The Future of NJ’s BPAC
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Room 261
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.