Twitter Thread by Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail

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As we wrap up the year, we want to highlight some great things that happened for us in 2020! See the thread below:

In January, we were featured in an article published by @StreetsblogMASS about the Central Section construction, which had just gotten underway.
https://t.co/exZHg3xKF2

Also in January, the City of Westfield advanced a project to construct a spur off of the Columbia Greenway, connecting Country Club Dr to the Shaker Rd crossing. https://t.co/FWn5357wwU

We saw the old railroad bridges over Thomas, Chapel, and Orange Streets removed in March, in preparation for new ones to be installed as part of the Central Section.
https://t.co/loHR3LqJAG



As the weather got warmer through the spring, there was a large increase in trail users, with April seeing a 115% increase from the previous year!
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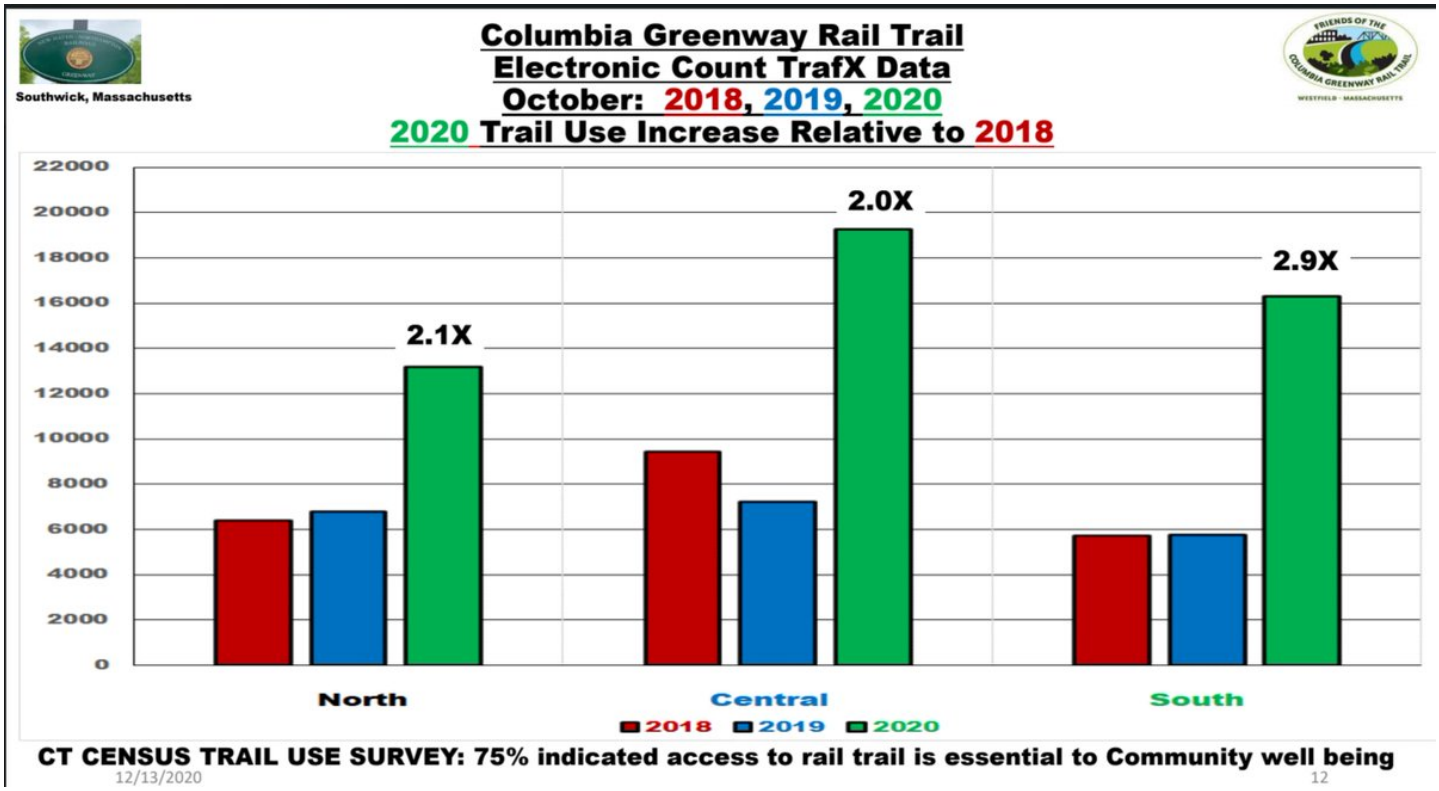
That growth was sustained throughout the rest of the year, with our electronic counters seeing a 2-3x increase in users!



During the summer, the Heroes are Everywhere mural come to life, painted along the underpass between Hedges Ave and Taylor Ave. Many thanks to ArtWorks Westfield for making this happen!
https://t.co/eEQnDE7q9l



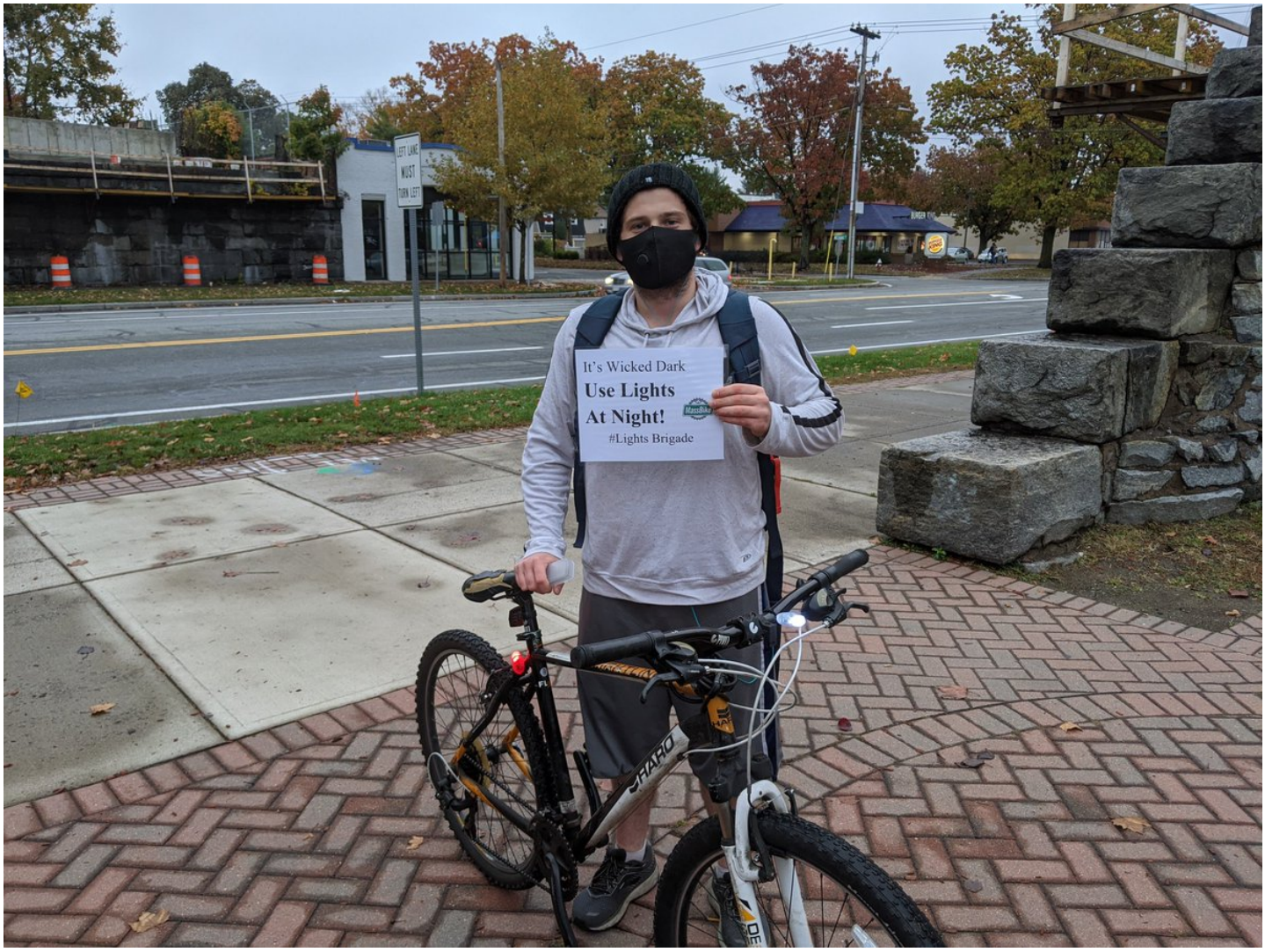
We hosted a series of "virtual" rides through the summer and early fall in conjunction with @NewHorizonsBik1, including the Great River Ride, which had over 100 participants!



We also hosted the annual Glow Walk at the end of October, which featured spooky stories written by local authors Susan and Kelly Buffam.
Another "virtual" event, the Walk was self-guided, with the stories posted to our website.
https://t.co/IUEvYJumNo



In October, we collaborated with @MassBike on the first #LightsBrigade event of the season in the Connecticut River Valley, where we handed out 16 sets of lights to riders in need!



Finally, also in October, new bridges for the Central Section were installed across Thomas, Chapel, and Orange Streets!



We have a lot to look forward to in 2021, including the completion of the Central Section, construction of the Western Ave/Court St multi-use trail, and planning of a northern route to Southampton and Easthampton. Thank you to all of our members and supporters; see you next year!