# Handing out studded tires

An effective myth buster

City of Oslo

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### Oslo

### capital of Norway

Inhabitants: 650.000 (+15.000 per year)

Latitude: 59.9°

### Climate

- July: + 17
- January: 4

### Elevation: 0 – 630 m





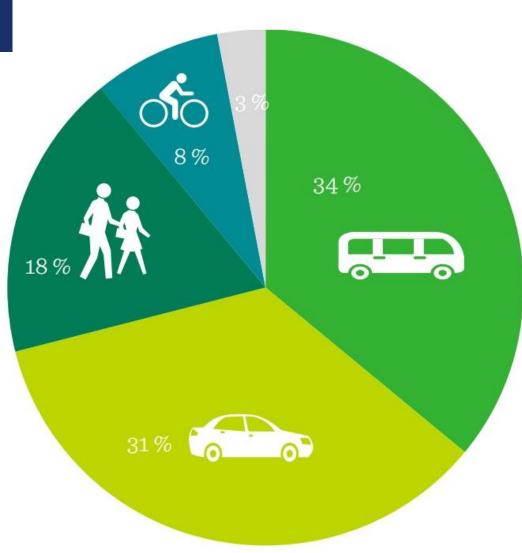
### High political ambitions

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### 25 % cycling in 2025



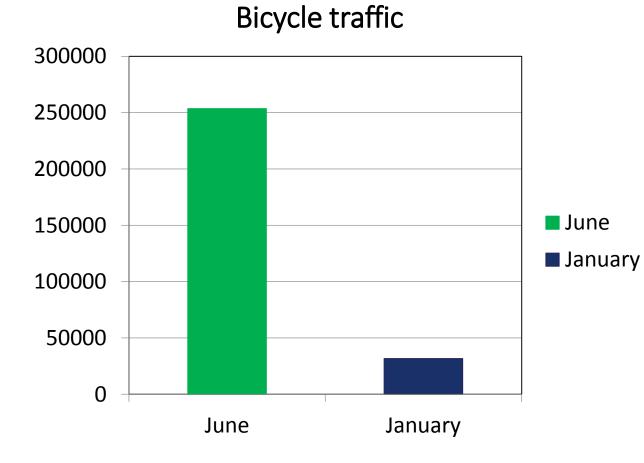
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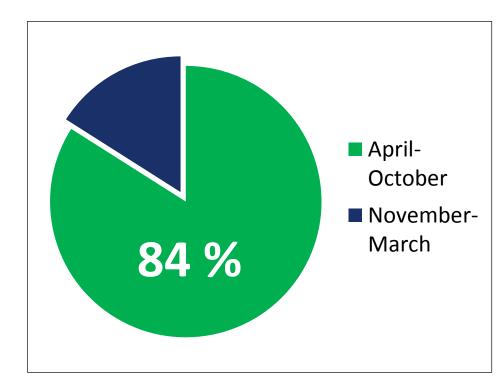
Travel survey 2013



### Summer vs. winter



### Bicycle traffic shares



\*Numbers based on 8 traffic counters in 2016











### When asked about expectations

"To ride a bicycle on ice sounds terrifying. Or, I can understand it if you have studded tires. I've never tried that. Maybe it works just fine. But it's cold and... I don't know. I just don't even think of it as an option."

«Fair-weather cyclist», age 38

**Bicycle Commuting in Osl** 

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### Handing out studded tires

#### *The City of Oslo's winter cycling campaign 2015/2016*



#### 100 participants

Studded tires

Tire change

Bike lights etc.

Kick-off event

Information/inspiration

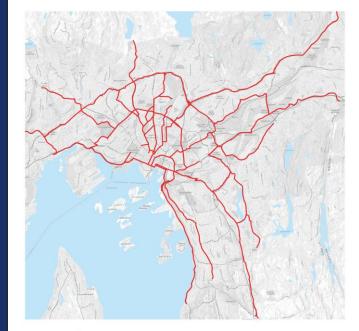
Facebook-group

Media relations

Questionnarie

Evaluation

Cost: 12.000 \$ + work hours



#### **BRØYTING AV SYKKELVEIER**

Kartet viser hvilke sykkelruter som prioriteres ekstra høyt av Oslo kommunes og Statens vegvesens brøytemannskap når det snør, slik at syklister kan komme trygt frem hele året. Resten av sykkelveinettet brøytes også, men her vil standarden være noe lavere.

> Les mer på Oslo kommunes hjemmesider: www.oslo.kommune.no/sykkel

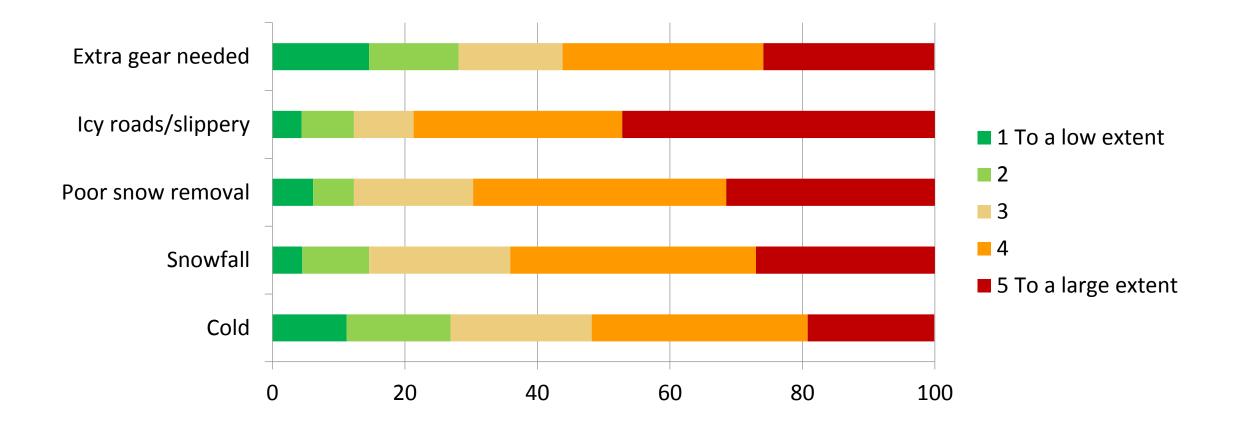






### Starting point

Before you started cycling in winter, to what extent did you regard the following as barriers?

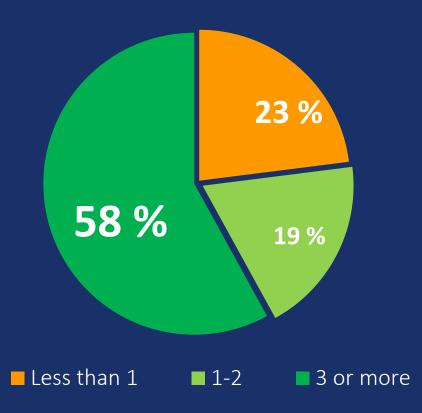


# Campaign results



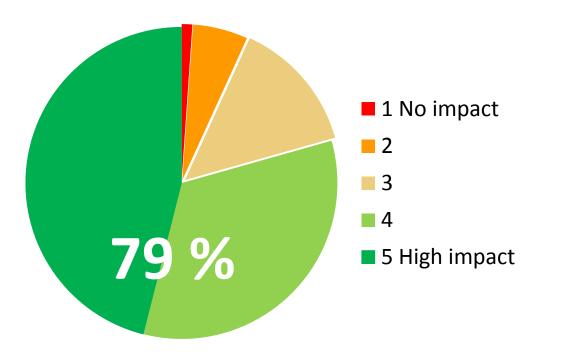


How many days per week did you ride your bicycle throughout the winter?





How much of an impact did the campaign have on your choice to cycle this winter?





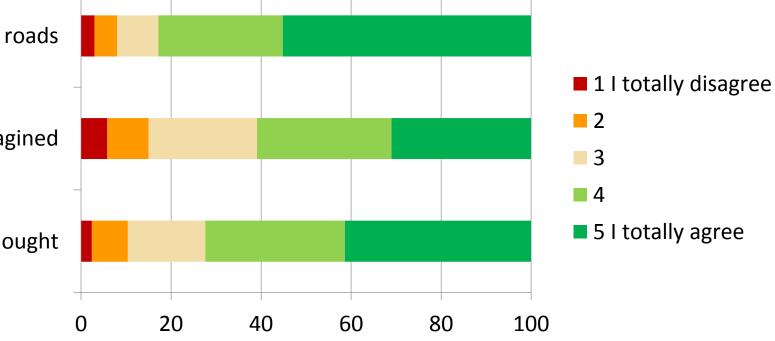


### Busting myths

Studded tires make me feel safe on icy roads

It's more comfortable than I imagined

It's easier to cycle in winter than I thought

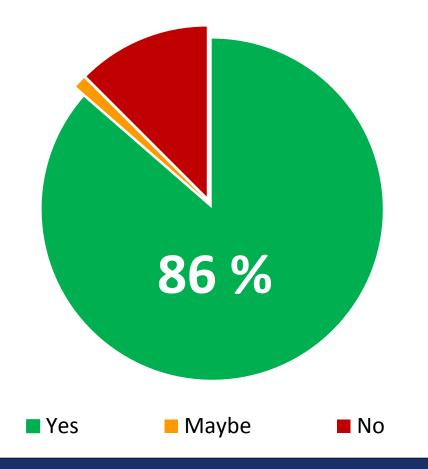




### New recruits



# Do you intend to cycle next winter?

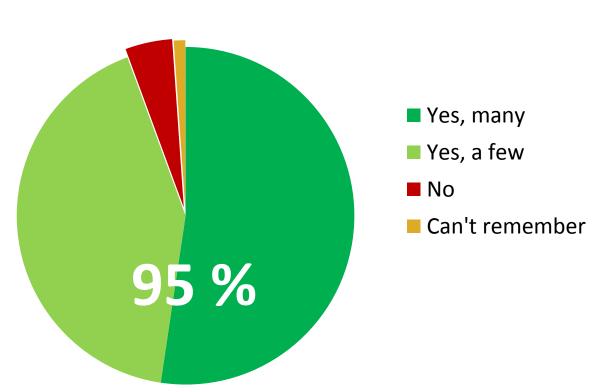




### Winter cycling ambassadors

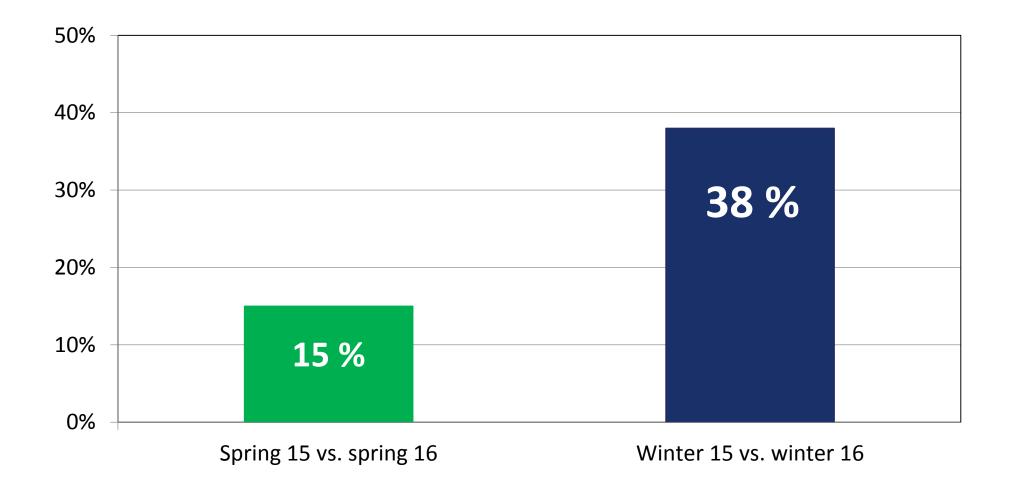


Have you recommended winter cycling to others?





### Bicycle traffic growth spring vs. winter





## Campaign lessons

- Keep in mind that practices spreads more effectively through social networks
- Fight hard grown habits by staging crises of everyday routines
- Add value by designing a media- and survey-friendly campaign
- Increase impact by using soft policy measures to support hard policy measures





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