

NEW JERSEY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Summary

Wednesday June 5, 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)

In attendance were:

Debra Kingsland - NJDOT

Layla Fryc - Michael Baker Corporation

Leah Picone - 3M

Karen Jenkins - NJBWC

Mike Viscardi - NJ Transit

Stephen Chiaramante - Parsons Brinckerhoff

Janet Heroux - NJDOH/ShapingNJ

Jonathan Hawkins - VTC

Joseph Powell - NJDOT

Bill Feldman - RBA Group

Mike Dannemiller - RBA Group

Jerry Foster - WWBPA

Bruce McCracken - Middlesex County

Liza Betz - Union County

Charles Brown - VTC

Leigh Ann Von Hagen - VTC

II. Electric Bikes (Elizabeth Harvey, VTC)

Elizabeth Harvey presented an overview of the different types of electric bikes and the laws affecting each. An issue regarding electric bikes in New Jersey is that while state law addresses motorized scooters and pocket bikes, low-speed electric bicycles are currently undefined in the NJ Motor Vehicle code. Due to the growing popularity of electric bicycles, defining this broad range of vehicles should be a high priority.

III. NJDOT Digital Bicycle Tour Guide & Atlas (Mike Dannemiller, RBA Group)

Mike Dannemiller provided an overview of NJDOT's digital bicycle tour guide and atlas. The tour guide is divided into a northern map and southern map that contain useful links to local cycling resources. The atlas provides maps of these bicycle routes in 42 easy-to-use sections. These tools provide cyclists with the information needed to help make bicycling a convenient and enjoyable mode of transportation.

IV. Product to Enhance Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety (Leah Picone, 3M Traffic Safety Systems Division)

Leah Picone highlighted several of 3M's traffic safety products that provide practical and affordable ways to reduce bicyclist injuries and fatalities. Such products include retroreflective pavement marking tapes.

V. Briefing: "For the Good of New Jersey" (Charles Brown, VTC)

Charles Brown highlighted some recent news from around the state, including the release of "How Do People Value Different Types of Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure?" and "The Economic Contributions of Active Transportation in New Jersey." He also mentioned the adoption of two new Complete Streets policies (Woolwich Township and Middlesex County) and several awards that NJDOT recently received for its Complete Streets policy.

VI. Open Floor and Final Remarks