

The Future of NJ's BPAC

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Room 261

Agenda

- I. Refined Blueprint based on input from March BPAC Meeting
- II. Feedback/Comments & Ideas
- III. Next Steps

Objectives

- Transform BPAC to **substantive** advisory function – advise NJDOT on policies, programs and priorities; create and advance vision for cycling and walking in the State.
- Identify the necessary structure and membership to carry out that function.
- Obtain feedback and input on way forward.

PURPOSE, STRUCTURE, FUNCTION

- Purpose – Stated Primary Function/Mission
- Structure and Membership
 - Bylaws – rules of operation
 - Membership – determines credibility
- **STRUCTURE NEEDS TO FOLLOW FROM PRIMARY FUNCTION AND MATCH THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ADMINISTER BPAC.**

REFINED BLUEPRINT FOR BPAC RESTRUCTURE

- Informed by input from BPAC Re-vamp Retreat in December
- Reflects Sponsor Needs and Resources
- Refined based on input from March BPAC Meeting

Proposed BPAC Primary Function & Sample Tasks

- **Primary Function:**

- Advise **NJDOT** on policies, programs, research and priorities to advance cycling and walking as safe and viable forms of transportation and recreation throughout the State **for users of all ages and abilities.**
- **Specific tasks:**
 - Assist NJDOT with identifying problem areas;
 - Provide input on research needs and priorities;
 - Serve as Editorial Board for NJ Walks & Bikes Blog;
 - Monitor and review work of Subcommittees; and,
 - Discuss input from open public portion of BPAC meetings and advise NJDOT as needed.

Proposed BPAC Functions

- Secondary Functions:
 - Advise **other** state, regional and local agencies on policies, programs, research and priorities to advance cycling and walking
 - Opportunity for members to serve as change agents within their own organizations.

Proposed BPAC Structure/Membership

- Advisory Council (+/-14 members); chaired by NJDOT Bike/Ped Program Manager or non-voting designee (Ex-Officio)
- No consultants or groups receiving NJDOT funding eligible for formal Council seat
- Council has ability to create subcommittees; subcommittees may be comprised of both Council members and BPAC affiliates (may include a wide range of experts, organizations, and groups)
- Possible long-term goal: establish BPAC via Legislature/Governor's Office

Potential Formal BPAC Membership

- NJDOT/NJTransit – NJTransit, **NJDOT Division of Project Management**, Bicycle & Pedestrian Programs (3 Seats)
- Other State Agencies – Law/Public Safety, Health, Motor Vehicle Commission, **NJDEP Trails Council (4 Seats)**
- Federal – FHWA (1 Seat)
- MPOs (3 Seats)
- **Advocates/NGOs - 1 Seat Bicycle/Pedestrian Emphasis, 1 Seat Mobility/Visually Impaired, 1 Seat Open Emphasis (3 Seats)**
- Chair (NJDOT Bicycle/Ped Program Manager or Designee)

Formal Council Membership/Structure

- NJDOT to appoint first newly reconstituted Council
- Newly constituted Council prepares bylaws/operating procedures, including future process for nominations/appointments to BPAC, creation of ad hoc subcommittees, and participation by 'affiliates'
- **Potential Standing Subcommittees:**
 - Legislative & Policy
 - Design & Infrastructure
 - Education & Outreach
 - Safety
- **Also flexibility to create Ad-hoc Subcommittees as needed**

Subcommittees

- Envision ACTIVE subcommittees.
- Subcommittee reporting essential part of BPAC meetings.
- BPAC Council will be advised/informed by work of subcommittees.

BPAC Meetings

- First Hour: BPAC Council Meeting
- Second Hour: Open Session
 - BPAC Reporting
 - Subcommittee Reporting
 - Information Sharing/Discussion/Brainstorming
 - Public Comment

Next Steps...

- Kick off New BPAC by year-end.
- Reconstituted BPAC crafts operating procedures and bylaws.