

NEW JERSEY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Summary

Wednesday March 13, 2013

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
33 Livingston Avenue - New Brunswick, NJ*

I. Welcome and Introductions (Charles Brown, VTC)

II. Briefing: NJ Safe Routes to School (Leigh Ann Von Hagen, VTC)

Leigh Ann Von Hagen gave an update on the latest happenings at the NJ Safe Routes to School Resource Center. Highlights include upcoming health policies training and webinars. Additionally, the next SRTS Coalition Meeting will be on May 15 and May 20-24 is NJ Walk and Bike to School Week.

III. VeloCity - NYC (Karyn Williams, VeloCity)

Karyn Williams presented an overview of the VeloCity program, which engages youth from underserved communities in New York City through cycling to teach them urban design and planning for social change. Focusing on areas with high poverty and obesity rates, the organization teams with Bike New York to teach teens how to ride and conduct group rides on city streets.

IV. How Do People Value Pedestrian and Bicycling Infrastructure?

A Survey of Residents in Two New Jersey Regions (Deva Deka, VTC)

Deva Deka showed off preliminary results from a soon-to-be-published study on perceptions of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in New Jersey. The results showed how types of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure are valued by cyclists and non-cyclists in New Jersey by assigning a score of attractiveness to them. Additionally, the survey results show how respondents would prefer to allocate spending to different types of infrastructure.

V. Briefing: "For the Good of New Jersey" (Jim Van Schoick, VTC)

Jim Van Schoick highlighted some recent news from around the state. Route 35, heavily damaged by Hurricane Sandy, will be rebuilt as a complete street. Additionally, there are now 52 municipal and 4 county complete streets policies in New Jersey. The BPRC website has a new map of these policies. NJDOT awarded \$5.7 million in SRTS grants to municipalities, and 4 trails in the state received grants. Charles Brown of the BPRC and Cyndi Steiner of the NJBWC presented at the National Bike Summit in Washington, DC. In news from Newark, the city has seen an 86% decrease in right angle crashes and a 57% reduction in total crashes at two intersections since installing red light photo cameras.

VI. Open Floor and Final Remarks

Assemblywoman Grace Spencer is working to pass a vulnerable user law and a three-foot safe passing law in the stage legislature. Tri-State Transportation Campaign released its report of the most dangerous roads for walking. Finally, public comments are requested for the Burlington County Bike Plan at <http://driveless.com/burlingtoncountybikeplan>