



BPAC General Meeting Notes
December 17, 2015 10:30am – 12:00pm
Rutgers University
Room 261
33 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ

Executive Council attendees: Debbie Kingsland, Keith Hamas, Alan Huff, Betsy Mastaglio (in for Greg Krykewycz), Charles Brown

I. 10:30am: Welcome and Introductions: *Charles Brown*

II. 10:35am: NJDOT Updates: *Debbie Kingsland*

A. New NJDOT work program has been approved

1. Complete a study of bicyclist and pedestrian connections across arterials and highways;
2. Examine and compare crash rates at school zones;
3. Develop a program to put bicyclist and pedestrian counts on the NJDOT website;
4. Provide local technical assistance, senior mobility, and Complete Streets workshops;
5. Create maps for three additional bicycle touring routes;
6. Develop performance measures for bicyclist and pedestrian safety;
7. Film an educational road diet video;
8. Call for questions? No questions.

III. 10:40am: Subcommittee Reports: *Subcommittee Chairs*

- A. *Design and Infrastructure:* Betsy Mastaglio. Joint meeting with the Safety Subcommittee. Talked about getting bicyclist and pedestrian counts on DOT website; best practice document on bicycling on shoulders is ready to be posted; and 2016 goals, which include covered parking options and using the BPAC subcommittee for peer review.
- B. *Education and Outreach:* Cyndi Steiner. Talked about the next focus item of the group. It was agreed that the first action will be to take stock of current educational resources that are available to give the group a better idea of where the gaps are. Next meeting members will discuss results of investigations into the resources available at several agencies and non-profits.
- C. *Legislation and Policy:* Charles Brown (chair Janna Chernetz not present). The subcommittee held a mini-retreat in November to prioritize goals for upcoming year. This quarter's subcommittee meeting will take place after the general meeting at 1pm.



- D. *Safety*: Alan Huff. Joint meeting with the Design and Infrastructure Subcommittee. Talked about the Michael Baker bicyclist and pedestrian count project, and the Bicycle Safety Action Plan - will work with them as needed - to be completed by June.

IV. 11:00am: Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Update: *Joe Milanese and Andrew Lappitt, both of Michael Baker*

- A. Discussed project to develop best practices to do bicyclist and pedestrian counts for NJDOT
 1. Project is developing questionnaires for state and regional agency interviews in New Jersey, as well as for interviews with other agencies around the country (up to 5).
 2. Asking for feedback from BPAC on interview questions.
 3. The goal is to integrate bicyclist and pedestrian counts with the current motor vehicle count database, and to have the data be available to the public.

V. 11:05am: NJDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update: *Project Team (NJDOT, RBA, Urban Engineers, and Parsons Brinkerhoff)*

- A. The project team gave a presentation on progress so far, the goals of the plan, and gathered input from BPAC.
- B. The project time frame is 6 months from now.
- C. The project team would like BPAC to serve as advisors.
- D. The project team hopes to get sessions at TransAction and NJAPA conferences to get public input.
- E. Meeting attendees provided input via online polling. They then discussed why they answered the way they did.
 1. *Vision language*: proposed changes included adding “all vulnerable road users”; language that ties bicycling and walking to health, economic benefits, funding, and safety; adding a reference to making “data-driven” decisions; removing language that implies bicycling and walking is always a “choice”; and vision zero language.
 2. *Top issues*: safety, facilities, and health were identified as the top three issues.
 3. *Who is the plan for?*: Counties and municipalities were the overwhelming choices, since they will usually be the ones who will implement the plan. Several attendees said that it should “speak the language” of the counties and municipalities.
 4. *Top outcomes*: the top three choices were update design guidelines, context-based evaluation process, and recommendations for changes to laws and regulations.



5. *Most effective format to communicate plan outcomes:* website with multimedia and live PDF were the most common choices. Many attendees said that they still use paper versions of plans and so would like the ability to print the final plan. The project team emphasized that any website that's created will be flexible enough to deliver the resource to all parties.

F. Leigh Ann Von Hagen suggested collaboration with other New Jersey state agencies, such as DEP, DHS, and law and public safety.

VI. 11:50am: Announcements and Public Comments: *Charles Brown*

A. Cyndi Steiner: the 2016 New Jersey Bike & Walk Summit will be February 24, 2016. It will include a transportation hack-a-thon with Code for Princeton.

VII. 12:00pm: BPAC General Meeting Adjournment: *Charles Brown*

A. Next BPAC meeting will take place in March 2016, date and time to be determined.