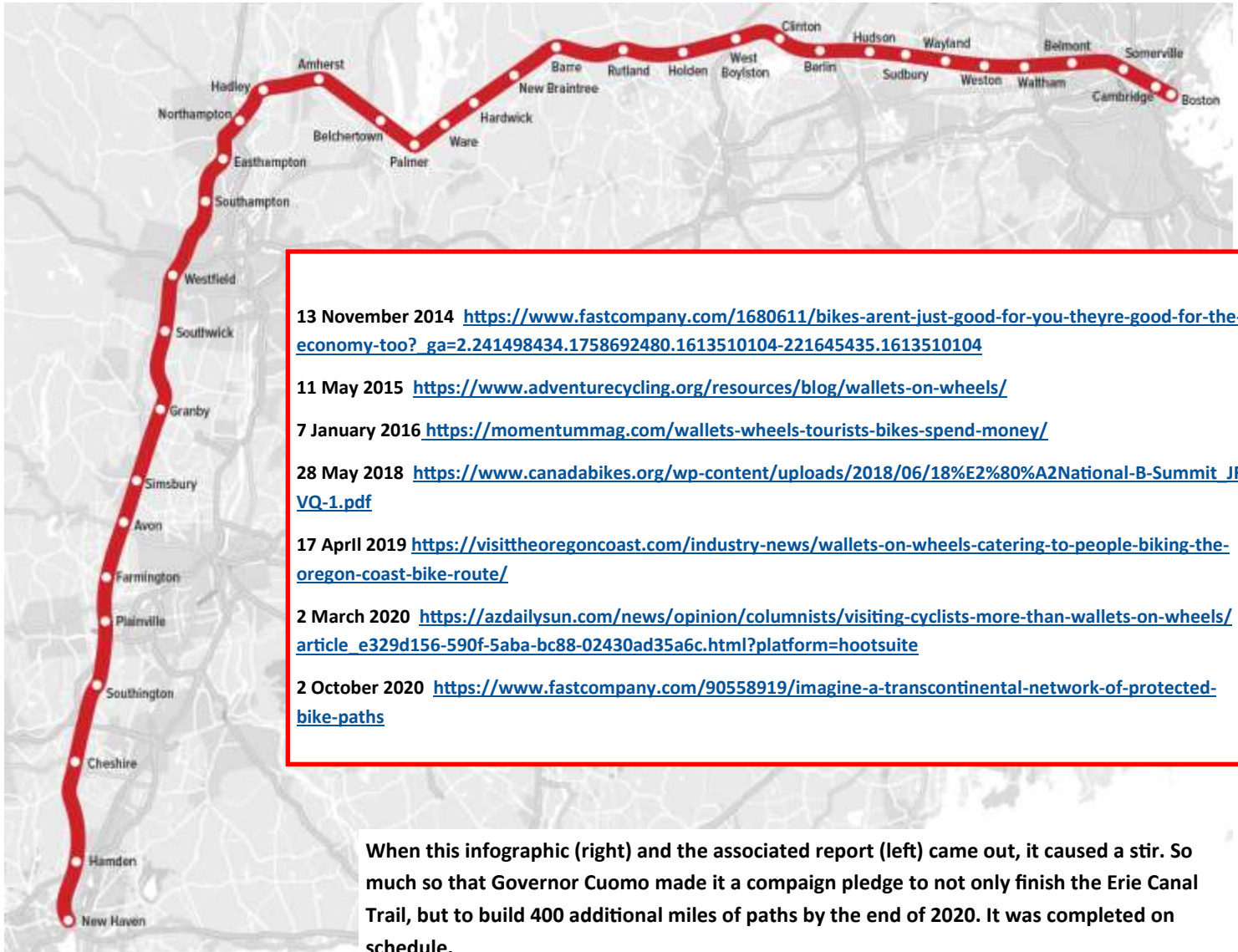


The phrase “WALLETS ON WHEELS” has been seen in print—often

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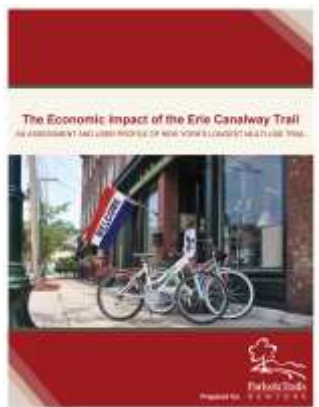
When this infographic (right) and the associated report (left) came out, it caused a stir. So much so that Governor Cuomo made it a campaign pledge to not only finish the Erie Canal Trail, but to build 400 additional miles of paths by the end of 2020. It was completed on schedule.

When NY began this massive effort in 2017, Governor Baker took notice and began a similar effort here in Massachusetts. The buildout here will be even more impactful when done.

Here's the NY report in 2014.

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4KVAUCA4](https://tinyurl.com/4kvaUCA4)

In 2020, during the pandemic, the usage ballooned to almost 4 million users. More than doubling. Here's the current usage report. <https://tinyurl.com/6ut3p3y5>



About the map on the top and left side.

Boston to Northampton is the developing **Mass Central Rail Trail**. At 104 miles, this is the longest single rail trail in the northeast US. Website here on that. <https://www.masscentralrailtrail.org/>

Northampton to New Haven is the developing **New Haven & Northampton Canal Greenway**. At 84 miles, this is the longest interstate rail trail in the northeast. <http://nhncg.org/>