues and businesses they normally would not have, with no access to bikes. It will also help those who have had their bikes stolen and no longer bike because of that.

rg 19130

Mr. Nutter, I will not be able to attend the city council meeting on April 30th, but wanted to share with you my support for Bike Share Philadelphia. I attended the interest and discover session at the Academy of Natural Science and along with many others heard information regarding this issue. I attended the event with 3 friends and know that many more of them support the idea. We are all younger professionals that do not own cars. Bikes are our main form of transportation. I ride my bike to work, the movies, the grocery store and to get where ever I need to go. Please consider this a very strong letter of support for this program.

rf 19107

Dear Mayor Nutter, I personally ride my bike to work every day. I see many bicyclists around, and it is an encouraging feeling. However, to help further promote this activity we need to make some simple infrastructure improvements and provide bicycles for the masses. Having a system like many European cities such as Paris and Amsterdam encourages healthier lifestyles, quieter and less polluted cities, and a quick and convenient way to help transport people while lessening the burden of traffic. These cities have many bicycles available for the public to use at train stations, bus stations, and large areas where people in the city congregate. Let's make Philly a greener place! Please, help us Philadelphians in creating a public bike sharing program. Thank you!

sk 19146

While in Barcelona last December, I observed their bikeshare program in use there. It seemed to work wonderfully, with people of all ages quickly and easily picking up, using and dropping off bikes at convenient locations. I strongly urge Philadelphia city government to provide financial support to bring a similar program to Philadelphia.

eb 19147

This would be GREAT!!

cw 19144

I think that this is a great idea that I would love to take advantage of. When the weather is nice out, the ability to bike around this beautiful city would be a treat. Additionally, it follows your initiative of a "greener" city.
d 19106

This will make Philadelphia look a little bit like Paris !
c 19118

I ride into the city, often weekly. I appreciate the many streets with designated bike lanes. I've been fortunate enough to travel to Amsterdam, Holland. Their transportation system is excellent. The city is the most bicycle friendly I've experienced.
Im 19312

This is a great idea and will contribute to making Philadelphia a more pedestrian and cycle-friendly city. That, in turn, will make it a better city in which to live.
lsc 19119

Encouraging bicycling is also a great way to keep parking-space shortages under control. And larger numbers of bikes being used on the road make it safer for all bicyclists, since motorists become more accustomed to sharing the road with traffic of the smaller and slower varieties.
jb 19143

An excellent idea for west Philly, where we have many students and very little parking availability.
mf 19104

Bike Sharing can be a big help for Philadelphia. Sharing bikes can improve our environment, improve our health through exercise and our traffic by reducing autos clogging our streets. Please help support Bike Sharing.
js 19106

I want bike share to be like Philly car share in Philadelphia--wildly used! I love the idea. I'd use it more than carshare as a non-vehicle owner for 18 yrs carshare actually increased my car use, but bike share would decrease it!
mw 19103

While I believe we need a bike sharing system in Philadelphia I believe we need to improve the road sharing between cars bus^{es} and bikes before any significant increase in biking on the roads of our city

occurs. There are currently two major problems facing bikers, 1.) The lack of bike lanes on smaller roads leading accidents and at the same time scares many potential bikers away from ditching their cars in favor of the bike. 2.) The bike lanes we currently have are poorly maintained and mostly ignored by vehicles. There needs to be a better initiative on behalf of the city to inform drivers to watch out for bikers and to share the road. I believe a better system for parking, driving and biking is needed before we move to increase the amount of bikes on the roads, and while getting people on bikes and out of their cars is a wonderful idea most vehicles in the city aren't from the city, they would be the challenge, there needs to be incentives for out of city commuters to drive to the edge of the city too some organizing centers exchanging a car for a bike. In closing I fully believe this is the right direction needed to quell the traffic and pollution problems in the city, just as long as it's done properly and well researched before implementation. Thank you for considering my statements, have a wonderful day
bc 19147

This is a fantastic innovation. People need to be empowered to save resources with vision.
mr 19143

Riding a bike is a quick, fun, healthy way around town. Everyone should try it!
b 19147

Even after being hit by a car whose driver took a right hand turn into me at the intersection of Broad northbound and Passayunk and suffering a traumatic brain injury I STILL find that biking through this lovely city is the best way to move and shake from one neighborhood to another. Let's get more people on these bikes already!
s 19144

See you on the streets!
ga 19123

Although I live in Drexel Hill, both my husband and I work in Philadelphia and lived in Philadelphia for over twenty years before moving to the suburbs. I still have many friends and family that live in the city, and continue to support initiatives that will improve the city.
jp 19026

I have used bikeshare programs in Paris and Aix-en-Provence, France, and think they are FANTASTIC. Would love to see this in Philadelphia...it would make our city progressive , and the increased bike ridership would make biking safer for everyone.
sr 19104

Please make this happen, it makes sense on every level!
ac 19130

please! this is a great idea! I've had quite a few bikes stolen and am reluctant to invest in a new one and I don't need a car. on top of that, if there were some kind of organization, more people would check it out. this is an amazing idea. and in case you didn't know, there were 2 architects vying to design the area around city hall. the architect whose design wasn't approved, Louis I Kahn, proposed that the area be closed to vehicular traffic and surrounded by parking. although it's a bit extreme, why can't incorporate other ways of reducing traffic? this is a great start! PS: you're doing a great job, Mayor Nutter. After living here for 10 years, I'm excited to finally see some positive change. You're a good man. thanks.
ab 19147

This is just one step in many to GREEN Philadelphia inside and out!
gk 19146

It works great in Europe...it can work great here.
ga 19147

Dear Mayor Nutter, I've heard you speak numerous times about turning Philadelphia into a green city, an important initiative that would put us in the forefront of a new movement. Clearly the city has many problems with crime, the school system and unemployment that take priority over this initiative, so the initial investment may not be available. This is the exact reason why bicycle sharing programs have such an appeal; relatively low cost with a huge benefit in not only a reduction of trips taken by taxi and automobile to reduce carbon emissions, but to make the air cleaner and people healthier through fitter living. People who exercise and spend more time outdoors not only are healthier, but happier and more likely to appreciate the environment in which they live. So please, endorse a bicycle sharing program for Philadelphia.
mh 19143

With Bike Share, many people, residents and visitors alike, will be able to get to the train, run a quick errand, or just cruise the Schuylkill trail. Let's see a new day for biking in Philly!
cb 19143

This model is used in cities such as Barcelona. It a green project and another step towards having less cars.
hs-p 19107

I am a proud supporter of Philly Car Share and do not personally own a car myself. I think the next big step to creating a more pedestrian friendly city is to start limiting the number of cars on the roads. In turn, I support the bike sharing program and this is a program I would happily participate in.
jm 19123

Let's make our city even greater!
jk 19122

Bikes are the greatest invention that man has ever created. They are the most efficient way to get around. Plus they are good for the environment.
at 19121

Dear Mayor: One of the reasons I voted for you is because you seem to be open minded about new ideas and are not afraid to implement changes. I am a young hispanic living in Center City for four years now. I love living here for the beauty and relative calm of the city; also it is a place filled with arts and culture. Philadelphia reminds me of Europe. I have seen this Bike Sharing program in cities like Barcelona, Spain and I think it is a great way of reducing pollution as well as keeping people active as it promotes exercise. Please bring this program into our city. Thank you for your time and consideration.
krr 19107

I support this since I want to see the city become greener and more friendly for bicycles
mk 19147

i like bikes and i like to breathe. the two go together and think of all the gas money you'll save by not relying so much on buses.
dm 29201

bike sharing would make philly not only more green, but also more friendly and approachable. thank you so much for considering this option!
mw 19143

While I don't live in Philadelphia, I visit often. I would like to take the train and bike wherever I need to. I would save me many \$\$\$\$. Biking would be a great idea to help curb pollution and save our gas resources. At \$4/gallon, biking is the only answer.
nm 08057

Make this a reality
ag 19146

I grew up in Philly, and return home semi-monthly. I travel with my folding bike (www.bikefriday.com), but a point-to-point bike sharing system (akin to some of the european models) would be amazing, and I would use it even on weekends when I have my own bike with me. Making bicycles accessible to Philadelphians might be another step towards SEPTAs infrastructure being recognized for the value it provides. As a DC resident, and frequent METRO user, the mass transit service and coverage is compounded exponentially when combine with a bicycle.
br 20009

I am a resident of Tacony but work in Center City, and this program would make it easier for me to attend theater, concerts, classes or meetings in Center City. It would be a great way to bring Philadelphia's neighborhood residents closer to the culture that makes living in Philly great. Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter.
lhf 19135

Phil is a beautiful city-very bike friendly on Kelly and west River Drives. bikes are a great way to see the city
cds 19312

Instituting a bike share program will have a great affect on the health of Philadelphia by both providing a convenient means for getting physical activity and by reducing asthma-triggering particulate matter in the air. Additionally, the program in Paris has proved to be a tourist draw, and would likely bring revenue into the city. I encourage you to adopt this program for Philadelphia!
ms 19130

On behalf of an avid and health minded staff of cyclists and customers I ask that you support the bike shares project! What an example we can set for the countries cities fighting pollution and obesity!
sp 19053

We are the Next Great City!
jm 19145

I gave away my car before I moved to Philadelphia from Minnesota in 2000 and have been an avid biker ever since. Being a part of the streets and experiencing the city via bike is another reason why I love Philadelphia and have made it my home. Please support this innovative and timely program. Thanks,

Sara
sk 19125

I was thrilled when I first learned about Bike Share Philadelphia! I own Chariots of Philly, the bicycle taxi/pedicab service in Manayunk (which I am hoping to expand to other parts of the city). I am excited that there is a program like this which I am sure will encourage more people to get into cycling, as well as make Philly a more environmentally friendly city and all of us who live here much healthier. THANK YOU for being a strong advocate of this program and for having the wisdom to encourage new ideas which will help make Philly the best city in the country!
bd 19127

If this plan works, you should try to get a couple of NW and SE streets to have designated bike lanes, so bikers can feel safe riding bikes into the city to work. For example: Lombard St. would be the East bound lane, Pine could be a West bound lane. I live at 27th and Lombard, and personally will not ride my bike downtown, because the car drivers are crazy. So, I drive my car -it's safer! However, if I knew there were some major streets that had the safety of a bike lane, I would be more likely to ride my bike.
kn 19146

Let's make Philadelphia a leader in reducing our carbon footprint and increasng the pleasure of living in a great city! Bicycles are our future!
cl 19446

Plases better this city and help ease congestion.
km 19147

Bring bike sharing to Philly; help our city become the unique, clean, biker friendly city I know it can be!
ab 19146

I would definitely use bike share. Let's do this thing!
tl 19145

The more bikes out there the better - it would be lovely if someday they outnumbered cars on the streets!
jk 19130

A lot of people I know say they would bike in Philadelphia but they either don't own a bike or are too scared to ride in the streets. Having a bikesharing program in this city would get rid of both of those

excuses. Also, it's time that Philadelphia be nationally known for something positive!
gc 19125

Please help to make Philadelphia a more bike friendly and therefore green city. Thank you for giving this matter your thoughtful consideration.
rp 19147

I've seen this work in various European cities: Paris, Barcelona, Berlin, etc. Besides all the reasons mentioned in sample letter, this would really make Philly stand out nationally as a forward-moving city!! I would love to see this implemented!!
mm 19146

It would be great to be able to let my guests and visitors ride around the city on bikes instead of renting a car to take them places.
lw 19130

Please consider the importance of biking in Philly. We need safe streets to bike in, including bike lanes, bike only streets, and closing streets on the weekends and allowing people to use the streets for recreation. We must cut down on automobile dependence, cut down air pollution, and cut down noise pollution!
al 19119

This would be a great asset for Philadelphia, and contribute to easing congestion on the roads.
pz 19146

Thank you for considering this every important issue that would be a great addition to our city.
ll 19103

Biking is sweet
m 19103

I have been studying abroad in Paris since September, and the "VÃ©lib" system they have set up here is probably one of my favorite parts of my year abroad. I hadn't ridden a bike since I was young before I got here, and now I can honestly say I take a bike at least once a day, on average 6-10 times per week. The ease of use, the exercise factor, and the ecological benefits of a public bike system make a very strong argument for such a system to be instituted in Philadelphia. The city is a perfect candidate for a bike share, and it's also a great tool for tourism as I've witnessed here in Paris - so much easier to see the city

than taking the metro. I would love to see Philadelphia join the ranks of other world-class cities by implementing a bike share.
lc 19104

Philly Car Share was a great success. This can be, too.
gm 19130

I read about this in the paper and think it would be wonderful for Philadelphia. I have used this while vacationing in Europe and it was wonderful. I think the success of Philly Car Share is a sign that we're ready to share resources in our city. The growth of cyclists in the area show that this would be of great interest.
ps 19104

Please support us in this fantastic endeavor!
tc 19075

I'm happy with how you have handled recycling in Philly so far, and I'd like to see you take the same initiative with the Philly Bike Share program.
ds 19121

Dear Mayor, I am a faculty member at Temple University in the Department of Biology. To get to the point, I believe we have about 10 years to change our carbon footprint before the climate changes are out of control. Reducing cars is key to the changes required to live sustainably. I ride my bike often from West Philly to Temple main campus during most of the year. Philadelphia is a bikeable city because there are basically no hills. Please support this wonderful, progressive Bike sharing program.
jt 19143

This would be great for tourism and just getting around center city.
am 19125

Bike Sharing is a program that is "right up your alley," i.e. just what you stand for. We can reduce automobile congestion and urban air pollution, and increase public transportation usage. It would also improve our public health and be a win-win toward making Philadelphia a greener city. I'm asking you to bring a public bike sharing program to all of Philadelphia for our 21st Century City!
tvMD 19103

Dear Mayor Nutter, I think this organization is an important one in the step towards a more progressive and flourishing Philadelphia. I hope you pay them the attention they deserve.
nd 19146

I would really enjoy a bike share - I am a member of Philly Carshare, and I love it, but would use a bikeshare more often. Please institute this program and take another step towards a more green Philadelphia - while whittling away at our "unhealthiest city" status. Thank you -
sw 19103

Having used this program in Paris, I can say with confidence that it could easily reduce car congestion and air pollution. It doesn't hurt that it's fun too!
bt-l 19063

If there were bike sharing in Philly I would definitely use it. Philly is already a great city for biking, with lots of potential to be even better.
sw 19072

I think this is a great idea. But I also think there's a lot that need to be done to try to make drivers more aware and considerate of cyclist In 10/07, I was doored by a parked driver/car and spent the 2 nights in the hospital-1 in ICU, because I got a severe head injury -- I was wearing a helmet! Please find ways to encourage people to ride more AND be aware of riders. Thank you! I have much faith in your ability to improve our great city!!!
ya 19130

Its time to put Philly on the map for low traffic congestion and high quality of air.
cs 08033

Dear Mayor Nutter: Please consider Bike Share Philadelphia. Philadelphia has been lauded as a great walking city. I believe if we as a City utilize the Bike Share program, our City can become a Great Green City. My husband drives his bike to work to West Philadelphia from Center City. He has been looking for a new job but refuses to look outside of the City because he wants to continue to bike to work. Thank you so much.
dm 19146

Dear Mayor Nutter, First, Congratulations on your win as mayor! I know you helped to ban smoking in many public arenas, and I'm very excited for you to work on employment issues and gun control legislation in the near future. I'm proud to have volunteered on your mayoral campaign (I'm the guy who decorated his motorcycle with several Nutter campaign signs in fall '07-we spotted each other as I was

riding my motorcycle and wearing a yellow helmet with Nutter campaign stickers and you subsequently grinned upon noticing me). I wish you the very best as you confront the growing challenges in our great city Please consider positive aspects that a bike share in Philly will have, and imagine the positive image it will reflect on other communities nationwide and worldwide. Thank you for your time.
ag 18960

Dear Mr. Mayor, I truly hope that you will help find the means to make Bike Sharing a reality in Philadelphia. It is clearly a win-win situation that would set Philadelphia apart. Thank you for your support of this important initiative.
jl 19143

Dear Mayor Nutter, After a recent trip to Paris, France it is amazing to see the their Bike Sharing program has transformed the city and transportation within it. It is impressive to see a city of that size embrace Bike Sharing, drastically reducing traffic and encouraging tourism as well as the general health of the population. Philadelphia is at a great vantage point to become a leader, an example for the rest of the United States in Bike Sharing. Our city is relatively small, and relatively flat, and easy to negotiate, given the foresight of our city's founders. I am confident that Bike Sharing will be a great success in our city, transform the way people think about transportation, and tourism, and encourage the health of all of our citizens.
sl 19146

My understanding is that the average American owns 0.5 bicycles, yet the average American makes 0.02% of all trips by bicycle. This situation is an egregious underutilization of capital. Since it is capital that does not consume petroleum fuel, it is capital that can be used to serve the city better for what it is better at, that is dense urban planning, or density of development. It also shows, perhaps, that the domain of ownership has been overextended. However, I would note that most bicycles would seem small to me. (36" inseam) The grid layout of the Philadelphia transportation grid might (better) lend itself to redevelopment via bicycle. Other things being equal, the extensive saturation of automobile utilization for trips will leave big gaps in the feasibility of a dense blanketing of public transportation coverage of service for some time to come. Bicycles could be the vehicles to fill those gaps Perhaps an economy of scale of maintenance of a fleet of vehicles could be realized. Perhaps bicycle mechanics could get a wage more in line with what they deserve. Not only is the concern of the serviceability and safety of the bicycle important, but that skill and safety of the bicyclist is, of course, more important. Lawyers might smell a liability opportunity. A mediation of operators of vehicles is of course pertinent. I realize that since this is transportation, and since its' coordination with public transit is essential to its' practicality, this is actually a SEPTA concern, and they do vehicle mechanical maintenance, and fleet management, and they could do it for bicycles as well. However, it could likely fly anyway, whether or not SEPTA can manage it. (SEPTA will have to manage with it anyway.)
gk 19149

Bicycles would be particularly helpful for "diagonal" trips in the downtown area. Most SEPTA routes go either North-South or East-West, requiring 2 buses or subway/bus to go anywhere off of the 2 axes (e.g.

Market Street East station to Settlement Music School between 4th and 5th on Queen St.).
rh 19422

Dear Mayor Nutter, I believe this program fits perfectly with your vision for Philadelphia. I ran into you at Jakes in Manayunk after your victory and told you that you were my reason for staying in Philly. You told me we are going to turn this town around. I am already thrilled with the job you are doing. Keep up the great work!
tm 19144

Having benefitted from being an early member of PhillyCarShare, I believe that bike sharing will similarly help bring our wonderful city more firmly into the 21st century. I'm so excited that bike sharing also will foster use full use of the long-awaited West Bank Greenway along 31st Street. Thanks for you support.
~C.
cf 19104

I rarely spend time emailing elected officials, but this is important enough to me that I feel I must. I am sure that a BikeShare in Philadelphia would do a lot to attract both young people and tourists. I say this based on the years my sister lived in Copenhagen, Denmark. This was the affect there and it was fabulous. I hope that Philadelphia does not miss this great opportunity to improve it's standing in the world... and I don't say that lightly. Thanks,
mk 19123

I am interested in working for this cause. If it means developing a stand alone non-profit, I am committed to it full-time.
sr 19103

Taking bikes aboard public transportation is unwieldy. I would love to share bikes with neighbors in West Oak Lane. Lets take this forward-thinking step to make Philly the Next Great City.
cs 19141

Bike sharing in Philadelphia will be a powerful indicator of our progress in becoming one of America's most bicycle-friendly and green cities. Also, with a greater volume of cyclists, the place of the bicycle as part of vehicle traffic will be increasingly recognized. Hence, bike sharing is vital for all cyclists, and anyone interested in more efficient, economical transportation.
jh 19147

Dear Mayor Nutter: Bike sharing is a great opportunity to make Philadelphia the Next Great City, and it will greatly improve mobility for everyone, as more people on bikes will mean less cars on the road, and

therefore less congestion and pollution. As a resident of South Philadelphia, I look forward to the time when our side of the city has a green ribbon park along the Delaware River, where I can take my young son bike riding someday. Bike sharing programs will speed the movement towards the tipping point where bicycling gets its rightful place in Philadelphia.

mg 19147

Philly is a fantastic biking city. Let's spread the greatness around.

jm 19130

I make use of the Schuylkill River Greenway every day for recreation and commuting, and I would love to see more bike trails and lanes in the city.

am 19130

To Whom It May Concern in the Proper Channels: I don't ride my bike that often. But I have an optic condition that prevents me from driving a car. Growing up in the suburbs, I rode my bike everywhere. Riding a bike in the city is more difficult for me, mostly because the city streets aren't as safe for a wary rider. I'd like to ride my bike more. I'd like my friends who do ride to have safer commutes. I'd like my friends who are afraid to ride or can't afford a bike to be able to share the wonderful experience of riding a bicycle. It truly is wonderful. If you haven't done it in a while, you should. Please consider all of these things in your efforts to make Philly more bike-friendly.

mp 19147

Please institute Bike Share!

lb 19146

Thank you for your time in regards to this matter.

cw 19121

and more bike lanes which are enforced by the Parking Authority!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

mf 19146

I bike a lot. I have a car, but got rid of it & joined Philly Car Share. But I bike where ever I can and as far as I can. Actually, I have been side swiped a few times by taxis and SUV's & either rode home, walked myself & my bike home or ended up in the ER so this would be a good program. It would save on me or other people having to worry about paying for a wrecked or stolen bike. People who can not afford them could ride, also it just might deter people from theft of bicycles and also it might help get some people to

jobs. I think it is high time this is put into action and stop throwing it around for discussion. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Sincerely, Elizabeth Smith
es 19147

I am a frequent rider of PATCO and this is a perfect way to increase options to commuters through-out the entire region. Not to mention a dream come true for anyone living in the city.
cw 08108

Dear Mayor Nutter, I choose to not own a car and, as such, riding a bike in Philadelphia is part of my livelihood.
mr 19104

I support a public bike program. My family would use this if put in place and sell one of our cars.
at 19147

I strongly believe in the Bike Sharing and Philly Car Share Programs. I wish Philly Car Share can expand throughout the city (i.e. Northeast), but it's not the most cost efficient option as of right now. Bike Sharing is an vital option for quick few mile transport and better health from cardiovascular activity of biking. Having depended on the Septa system throughout my high school years and lived over 16 years in Philadelphia, it's not the most reliable system nor the fastest especially in the downtown areas. I wish Philadelphia will support Septa to become more reliable and less cost, using the San Francisco's transportation system. Mayor Nutter, thank you for considering these options.
h-ml 19149

I think the plan to make Philadelphia and the surrounding counties more biker friendly is a huge win for all parties; the bikers, the city and the environment. Not only will it lessen pollution and save fuel, but it will enhance individual health and welfare. I am so happy when I am out on my bike! Please support this initiative. Thank you,
ml't 19103

I AM ALREADY A PHILLTCARSHARE USER AND WOULD LOVE TO SEE BIKESHARE HERE ALSO.
cd 19147

I have been in Paris and have taken advantage of their Velolib community bikes. It was a great way to see the city, shop, eat and visit. I actually stopped at places I would not have gotten to on foot. This could be a boon to some of the City's Fringe neighborhoods making them more accessible to tourists and locals alike.
jd 19147

Bicycle shareing in Philadelphia could greatly increase the mobility of our residents while preventing unneccesary and unwanted enviormantal impact. Bicycle sharing in Philadelphia would put Philly on the map as a progresive, green and FUN city to be in while ensuring that our efforts to secure bicycle lanes and secure ridership would improve.

jh 19145

Bike sharing has brought a 5% decrease in traffic congestion for the city of Paris, France. For Philadelphia to achieve this level of congestion relief thru traditional transportation infrastructure projects such as road/intersection improvements and public transit expansion would take billions of dollars of public investment. Bike Sharing would be the most cost-effective investment this city has ever made.
Is 19146

The bike share is a great idea. I've used it other country's and it was great!!!

je 19146

I am a regular bicycle commuter and run the risk of being hit by a car every time I commute. However, I wouldn't miss it for the world. The Bicycle Share Program would be a great addition to the city because the more bikes on the road the safer it will be. Cars will have to learn to respect cyclists.

ds 19128

Dear Honorable Mayor Nutter, I was so inspired to see you come out to the Academy and hear your support for a sustainable Philadelphia. I love this city, and am a member of the Philly CarShare group already, but I know that implementing the bike share concept is the most efficient, accessible and quickest way to involve our community and promote awareness of the need for change. If our city can "go green" it will positively impact other cities as well. I've been to Denmark and have experienced it firsthand. It starts with a bikeshare and it transforms into a way of living and thinking so that people respect their environment and quality of life more. I will continue to work with Council Rep. Reynolds-Brown on supporting your initiatives, and hope to see you at the Academy again soon as I know we look forward to partnering with the new administration on these issues. Respectfully, Pamelalynne Ramirez, Executive Assistant to the President, Academy of Natural Sciences

pr 19103

I just got back from Barcelona, Spain, and they use a shared bicicle system that has allowed the population to move around easy, cheap, and clean. It would be a great improvement for Philadelphia.

nl 19123

Mr. Mayor, this is a great idea for Philadelphia and will cost the city nothing. Let's do it!

mm 19146

I recently learned about Bike Sharing through Bike Share Philadelphia, and become informed that these programs can reduce automobile congestion and harmful urban air pollution. A program in Philadelphia would increase public transportation usage when used as a bridge between origination points, transit and destination points. It would also increase the City's public health and be a win-win toward making Philadelphia a greener city. I'm asking you to bring a public bike sharing program to all of Philadelphia for our 21st Century City!
sh 19146

Yes to Bike Sharing!!! I've often thought about trying to implement such a program. So glad that someone is doing it! Can you help?
ah 19144

We believe you will do the right thing given this great opportunity. That is the reason we voted for you. It's the little things that make Philly great. This is one of those little things that can make a big impact, not just on the environment but on our citizens health as well.
tj 19146

dear mayor nutter, please endorse this program. i live and work in philly, and we just have too many vehicles on the streets, i use my bike whenever i can. this program could help in a myriad of ways. get folks back into being outside, help with exercise, reduce pollution, possibly increase friendliness, and on and on.
b 19147

As an avid biker and non-automobile owner, the bike sharing program is a great way to change Philadelphia's transportation options and make the city more green. This system would reduce automobile congestion and gridlock and potentially attract more tourism to the region. Please support this initiative. Thank you
bm 19119

My teenage children and I would be eager participants in a bike-sharing program. Let's make Philadelphia a leader in re-designing the way American cities work.
rk 19147

Mayor Nutter, I know you're receiving a lot of these e-mails, and won't be able to read most of them personally, but I'd like to encourage you to consider what a small cost a bike-sharing program would be, and what a huge boost it could be, both to Philadelphia's reputation as a modern, cutting edge city, and as a tool and a viable alternative to cut down on congestion, and to show that the city is providing real alternatives to private cars and conventional inflexible public transit options... SEPTA requires ever

greater subsidies to maintain barely adequate levels of service, and while SEPTA is an important service to keep alive, bike sharing could supplement it very efficiently at a fraction of the cost, or even taking in a small profit. Don't wait-and-see on this one; I know you're a very analytical and thoughtful man, and I am one too in most cases, but small, low risk high visibility programs like have the potential to really further catalyze environmental and practical alternatives to our fossil fuel addiction, and could do a great deal for our city's health and congestion problems too, in the long run. I'd like to thank you and your staff for taking the time to read these letters and consider our opinions... I hope we're able to convince you...

bg 19143

Please also support the move towards being a city free from single-use plastic bags. It's time to make our city more attractive!

jb 19129

We can't wait to make these changes. As a lifelong Philadelphian and father of 2, I urge you to act to bring more bikes and fewer cars into town. Also, as a Penn student, I'd like to make a plea for a significant number of bikes to be placed on Penn's campus. Many students would like to ride bikes to and from class but are often dissuaded from doing so given the prevalence of bike theft. Thanks!

rl 19118

I have seen similar concepts in both Vienna and Paris and have been utterly amazed at how functional they are. They would be a great addition to the city of Philadelphia!

cd 19104

Models of very effective public/private partnerships exist in Europe (esp. France) where advertisers are given street-level billboard space in exchange for operating and maintaining the bike fleets. Philadelphia should be a model for the US! A significant barrier to quality of life is excessive traffic problems. Philadelphia is already very progressive in dedicating bike lanes and this increases bicycle usage. Committing to a bike share program could further reduce congestion and improve traffic and public health. Please make this happen!

jg 19143

Anything that reduces the use of cars in Center City is a good thing. The streets are terrible; the city doesn't even get the benefit of ticketing cars that are illegally parked; public transit is underfunded and underused. Making it easier to use bikes would help in many ways.

jcl 19146

During a public forum i asked a prior candidate what he was going to do to help curb the proliferation of asthma in residents of Philadelphia (my wife's condition became considerably worse after moving to Philly) while also trying to bring in more business and increase residency. He was actually honest and

said "I don't have an answer for that". This may not be THE answer, but at least it's a start.
ne 19143

Dear Mayor Nutter, Thank you for your strong interest in sustainable transportation options in Philadelphia. Bike sharing could be one of the best uses of tax dollars to achieve many goals: get people around easily and inexpensively, incorporate fitness into everyday travel, and encourage non-motorized vehicle usage. Biking can promote a friendlier environment in which cyclists are not separated from each other (as in cars) and therefore respect each other on the street. Philadelphia is ready for bike sharing, and Philadelphians look to you for your strong support and leadership in enabling a viable bike-sharing program to succeed in our city. Thanks!
ts 19146

this is indeed a win-win! Getting people out of their cars and on the streets will not only improve our city's public health but also make our neighborhoods safer. Please do this for everyone's good.
aks 19146

I would love to see this in action!
jr 19125

Look at it as another way to retain a greater percentage of the college educated workforce that graduate from the local universities.
rs 19130

WE NEED CHANGE NOW
jl 19144

Please bring more bikes to Philly! Thanks.
lsh 19104

We purchased a second home in Rittenhouse Square but are from California. I know it sounds unusual but we wanted to see if we could live in Philly. A couple of things that need improvement. It seems that there are no mandatory helmet laws since no one seems to wear them. There should be bike lanes. This would bring more cyclists to a city where obesity is obviously a huge problem. It is hard to ride bikes safely here. That would be a good start as the new mayor.
af 19103

Dear Mayor Nutter, Please consider making Philadelphia a greener city by endorsing a public bike sharing program for all of Philadelphia.

jf 19004

I feel that in order for Philadelphia to be a world class "green" city, bike sharing would be a great step forward and set an example for other cities. It's time for Philadelphia to be a leader, not a follower.

db 19106

Philly is a great bicycle city. Bikes are by far the best mode of transportation in our fair city. Lets make Philly a leader across the country and start Philly Bike Share!!!

mc 19130

I recently spent 4 months in Paris, France. There they have a great bike share system. This has many positive implications for individuals and the city as a whole. 1st, is the environment. 2nd is the added revenue to the city (whether in the form of taxes or otherwise). 3rd is less congestion and convenience for the citizens in Philadelphia. Sincerely,

dv 19147

Michael, Lets go for it!

cm 19144

This can only make a positive impact on Philadelphia, please support this initiative!

lcr 19145

This program would enhance our City's World Class status.

es 19103

This would be a great way to get Philadelphians in shape. Plus, we would help environment. Perhaps, this could encourage increase tourism and enhance the image that Philadelphia has around the rest of the county and even the world! Thank you!

sc 19103

This is a great initiative that the city can get involved in. Please consider it possitively!

ig 19119

I also think this program should be partnered with a bike-rules-of-the-road campaign to get bikes off sidewalks and at least sort of following automobile driving laws (stops, one way, etc) So let's GO!
dw 19103

This would be another incentive to live, work and shop in the city. Its easy personalized service to where ever you want to go.
mm 19147

Philly is such a beautiful city to ride a bike around! With more bike lanes and a program such as Bike Share Philadelphia, more people may become encouraged to ride a bike to commute to work, for errands and for leisure. I have lived in Philadelphia all my life, and I have never owned a car! I work in Center City and ride my bike to work every single day - no matter what the weather is like outside (probably has to do with my veteran bike messenger ego or some foolishness like that!). I love it when I see others doing the same! And having a bike makes more sense on an individual level (we all know that people like things that benefit themselves, in an immediate fashion for the least amount of labor) - as a city dweller, a bike makes much more sense than a car for many people and I never have to look for parking, pay ridiculous insurance rates or worry about the ever-so-efficient Philadelphia Parking Authority or bring enough money for the meters or parking attendants. I'm also much healthier. Riding a bike is awesome! Granted, there are definitely times when a car is handy, if not necessary, but I believe that a bike sharing program in Philadelphia would be beneficial to many.
ms 19146

What an incredibly valuable possibility. Thank you for your attention.
Im 19139

I support bike share.
ar 19103

Please support Bike Share. Car Share is such a success and this is seemingly easier to implement.
az 19139

The question should be asked, How can we help this great diversity of users reach their great diversity of micro-destinations most directly?-Jane Jacobs It is against scientific research to still presume that traffic flows like water. London-based transport consultant Keith Buchan has done the research. In his findings, when a road is closed, an average of 20% of the traffic it carried vanishes. In some rare cases, it climbed to as much as 60%. This is science. More automotive roads mean more cars, less is less. No impediment on the automotive transport will occur by supporting this.
rw 19121

I attended the Forum and I'm very excited about this opportunity for Philadelphia. I'd like to recommend that every parking lot and garage in center city be considered (possibly mandated?) as locations for the bicycle pods, and encourage the city to think creatively about how to find enough space to place enough of these bikes to make the program as successful as large European programs. thanks,
j 19143

I was just overseas and talking about how good something like this would be here in Philadelphia! There is a devoted bike riding community here and I think this program has great potential.
as 19130

YOU CAN TRANSFORM PHILLY INTO ONE OF THE MOST PROGRESSIVE AND EXCITING CITIES
IN THE US!
lg 19103

Dear Mayor Nutter, I joined PhillyCarShare in 2007 and it absolutely changed my life. I was not a car owner, and as a result limited myself to specific areas of Center City around where I live. After joining PhillyCarShare, I am able to visit numerous other city neighborhoods and spread my buying power among them. South Philadelphia, Chestnut Hill, the Northeast, West Philadelphia - you name it. Rock climbing in Fish Town, new restaurants in Germantown. It's a whole new city to me! I think PhillyBikeShare can do the same, and I am incredibly excited by the opportunities it could bring to both the city and myself! I have a number of friends who bicycle, but I have not tried it due to cost. But I would love to take a bike when I am unable to get SEPTA and instead have to pay for an (expensive!) taxi. I would love to bike up to Fairmont Park and take advantage of all the beauty this city has to offer, and would love the exercise opportunities it would provide! What a better place the city would be. Please bring this initiative to our city and I think you will see we can go from being the fattest city in the nation (!), to one of the healthiest with the best amenities for residents - both old and new! Thank you for your time!
ah 19147

Please help institute a Bike Sharing program in Philadelphia - for the good of everyone who now lives in our wonderful city, and for all the future generations of Philadelphians. Initiatives like this one, combined with recycling, PhillyCarShare, and others, will make enormous strides not only in reducing our carbon footprint, but also in increasing our community pride. When we work together on small things, like bike sharing, it provides incentive to give the bigger issues a fair shot, too.
md 19146

I have personally seen the benefits of bike sharing programs in Copenhagen and Amsterdam and would love for Philadelphia to join this cohort of progressive, international cities in this fashion.
dh 19104

I Have lived in Philadelphia for over 30 year, As an architect, designer and developer, I can assert that in all that time there has not been any viable planning, zoning code, or building code enjoyed typically throughout most of the country. Bike share is critical to overcome the lack planning and investment typical here. the past will haunt us for decades dispite all your best efforts. Best of luck. John
js 19147

Imagine how cool Philadelphia will look when it's the home of the bike sharing craze that sweeps America!
ck 19143

Greetings, Michael! I know you're supportive of alternative transportation -- when I heard you speak at Friends Center, I was impressed with the research you'd already done (& your description of the special bike facilities for Chicago commuters). So I'm just writing now to add my voice to the chorus of support for anything of the sort that you can help implement here in Philly. Thanks so much, good luck, & I hope you're enjoying all the challenges of your (unenviable) job!
nw 19144

I would also like to see the new administration do more to make cycling more safe here in the city. I personally choose cycling as my primary mode of transportation (backed up by PhillyCarShare use when necessary) and am frankly appalled that a city as large and supposedly forward thinking as Philadelphia hasn't done more to increase green actions. Choosing cycling over driving is unfortunately currently a risky proposition. Therefore in conjunction with any bike programs enacted by the city I'd also like to see more bike or bike/bus lanes (and better markings indicating these bike lanes) as well as more enforcement of traffic laws in the city which will improve the quality of life for residents and visitors as well as displaying a positive police presence. In short I think citizen pride and an overall vibe of "brotherly love" will trickle up from small programs and efforts like these designed to improve the overall experience of being a Philadelphian.
jm 19104

Dear Mayor Nutter, As a college student at Temple University, I find my bicycle to be my best friend when going into the city and around campus...especially when it is so cold outside! Not only does it get me around places quickly, it also saves me money when i bike into the city instead having to take the subway. I know there are many students and other people who may not have storage for a bicycle or cannot afford one, so this program would be very beneficial to this city in getting around places. There are also times when i enter an unsafe neighborhood and feel more comfortable that I am on bike, so no one tries to bother me. This is also would do a tremedously good amount for our environment, and not to mention Philadelphia's obesity problem. Thank you so much for listening, and feel free to email or call me whenever if you want more input.
lw 19122

Philadelphia is poised to become--again--a great American city. Bikes and Bikers belong to that future. Please don't let Philly stay stuck in the past--and in smelly car traffic!
bw 19130

I would like to use public transportation more when traveling to Center City from my home in Lafayette Hill (a northwest suburb), but I often find myself driving instead because of limited options: SEPTA's regional rail is far enough away that I need to drive to it to pick it up anyway; and the 27 bus, though very convenient to pick up from my home, is pretty much limited, once I get to Center City, to stops along Broad Street. This bike-share program sounds to me like a real winner, and could open up some options for suburban residents like myself, encouraging more travel into and out of the City of Philadelphia without depending on an automobile and the problems related to it: parking, traffic jams, pollution, etc. I hope that the powers that be in Philadelphia can find a way to get behind this bike-share plan. I think it would be good for the city, the surrounding suburbs and travelers in the entire region.
jl 19444

I will use this service after taking the Media local into the city from Swarthmore.
lg 19081

Originally a Parisian (and therefore not driving!) but living in Philly, I REALLY hope that "Velib" will hit the streets of Philadelphia; that would be just one more thing these two cities have in common... Thank you!
sm 19103

GO GREEN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
kh 19125

Bike Share would do a lot of ease congestion on our city streets and help build a spirit of cooperation and conservation among city dwellers. This is an important program and I hope the city will make it possible.
ah 19103

An unmentioned benefit would be a reduction in Philadelphia's carbon footprint.
rp 19103

This is a great idea for reducing pollution in Philadelphia. I work in Center City and am going to suggest it to my law firm, Fox Rothschild.
fg 19116

I got rid of my car one month ago and joined Philly Car Share. Bike share would be more meaningful to me than carshare. It would allow us to make this a greener, quieter and more liveable city.
mm 19103

I have seen it work in Paris and it is truly wonderful.
ml 19104

I take the train into the city to work everyday. A bike share system would help my business by increasing the distances I could cover in shorter times for meetings and business presentations. The reduction in car traffic and air and noise pollution would be added benefits.
dm 19087

I'm really looking forward to this. It will be a great alternative to car sharing and septa.
at 19123

Let's do it! It'll make this city a better place to live.
jk 19147

I ride a bike for work, for leisure and for transportation. I do not own a car. This city drives over bikes, knocks them down, cuts them off and keeps going. There are not enough bike lanes and the ones that are there.. the cars do not respect. And the police could care less. We're the ones out in the cold trying to get to work while your stupid fat butt is driving in your warm car doing 45 miles and hour to a stop sign or red light (IF you even stop!). We need more bike awareness
hb 19107

Judging by the success of the Philly Car Share program,I am sure that a Bike Sharing Program would also be welcomed by Philadelphia residents.
nb 19103

I am for a bike sharing program that takes into account the infrastructure of the city. It is imperative that a bike sharing program have the local bike stores in mind and that is locally managed and maintained. I personally wrote a letter to the mayor asking to be involved in the process as a local bike shop owner and have not heard back.
gk 19103

I fully support introducing a bike share program to Philadelphia. I have seen first hand the success of such programs in Paris and Barcelona. A Philadelphia Bike Share program could be just as, or even

more successful, as the recent introduction to car sharing. Moreover, the introduction of bike sharing will help create a stronger, positive awareness amongst motor vehicles.
m 19123

Dear Mayor Nutter, I work in Philadelphia in Center City and West Philly and I can't take public transportation in from NJ because there is no way for me to get quickly and safely to West Philly. If there was a public bike system, it would allow me to use public transportation more and cut down the pollution from my car. Please consider this seriously.
jb 08078

When I rented in Center City, I bicycled to work, for groceries and other errands, and for evenings out. As a homeowner in Germantown, I greatly miss having a bicycle available for lunchtime and evenings downtown. The difficulties driving and parking in Center City have led me to do more and spend more in the suburbs. Bike Share Philadelphia would definitely get me into Center City more often for shopping and entertainment.
fd 19144

As a former city resident and current graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania I believe a Bicycle Sharing Program would be a tremendous asset to our city. It would provide me convenient, affordable, and green access to center city shopping from University City, which I often skip due to lack of easy, fast, and cheap transportation. Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to make Philadelphia a vibrant progressive city.
ss 19078

I ride to work March-November and it's been great to see the slow increase in bike riders over the past decade. I'd love to see more deliberate development in this area--a greater critical mass of riders would make the streets safer for everyone, and help out congestion and car-overuse. Plus it was super neat to see bike sharing in action on a recent trip to France. We saw the shared bikes all over Paris, and Aix-en-Provence; pretty amazing how quickly people adopt something if it's made easy to understand and use. Help make Philly leader of the pack and push beyond bike lanes with bike sharing!
kb-r 19148

To the Mayor, This is a great idea! I think West Philly (where I live) could even serve as a model/experimental ground for it given its progressive nature. Hope you pursue it. Sincerely, Dr. David Macauley Asst. Professor of Philosophy and Environmental Studies Penn State University, Brandywine Campus (formerly Delaware County campus)
dm 19143

Copenhagen, Denmark does this successfully; look into how they get corporate sponsorship by advertising on the bikes. And make the bikes so durable that nobody wants to steal them.
ac 19104

This is of course just one way to support bicycling in Philadelphia. I urge you to work with other citizens advocacy groups to help make bicycling a SAFER and more viable mode of transportation in Philadelphia.
zc 19143

I have just come back from holidays in my hometown in Spain, Sevilla, where the mayor decided to bring these Bicycle program into the everyday lives of the citizenship. It works great and now you can feel that the downtown area is amazingly air-clean, nicer, and more green-areas oriented. I think that the application of these kinds of programs for the benefit of the city would bring much joy and health to downtown in Philadelphia.
am 19104

I am the Chairman of the Delaware County Cycling Committee of the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. I frequently come into the City and use the R3 line. I want to promote a bike share program in Delaware County in addition to the City.
db 19050

Dear Mayor Nutter, While I am a resident of Norwalk, CT I nevertheless spend at least two days weekly in Philadelphia. Recently I was pleased to learn that you were considering a Bike Sharing program as proposed through Bike Share Philadelphia I commend your foresight and vision! Such a program, while reducing automobile congestion and urban air pollution, would increase public transportation usage and increase Philadelphia's public health. It would also make Philadelphia a greener and far more liveable city, rendering it a more attractive destination for tourism and business. I hope you will bring a public bike sharing program to all of Philadelphia.
wg 06851

While I own several bicycles myself and am a "fair-weather" cyclist for commuting purposes, I do not own a car, and see great quality of life advantages in encouraging the use of bicycles for short trips within the City. I would take advantage myself o occasions where it is not advantageous to ride to my first destination of the day or ride home late at night.
jj 19144

It already works great in Europe!
me 19125

Dear Mayor Nutter, First of all, good luck as Mayor! Second, I'd like to simply express my strong support for organizations like Philly Car Share and Bike Share Philadelphia. These organizations bring so many benefits to our city, such as reducing the number of cars, which opens up more parking. In the case of Bike Share Philadelphia, their success as an organization means not only less cars on the street, but also healthier citizens. Please do all you can to support these outstanding organizations!

jc 19428

The bike share system, Guild Bicycle Club, was the most successful and lauded student project at my school, Hamilton College. Everyone on campus loved it and respected it.

ck 19146

Dear Mayor Nutter, My husband and I don't own a car. There's no place to park it, so we ride bikes everywhere. When friends and relatives visit, they'd like to bike with us. The local bike rental shop that used to be near us has gone out of business. A bike share organization would solve our hospitality problem. Please support it. And please put in more bike parking racks throughout the city.

lw 19130

We need more bike racks around the city too, especially now that more people are riding bikes!! encourage people to continue to ride instead of drive by increasing the number of bike facilities..i.e. parking, crossing and lanes. Thank you

mm 19121

Do it yo
sr 19148

Bike share will help the environment and the health of the citizens of the city of Philadelphia. How can we pass up a chance to make Philadelphia a better and healthier place to live?

da 19139

Besides the positive environmental impact, with the rise in gas prices, biking is a sensible alternative that will benefit all income levels that may be struggling with the increased cost of transportation. Additionally, by giving people an alternative to car ownership, they can save money each month on insurance and car payments - money that then can be spent in the Philadelphia economy.

mg 19143

Thank You for taking the time to consider this amazing program and for helping put it into effect!!!

er 19104

Dear Mayor Nutter: I am writing to ask you support the important efforts of citizens working to bring bike sharing to Philadelphia. I know of your pledge to install many new bike racks in the city, and I hope that, along with improving and expanding bike lanes, you will see bike sharing as an important part of a larger effort to reduce congestion and to make Philadelphia the leader in sustainable living that we all know it can be. Thanks very much for your leadership on this issue!

nm 19130

I think a public bike sharing program is an excellent idea and deserves your strong support.

rs 19103

I believe that this program will not only increase the use of public transportation, reduce traffic, and lessen our reliance on cars, but it will also give our city great recognition. Philadelphia needs to clean up its national image and programs like this will definitely be positive steps in the right direction.

tg 19128

Dear Mayor Nutter, I am already a bike commuter but would welcome a bike sharing organization in Philadelphia. It would encourage others to get out of their cars and for those of us who already do, it would be great to have access to a bike when suddenly the rain stops and you don't have your bike to get you where you want to go. And of course as the folks at Bike Share will tell you: "these programs can reduce automobile congestion and harmful urban air pollution. A program in Philadelphia would increase public transportation usage when used as a bridge between origination points, transit and destination points. It would also increase the City's public health and be a win-win toward making Philadelphia a greener city. I'm asking you to bring a public bike sharing program to all of Philadelphia for our 21st Century City!"

da 19147

As a Philly cyclist for 35 years, I think this is a brilliant idea for Philadelphia and would love to see it implemented before I'm too old to be biking! I might add that my health and fitness are excellent, in part due to my biking.

mh 19147

This seems like a great idea. I bike all the time and would use the bike sharing system extensively.

ga 19130

Dear Mayor Nutter, I attended the Bike Sharing Forum last week, at which you spoke and showed your support for that and other green initiatives. Let me know how we can work together to bring a public bike sharing program to all of Philadelphia for our 21st Century City!

cc 19130

Bike sharing is a great idea! Bike sharing, car sharing, wifi, Philadelphia rocks!
sp 19147

I've been living in Northern Liberties for the past twenty years. This neighborhood is so accessible to public transportation. The next step is making bicycle Racks (lock up areas) so that cycling into center city would be easy. Anyway I love the idea of Bike Share. Lets get more local cars off the road. Let's enjoy our city.
jf 19123

I have been a resident of Philadelphia for 43 years, and would very much like to see our city move towards a bike friendly city.... On a personal note; my mother, born in a city where 95% of the citizens commute with bicycles (Ferrara, Italy) road her bicycle in South Philadelphia for more then 29 years. It would be a wonderful thing to see our city more sympathetic to this more civil life style.... thank you for allowing me to comment,
id 19147

I have seen firsthand bike share programs in action throughout Europe â€” Barcelona, Paris, etc. On top of being 'green' the bikes are quite useful, and I think would invite people to explore more areas of the city. It would also detract from the idea that our city is unfit, unhealthy, and lazy, and would add to the idea that Philadelphia is, in fact a WALKING/BIKING city â€” on par with New York, Boston, etc. Far too many people have the perception that driving is the best way to get around Philly. Not true! This is a wonderful idea, please take it into consideration!
ml 19147

Crime, poverty and urban blight 1st, of course. Then, when you got a hot minute, please look into this.
Thanks!
mb 19146

SEPTA is garbage and owning a car in the city is just plain stupid and wasteful. Get your plump or not-so-plump ass on a sweet bikes and pedal your brains out!
em 19147

if this system could be set up in a way that it was self sustaining through advertising or other means, i think it would boost city moral by being a very visable step of progress and at the same time be setting up for a more friendly interactive city by removing the simple barrier of glass and metal that are cars. more people on bike with out the restriction of parking and heavy traffic also would likely spur economic activity. "hey ive never knoticed that shop/restaurant, i'll just get off my bike and go check it out !"
ph 19123

I've been riding a bike for 6 years, since someone broadsided my car, totaling it. It has enriched my life in incredible ways. This could be the first step in showing people what they've been missing.
cd 19146

please!!!!
le 19147

I feel that this would be an extremely beneficial program as I've had two bikes stolen from my home, and constantly ride my bike to eliminate the use of my vehicle. I am an Environmental Engineer, and understand the impact that vehicles have on our air quality and beautiful American landscape.
ag 19123

Mr. Mayor, I was a strong supporter of your primary campaign because of your clear commitment to return Philadelphia to greatness. With Bikeshare there is an opportunity to set Philadelphia at the forefront of a national green movement. Philadelphia can escape its parochial recent past and continue to remake itself as America's Next Great City with innovative ideas such as this.
kh 19103

If Pittsburgh can do it, what exactly are we waiting for?
mp 19130

this is awesome!
ma 19130

I think is a great idea and would be a successful piece of the puzzle to enhance Philadelphia
me 19123

I lived in Lyon - France a long time ago. Lyon has the same topology as Philadelphia. That is: relatively flat valley with one or two rivers and steep hills. No reason that this would not work here. The time is now.
js 19119

I have owned several bikes in the past but, since I can't carry it all the way up to my third story apartment, they have all been stolen or have had parts stolen off of them. Bike sharing programs, such as the one in Paris, have bikes specially designed to be resistant to theft; they have tracking units in them, and they

also have specialized parts that don't work on any other bikes and are therefore not worth stealing.
gd 19104

I love what PhillyCarShare has done for Philadelphia, and I think a Philly Bike Share program could expand upon that success. I personally know a large number of people who would take advantage of such a program if it were available. I have very high hopes for this administration and believe that bringing bikes to Philadelphia is something you can help to accomplish. Thank you
as 19146

As a biker in the city, i would love to see more bikes on the road and less cars. As a forward thinking city, I would love to see Philly take the reigns on becoming greener and more environmentally friendly. With all the bike riders we already have here, the change would be great for everyone involved. Take action before New York does!!
cf 19146

I am excited to see what changes you will bring to the city to make it more sustainable, greener, and more bike friendly!
rp 19147

This is a kick-butt idea!
ks 19121

I hope you will do all you can to make Philadelphia the most bike-friendly city in the United States. Put us on the map for something positive!
rb 19104

My wife and I were in Paris this past October, and the success of their Velib bike share system was immediately apparent. I think I can safely say that eight out of ten bicyclists we saw were riding Velib bikes. Users ranged from students to businesspeople to shoppers running their local errands. There were casual riders, men in suits and women wearing the latest couture. Each night, we saw groups of cyclists joyriding Velib's through the city. It was a remarkable phenomenon. The Velib racks were very well distributed throughout the city and are sleek, well designed and invariably neat and well maintained. The appurtenant advertising was certainly no more visually intrusive than what we are used to seeing on bus shelters in Philadelphia. I am no fan of billboards and large-scale advertising (the huge banners in 30th Street Station are shameful), but the sort of kiosk-scaled ads featured on the Velib stands seem very city-appropriate. We live in the city and own bicycles, but rarely use them due to safety concerns and maintenance and security issues. Also, they just don't work for a one-way trip. I would definitely consider using a Velib-type bicycle to travel around town, especially if the popularity of the system provided added safety in numbers. I know plenty of my neighbors who think nothing of jumping in their cars even to run errands in town. At least some of these folks might opt to do so on a bicycle if it were

made convenient enough. I'm all for Bike Share in Philadelphia.
gs 19130

Dear Mayor Nutter: My wife and I both support bike sharing wholeheartedly! Also, I would like to advocate for a Philadelphia's first Bike Station in the open space underground at the Walnut/Locust station. After this station is in place future stations could be at Temple, Roosevelt Blvd (w/bike path installed north and southbound), Penn's Landing and at UPenn. We know bike sharing and bike stations can happen. In you, we now have the will to make it happen. Thank you
j&rl 19111

THIS WOULD BE PERFECT IN PHILADELPHIA....
mf 19119

You say you want a better transporation system for Philadelphia here's a step in the right direction!
mf 19103

I witnessed the Bike Sharing program in action when I visited Barcelona last summer and I would like to help work and make Bike Sharing in Philadelphia a reality.
km 19146

What a great opportunity to put Philadelphia on the map as a true biking city. This must come with increased protections for bicyclists and pedestrians throughout the city, so that everyone feels comfortable riding a bike in Philadelphia. That said, please don't do this program without considering the impact of ad-revenue-generated programs such as this. I can handle a few ads here and there, but I don't want Philly to sell out it's visual beauty in order to help another corporation make millions of dollars! Also, I am concerned about helmets!
sb 19146

While the city itself might not be able to fund such an initiative, it should lend all technical support to make this happen!
ab-a 19146

The environment is important for us today and tomorrow. If we can do little things to protect it and to make life better why not? You have to learn to walk before you can run. Everything counts, and this would be an added convenience to public transportation.
sr 19143

This would be great for greening Philadelphia!
ar 19123

It's a new day!
jc 19143

The bike sharing model would work with much success here in Philadelphia. As a representative of YPIC, the young professionals program of the United Nations in the United States, the opportunity to shape how bike sharing in Philadelphia is reflected abroad, working to maintain global environmental standards proves paramount. I hope to hear more about this soon.
de 19104

Mayor Nutter: Congratulations on becoming Mayor. I hope that, together with the many other pressing problems will be addressing, you will include greater bike accessibility and safety in Philadelphia as an issue that you try to move along during your terms!
ja 19041

Dear Mayor Nutter, I don't live in the city, but do work in town (UPenn) and commute by bike to work most of the year, and love it. My fiance lives in the City and is also a cyclist. I think Bike Share is a wonderful idea which I hope you will wholeheartedly support. Thank you for taking the time to attend last week's bicycle program; everyone in attendance greatly appreciated your support.
sc 19072

Implementing a system of bicycle sharing, along with taking steps to make bicycling a safer mode of transportation in Philadelphia, can reduce traffic congestion, imported oil, and greenhouse gas emissions. An easy way to make the City more sustainable.
dw 19103

I think Philly Bike Share will not only be successful, but will be an important step towards making the city greener and healthier.
mm 19106

I am wondering what happened to Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter's campaign promise of reestablishing an Office of Arts and Culture and art czar. It's like deja vu all over again. Make a promise, break a promise. The visual arts scene is having a golden age, right now. Failing to appoint and failing to create the office would be a missed opportunity -- as well as a broken campaign promise. We in the visual arts community were counting on Nutter to make it right for the arts community when we gave him our

votes. MAKE IT HAPPEN
gm 19147

I recently traveled to Paris and had the opportunity to see their "Velib" bike-sharing program in action. From life-long Parisians to casual tourists, the program is very popular. It helps reduce traffic on the city's congested streets, and makes the air healthier to breathe by getting people out of their polluting vehicles and on to bikes. The program is paid for by a company that sells advertising space on the bicycles. Please consider a neat program like this for Philadelphia! Thank you.
cr 19125

We must do everything we can to improve the quality of life in Philadelphia. Bikes, and bike sharing in particular, can be a big part of this!
ji 19103

Also, a bike share program would greatly increase the city's livability.
ff 19144

Dear Mayor, I met you some 20 years ago, when I was working at Butcher and Singer, and you were put on the municipal desk for a couple of days to learn about the business. I could tell from the start that you were a man with a mission. I often commute by bike from Wayne to the city, and I hope that you will make it a mission to keep it as a viable option for those of us who want to keep the environment cleaner and our roads less congested. Thanks.
had 19087

Philly Car Share has done amazing things for Philadelphia and the Bike Share program would only increase the options for people to rethink the personal car (and its attendant parking, congestion, pollution and safety issues). Mayor Nutter we know Philly has lots of issues vying for your attention, but Bike Share is a low cost way to put Philly in the forefront of American cities in terms of sustainable and green transportation. Thanks!
la 19147

I am so glad you made it out to the forum on bike sharing last week. I really hope you can make this happen. I feel if the City is truly committed to the concept of bike sharing it ought to be able to obtain federal funding for it through the Congestion and Mitigation Air Quality program. Let me or the Council know if you would like us to work on this issue with you. On a personal note, I bike to work almost every day. At times it still feels little dangerous to be out there. Having a bike sharing program in place can only help in making the City more bike-friendly and the streets safer for bike riders. Thank you so much Mayor Nutter.
ec 19103

I'm an avid PhillyCarShare member & user and know that BikeSharing would be a great addition and attraction for Philadelphia. Put us on the map as the place to reduce traffic congestion, global warming pollution, improve health. Two wheels are the way to get around! More pedestrian only streets, bike lanes, and bike parking areas would be nice, too! Thanks for taking time out of your frightfully busy schedule to speak at the Bike Sharing Forum last week! Let's make it happen!
ms 19130

I am a long-time cyclist and bicycle commuter. My wife and I are STRONGLY for this program. We believe that this, coupled with the philly car share is going to put this city on the map as a green city committed to sustainable urban development. It will promote the use of public transit, increase the health of the citizens, encourage new cyclists and new bicycle commuters. There should also be an avenue for tourists to use it as this will allow them to visit more sites and spend more money while in the city. Personally, I know my wife and I would use such a system if it were in place in many of the various place we visit on holiday. Help make our city the model for all other American cities!!! Best Regards,
ss 19125

I was very impressed by the possibility of a bike share program for the city. I know I would personally use it when friends and family are in town, and myself on occasions when my own bike wouldn't be as handy for one-way trips. I think it would be a great thing for Philly!
sh 19122

This is a terrific idea and would be such an asset to the city. Please do consider supporting this initiative.
bk 19146

I want you to support this proposal. I think Bike Sharing would be a really unusual way to relieve congestion.
egg 19119

Please support the bike sharing initiative in Philadelphia. I am a frequent user of the Schuylkill Expressway and am alarmed at the increasing and continuous congestion, even at non-peak hours. Vine Street off ramps into town back up as well. This initiative will benefit all citizens of Philadelphia, not just those of us who bike.
ns 19130

Out of all of the cities on the Eastern Seaboard, Philadelphia is unique in it's gigantic community of bicyclists. Philadelphia is one of the most bike-friendly cities. With the continuation of programs like Neighborhood Bike Works, and the addition of a bike sharing program, we can make Philadelphia a truly

modern city; easy to visit, and wonderful to live in.
km 19147

Philadelphia has a bad reputation as a city full of crime and fat people. A bicycle sharing program would help on both those fronts. Encouraging people to use a bike to navigate our main city areas will promote an image of health and fitness for the city, (perhaps making us fitadelphia instead of filthadelphia) and installing a program such as this in the face of those who claim there is too much bicycle theft in Philly would be a snub in the face of criminals. I believe a well-run bicycle share wouldn't be susceptible to unreasonable numbers of theft anyway, but it seems there is a general perception that we can't have one because the criminals would ruin it. Let's show people that Philly isn't run by the whim of criminals, and that we are a safe city, safe enough even to have a bicycle share!
jd 19143

Mayor Nutter - I hope you choose to move forward with Bike Share. Initially, it will be expensive and unpopular with strident special interests who are invested in the status quo, but I believe it is the right thing to do. Jon Shinefeld Lifelong Philadelphian
js 19111

I attend the evening forum last week and was astounded at some of the statistics about the benefits of bike sharing. It seems to make even more sense than car sharing in many ways. And now that the "share" culture has been accepted in Philadelphia, I think it would take even less time to get a BikeShare program off the ground than CarShare. I was motivated by the words of Mayor Nutter that night, and I look forward to it becoming a reality. Thank you.
ag 19103

Bring it.
jv 19125

I attended the meeting on Thursday the 17th. Thank you, Mayor Nutter. Your support is critically necessary to the success of this program. Based on what I heard, I believe something similar to the Lyon plan could work here. I also believe it could be a great benefit to our city. The world is changing. We are in a time of great challenges and great opportunities for cities. This program could play an important role in keeping Philadelphia a great city to live in and work in and visit. Your leadership in addressing these challenges is appreciated.
ajl 19143

As a resident of West Philadelphia who has been commuting daily for six years to work in Center City, at Thomas Jefferson University, I highly value creative, innovative solutions like this to our city's transportation landscape.
gk 19104

I also belong to other local groups. We want to get rid of our dependance on oil. How asl they do
oveseas- bicycles. No pollution and good exercise. Let's get rid of oil. Let's get rid of pollution. Let's get
exercise and fresh air.

cl 19403

I would love to see Philly take this initiative and set an example for other cities, as a positive effort to
reduce pollution and save the environment.

ks 19146

Welcome Mr. Mayor! I know you have so many pressing issues to address in your new position. But
those of us who live in and around Philadelphia are looking for ways to make Philadelphia a safe, fun and
wonderful city to live. I know that is your goal too, and sometimes small efforts can have large, desirable
results. I live just out of the Philadelphia city limits and often take the trolley in to the city. My husband
and I love living near Philly and would make use of this enviro-friendly way to travel while in Philadelphia.
Just think, we could decrease pollution and get Philadelphians a little healthier at the same time! Please
consider this cool program!

hb 19026

Having seen the positive affect of public bicycling in Barcelona on two occassions, I am strong proponent
for this form of transportation to come to Philadelphia! In Barcelona, "Bicing" has lessened the crowded
streets from an excess of cars as well as improved the health of the citizens. Based on usage, the truck
bikes to areas at different times of the day as well as have their high traffic locations. Philadelphia needs
public biking! Let me know what I can do to help make this a reality!

mh 19106

Dear Mayor Nutter: I have recently learned of the effort to bring a bike sharing program to the city. As I
understand, it will both promote biking as a healthy, economic and ecological transportation alternative to
driving (or even taking the bus/subway/regional rails). Please, please, please support this program. I am
familiar with your connection to the Sturdy Girls cycling organization. Because of that, I hope you will see
that this city has a unique opportunity to be a trend setter in bicycling culture promotion. Our city will be
better for your participation. Sincerely, commited cycling commuter, bike lover.

le 19148

Each person who takes action makes a difference, but bike share is bigger than this. We need local
gov't. to make this work and help make our city sustainable.

jm 19153

We ought to follow the Parisian model of their bike-sharing program, and allow advertising to offset the costs—and in NOT allowing video screens! This would greatly reduce the quality of Philadelphians' lives. Non-electronic billboards, however, we could handle (however hideous they might be). Noise pollution in the form of continuously running video, we could not. Bike sharing is a wonderful idea (so long as it does not entail video screen ads); it lowers motorized traffic and congestion, and pollution; it improves civil life in the streets by getting people out of their cars where they can avoid interacting with others; and increases fitness levels among our fellow Philadelphians.

cb 19004

Mayor Nutter, Help Philadelphia follow up Philly Car Share with Philly Bike Share. It will be part of your plan to remake Philly into a great international city.

jb 19119

besides bike sharing, better and cheaper public transportation would help make this city very liveable.

dh 19130

I would like you to get together with some people at some point and discuss making the city safer for bicycles. Thankyou for your time.

mg 19038

Please help our cause.

wg 18925

Yo Mike! This city already has some great bike organizations and programs going, such as the Bicycle Coalition and Neighborhood Bike Works in West Philly. We've got a start on making this a truly bike-friendly city. But city-wide initiatives always need support from the top. Bike sharing has worked in other cities; it could work here too.

rb 19122

Good luck!

ac 19143

This is a very exciting time for cycling and America's cities! Philadelphia has the potential to be great in this regard. This isn't just about biking, it's about making Philadelphia an even greater, cooler place to live and visit.

dl 19130

The idea of bike sharing in Philadelphia is something whose time has come. This will be another significant step towards helping us realize our 'next great city' destiny. A careful look at the current environmental and economic concerns should be proof positive of the beneficial impact that a program like this will have on our city. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

js 19119

Biking is an integral part of the Philly lifestyle. Anything we can do to support it makes this a better place to live. Thanks.

sc 19147

Your Honor: Philadelphia also needs more bicycle rights of way. I hope also that you will use your bully pulpit to encourage Philadelphians to ride bicycles. Thank you for giving this message your attention.

Best wishes to you! Most cordially,

rm 19146

I witnessed and used the bike share program a couple months ago in Paris and thought it was a great option to have.

jt 33607

Please bring something like this to the city Mr. Mayor.

sk 19148

Philadelphia can be a great city again, but not without programs like this that put it in the national spotlight (positively). We need this!

gc 19125

Bike Riding has helped 3 of my friends help to lose weight, be on time for work, and lead happier lives. You have an opportunity to affect this kind of change on a city wide level; and I hope that you do.

po 19125

Philadelphia is a strong cycling city with a well established infrastructure to support a Bike Share program. I hope you will bring this program to Philly with a commitment to promote a more green, healthy and sustainable environment.

sek 19103

I was one of three persons who founded the Schuylkill River Development Council in 1992 that developed the bike trail in Center City. This was done with the specific sanction of the Rendell administration in its

first month of office. People were quite skeptical that this would come to pass, but of course it did (though taking 14 years) and has been quite successful. I hope you would also sanction and enable some sort of public-private partnership to make bike sharing a reality in Philadelphia, another step to making it a world-class, wonderfully livable city.

jk 19103

As a long time biker, I was very excited to recently learn of Bike Sharing through Bike Share Philadelphia. This sort of program can reduce automobile congestion and harmful urban air pollution. A program in Philadelphia would increase public transportation usage when used as a bridge between origination points, transit and destination points. It would also increase the City's public health and be a win-win toward making Philadelphia a greener city. I'm asking you to bring a public bike sharing program to all of Philadelphia for our 21st Century City!

jm 19143

Just heard about the Bike Share Philadelphia! Let's do it! Reduce pollution, get fit, get friendly. I sold my car this past year and now use Philly Car Share and love that. I am an urban bike rider and I think that this program would be great for a whole lotta reasons. If there are more bikes on the street, cars and buses might start to have more respect for what we are trying to do which would make the streets safer for bike riders. Bicycle theft might go down if bikes were easily available. To use the bikes in conjunction with public transportation would be of great value. We need to think of more of these kinds of win-win-green situations!

ed 19147

Thank you for coming to the BikeSharePhilly event! It was very heartening for the crowd to see you. Philly is PERFECT for an urban bikeshare, and we can lead the country with our efforts.

cm 19130

This is an excellent way to promote the health and well-being of Philadelphia's citizens. We can also use Philadelphia's car Share program as an example of just how successful and helpful these types of programs can be for Philly.

lp 19147

Dear Mayor Nutter, We have been seeking a citywide bike sharing program, and Bike Share Philadelphia seems to have the credentials and demonstrated ability to do what they set out to do. Since this program promises to empower the less wealthy, reduce auto congestion and harmful urban air pollution and bring better health to both its participants and all city air-breathers it is a 'no-brainer'. A program in Philadelphia would increase public transportation usage when used as a bridge between origination points, transit and destination points. It will put Philadelphia "on the map" as a greener city. I'm asking you to bring a public bike sharing program to all of Philadelphia for our 21st Century City! PLEASE call me as one willing to work directly for the City on this and numerous other green agenda items in which I have skills & expert knowledge!! (infrastructure, development, building & urban designs, construction industry economics &

trade practices, and esp. green zoning BEYOND what I know ZCC & PCPC & AIA are considering)
wm 19103

I have lived in Philadelphia for a little over a year now, and I have adopted the city as my home. I am so pleased with how green Philadelphia is, both literally and figuratively. I love the tree-lined streets, the many parks, and the city's existing efforts to be green. I support the efforts of Philly car share, and I know that the city government does as well. I hope you will also join your citizens in supporting a bicycle share, which is both green and healthy -- two things we can always use more of.
mg 19146

I used to live in Madison, Wisconsin and realize that, when more bicycles are on the road, drivers learn to look for them making the whole system safer. I know because I was one of those drivers that had to learn. As a professional that enjoys commuting by bicycle, I'd really like to have more bike commuters in Philadelphia and therefore, safer roads for all cyclists. Also, being known as a 'cycle friendly city' adds value to the reputation and desirability of the city.
th 19147

Philly Bike Share would be a great asset to the city, reducing traffic congestion and lack of parking. Having visited many European cities I know that cities that have a lot of bikers as opposed to cars are much more enjoyable. I think Philadelphia would be foolish not to implement this plan.
ns 19122

Dear Mayor Nutter, It was good seeing you last night at the Bike Sharing Forum. I liked your enthusiasm about the possibility of a Bike Share program in Philly. Such an effort--and it would be an effort--would increase public transit and would be a win-win toward making Philadelphia a greener city. The greener Philadelphia is, the most "21st Century" it will be. I'm asking you to bring some type of public bike sharing to Philly!
hk 19104

I'm writing as someone who lives in your former city council district, who voted for you as mayor, and as a City worker (a librarian who is off today and working tomorrow--thanks for your past support!) who sometimes commutes to Logan Circle by bike. I think this program has great potential for Philadelphia and I really hope you will give it your support!
sl 19128

We are currently located in Buffalo, NY and will be relocating to Philadelphia this summer. It is of utmost importance to the City of Philly to start a bike share and promote the exploration of the city from a different viewpoint. Philly has a long way to go but has much to offer. Bikes ease congestion, promotes shopping do to the ease of parking and also the discovery of new retail shops often missed while in a car. It will promote the use of the subway system as well as it fills in the gap between destinations that the

subway does not entirely accomplish. Put your population back in the open air. Get a zero tolerance policy within the police force towards crime! Take back your city one block at a time, but by all means take it back! Philly truly has the ability to become the 6th borough of NYC, do not lose the opportunity! Bike Philly is yet another step to bringing Philly Up!
am 14217

Let's make this happen!
op 19146

I read about this in the paper and think it would be wonderful for Philly. I have used this while living in Zurich. I think the success of Philly Car Share is a sign that we're ready to share resources in our city. The growth of cyclists in the area show that this would be of great interest.
mr 19027

Dear Mr. Mayor, The program last night - I knew it was going to be interesting - what i didn't know was that it was going to be one of the best programs, the best urban positive initiatives I've heard, and what i didn't realize is how many people just like me and not at all like me showed up last night and were convinced of the same thing. Biking is something I love doing, and something I've always loved about Philadelphia. I biked for all the years I attended Temple University, and I've continued to use my bike as my primary commuter vehicle - and not just because it's healthy, or cutting traffic, or easy to park, or cheap, or easy, but because of all those things combined become better than each taken on their own. Bike has been so important to me that even after a potentially fatal accident with an automobile last year (and the subsequent fractured hip and months of bed rest) I am back on my bike and riding the same route. Biking is better for this city, and it's happening more and more. What I saw last night was a exciting and committed (you know you saw the weather too) group of people who believe just as firmly that this type of a program is not only possible, but chomping at the bit to happen. It's not about 'hardcore' all-weather bike riders, it's not a 'men in tights' type of thing, its about getting all those people who want to ride but don't - and there are so many of them. This type of initiative makes it so easy it's a win-win, for the city, bikers, even traffic and drivers. 6,0000 tons of carbon dioxide not put in the atmosphere, 13,000,000 Km biked - and 18 million Euros over 13 years in the city coffers with an operating cost of 0 to the city. We've seen what PhillyCarShare can do, has done for this city, the enthusiastic embrace it has received, the "why didn't we think of this sooner" not only is it good for people, the city and environment, but it makes sense economically, fiscally, traffic-wise. I am convinced this potential BikeShare program taps into the same spirit, the same utility and the same positive philosophies this city rises to achieve. This city may have plenty of problematic issues to deal with, but it was so heartening to hear about a positive program with effects measured in good will, citizenship, comradery, and enjoyment - of the city, biking and each other's company and interaction. You have much on your plate, we voters have given you a great many tasks, and instilled in you our hopes for the future. I ask you and your new Deputy Mayor of Transportation to make this a part of that vision, and more than just a possibility. Thank you,
ah 19128

Dear Mayor Nutter, Congrats on the election. Nice job rapping, too ;) I just want to encourage you to take all possible actions to support, not only Philly Bike Share, but bicycle commuting in general.As a

bicycle racer, commuter, and former bike messenger, I can attest to the fact that cycling keeps me healthy, cuts down on noise and pollution, and saves resources for future generations. I can also attest to the fact that cycling through Philadelphia can at times be a dangerous affair, with many destinations requiring risk and long detours to reach. That aside, Philly is a great place to live (I've been here a year and a half) and I love it! The bike path along Kelly drive is excellent, and where bike lanes exist, they are wonderful. Let's do what we can to expand bike lanes, support bicycle commuting, and educate drivers and cyclists alike to share the road! Philly is uniquely positioned to become THE premier city on the east coast, and a strong and safe cycling environment is crucial to that success. It really comes down to a standard of living that is safe and utilitarian for all citizens, including those who chose to "leave a small footprint" on the environment. Thanks for your consideration!

ds 19128

Getting Bike Sharing in Philadelphia will play a huge role in making Philadelphia a more attractive, fun, green, and bike friendly city. Since we are behind the other major cities we need to step up to the plate and make this happen.

dd 19333

Dear Mayor Nutter, I was pleased to see you start your first day in office with a workout. It's great that your wife is an active member of the local cycling community. She can be a powerful advocate for change, I recently learned about Bike Sharing through Bike Share Philadelphia, and become informed that these programs can reduce automobile congestion and harmful urban air pollution. A program in Philadelphia would increase public transportation usage when used as a bridge between origination points, transit and destination points. It would also increase the City's public health and be a win-win toward making Philadelphia a greener city. I'm asking you to bring a public bike sharing program to all of Philadelphia for our 21st Century City! I had an opportunity to use a bike program similar to this one while on a business trip to Copenhagen, Denmark. It was a great way to see a great city. Thanks for your careful consideration of this important matter.

pl 19012

Let's tackle the 21st Century. Bring on Bike Sharing!

ns 19106

Having traveled to Germany recently and seen the possibilities...and now having seen the system in France, I see no reason why we couldn't pull off that sort of thing. I ride my bike everywhere in the city to the point that I sold my car, and if I use a car at all (once in a blue moon) Philly Car Share does the trick. I believe that the model with the advertising and a diligent public sector watching conditions is the answer. This is an idea that needs nurturing, time, and we can't allow too many people to do that typical Philly thing and say.."no". I would also like to direct you to my site: www.inafunk.com where I have a few ideas for the mayor as well.

ss 19107

When I lived in Center City, I rode my bike to any place I needed to go that was more than a few blocks away. Riding my bike made me physically stronger and enhanced my heart and soul. I felt happy and light all the time, and I count some of my life's peak experiences among times I rode through Philadelphia. Sadly, my bike was stolen in the fall of 2006. About six months later I could no longer afford the high cost of living in Center City. My parents told me about the bike sharing program in the Netherlands as what they thought was an amusing anecdote, and I wished it could happen here. Currently, I live in Tacony, and commute to my job at The Kimmel Center via The Market-Frankford El. Because I commute at peak times, I can't bring a bike on the train with me (to say nothing of it being inconsiderate to my fellow passengers). But I wish I could have the use of a bike between the 13th Street El stop and Broad and Spruce, and for general use in getting around the city. I honestly feel envious of people who can get around the city on bicycles. Even if I could bring a bicycle on the El with me, I would feel like locking it outside in center City would be asking for it to be stolen. Please take this bike sharing proposal seriously. It would make our city cleaner and its residents healthier. True, Philadelphia's drivers aren't always considerate of cyclists, but I think this program could make enough converts that people who have used the bike program once or twice will change their driving practices, viscerally remembering how they felt on the bike. Thank you for your time and consideration.

lh 19135

My brand new bicycle was stolen from my backyard and I am reluctant to spend money on a new one.

g 19146

I am very optimistic that this initiative will work with your support, and with the work and positive enthusiasm from everyone here in Philly! I am so happy that I moved to Philadelphia in such exciting times! Many thanks and best,

af-f 19146

I ride my bike to work (water department) nearly every day year round and love it. I did, however, end up buying a folder bike that I could tuck into my office cube because there aren't enough safe places to park bikes near that location. It seems that with minimal effort and coordination we could find great places to tuck both bike rentals and bike parking in center city and successfully pull a few more cars off the streets. One could start with the big office buildings and a spare room to which the commuters would be given a key. Thanks for keeping it in mind should the opportunity arise for this discussion.

sp 19123

I think this is a wonderful idea.

eh 19119

This would be a great way to get more bikes on the streets which make them safer for all bicyclists, can cut down on the number of cars we use, and be a great PR move for the city. I think we can make Philly not only one of the most walkable cities, but one of the most bikeable. Please consider making this a

priority.
mg 19147

This is an enviromental friendly idea for Philadelphia. It would also be a great means of alternate transport and exercise for philadelphians with and without cars.
ls 19023

This is a really great idea. Make it happen for our great City!
al 19103

Let's all make the difference we need to make for a cleaner Philadelphia (with leaner occupants!!!)
vm 19154

In addition to a public bicycle program, Philadelphia simply needs to be more bike-friendly in general. For instance, more bike lanes, racks, and trails should all be implemented in and around Philadelphia. Not only will this benefit the city's many bikers, but also it will encourage more people to start bicycle commuting, thus, decreasing congestion and air pollution. Also, Philadelphia will be a healthier city!
nt 19122

I think this would enhance our city in the green aspect.
jd 19124

I support this initiative, which would improve the quality of life in Philadelphia, along with the designation of more functional bike routes in the city.
sc 19101

I am a proponent of this program as I am a cyclist and have been for the past few years and believe this could benefit the city of Philadelphia. Cycling is a viable transportation option for many city residents and often times is the preference. Please initiate this program as I believe it could be beneficial for Philadelphia now and in the future.
wb 19122

Hold taxi cabs accountable for the same traffic laws as the rest of us. How can I feel safe to ride my bike through the city, when I don't even feel safe in my car? They are left to do whatever they want with a total disregard for safe and sensible driving. Thank you.
C M 19130

Dear Mayor Nutter, Thank you for taking a progressive lead in our city. Please put your leadership into practice by supporting a bike sharing program in Philadelphia. The benefits are clear: better personal health, fewer auto emissions, less congestion, improved social equity, better safety, and a stronger local economy. Bike sharing would be an easy and huge political win. We can do this. Philadelphia is an excellent market, with tons of "bikeable" destinations, nearly 40% of households with no car, the second largest college population in the U.S., 250 miles of bike lanes, and slow auto traffic that's more friendly to biking. What do we need from you? Leadership, inter-agency support, public space, and public infrastructure. Philadelphia has proven that we can share, making PhillyCarShare the most successful locally-run car-sharing system in the world. Let's do it again with two wheels.

cl 19147