NJ Safe Routes to School Program Update

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NJ School Zone Design Guide

- Provides guidance for the schools, communities, and local governments involved in the effort to enable and encourage children to walk and bike to school

- Focuses on engineering measures that can make the environment around schools safe to walk and bike to school
NJ School Zone Design Guide

A comprehensive guide divided into the following chapters:

Chapter 1: Intro and Overview

Chapter 2: What is a School Zone?

Chapter 3: MUTCD Traffic Control for School Areas

Chapter 4: Determining Placement of Crossing Guards

Chapter 5: Crossing the Street (treatments that can provide safer crossings at intersections and midblock)
Chapter 6: Along the Street
(infrastructure to make walking and bicycling safer)

Chapter 7: Traffic Calming
(engineering techniques to slow motor vehicle speed)

Chapter 8: Students and Bicycling
(ways to improve and encourage biking to and from school)

Chapter 9: The School Site and Grounds

Chapter 10: Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
 design can help reduce personal safety issues and concerns)
Chapter 11: Schools near Railroad Crossings (unique concerns with RR crossings along routes to school)

Chapter 12: Schools near Highway Ramps

Chapter 13: Maintenance and Other Improvements

Chapter 14: How to Start Improving your School Zone
Throughout the guide:

- Illustrations of various issues and best practices
- Spotlights gathered from schools and communities across NJ
- Resources – websites, sources, organizations, etc. from throughout the US
A tremendous resource -- book mark it!

- www.state.nj.us/transportation/community/srts/started.shtm
- www.saferoutesnj.org/nj-school-zone-design-guide/
The updated Crossing Guard Resource Center Webpage is visually cleaner to provide supervisors easy access to resources, including the new Crossing Guard Training Video.

Crossing guard supervisors who participated in the Train-the-Trainer Course have access to a PowerPoint presentation based on the training they received.

http://www.njcrossingguards.org
Reviews crossing guard uniform and equipment:

- Required
- Best practice
- Useful additions
- Reminder about what should not be used at their post

Also provides:

- NJ statute on uniforms
- NJ Stop and Stay Stopped law
- FHWA/MUTCD standards for safety vests and STOP paddles
New Crossing Guard Resources

Crossing Guard Training Video

VTC introduced a new crossing guard training video this year.

The video reviews:

- New Jersey laws that support crossing guards
- Crossing procedures
- Expectations and duties of crossing guards
- Importance of crossing guard uniform and equipment
New Crossing Guard Resources

**Crossing Guard Training Program and Best Practice**

- Webinar for the National Center for Safe Routes to School in August 2014.

- Poster at the National ProWalk/ProBike Conference in Pittsburgh, PA in September 2014.

- Requests for information and material from the State of Florida and Peoria, Illinois crossing guard programs.
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