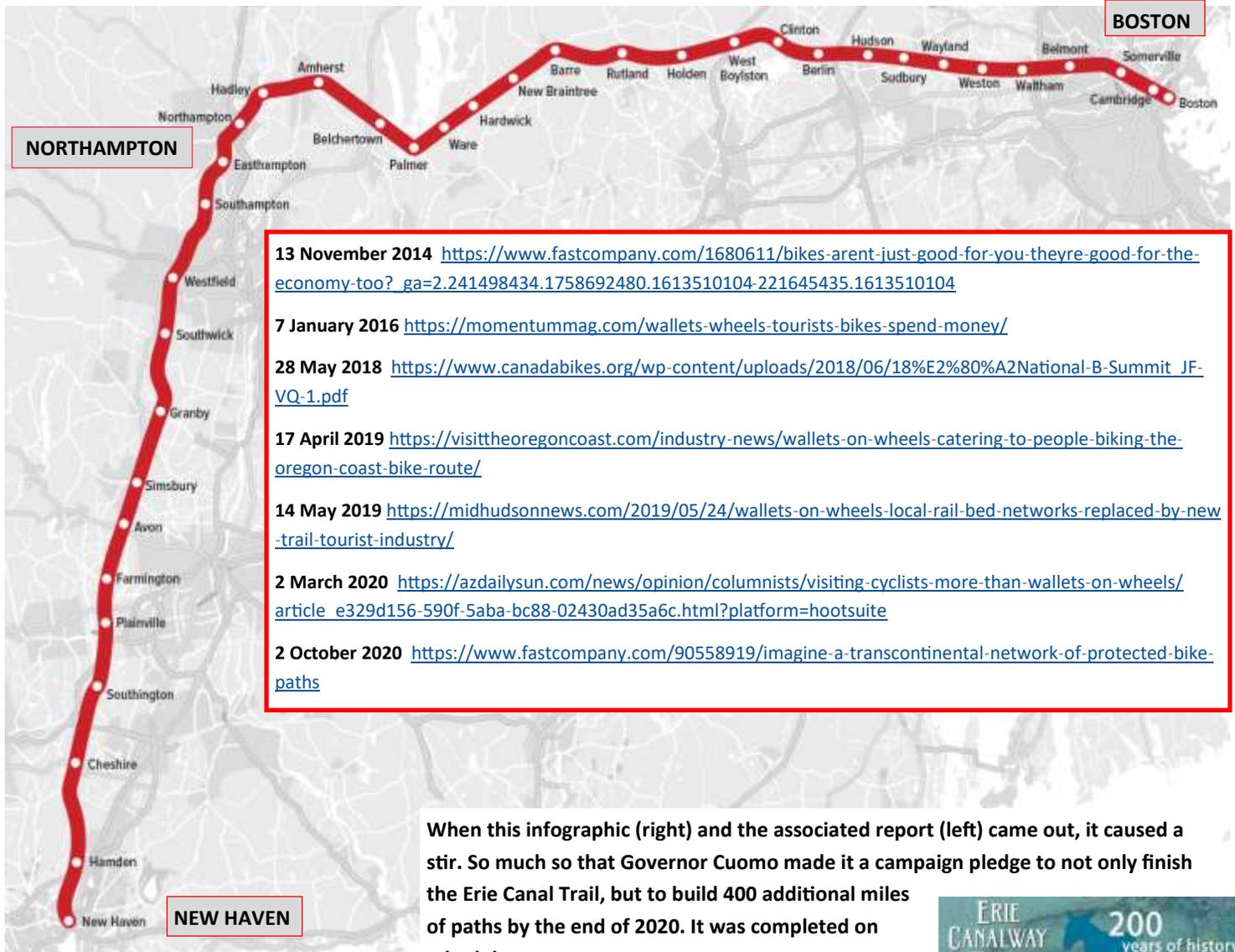
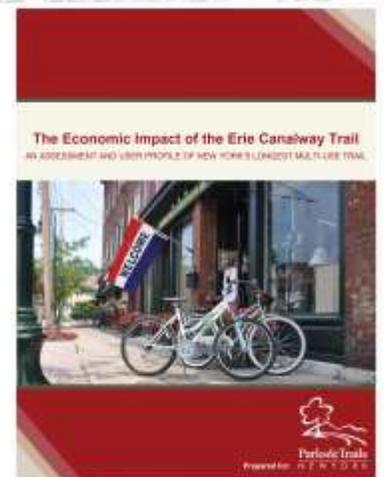


THE PHRASE “WALLETS ON WHEELS” IS TRUE!



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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 full NY report done in 2014. [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4KVAUCA4](https://tinyurl.com/4kvauca4)

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

Here’s a great landing page about the MCRT. <https://www.finishtherailtrail.org/>

About the map on the top and left side

Boston to Northampton is the developing **Mass Central Rail Trail** <https://www.masscentralrailtrail.org/> . At 104 miles, this is the longest single rail trail in New England. Here’s a 2023 report about what a finished MCRT will mean to the state. www.NNNetwork.net/report

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