

BPAC Safety Subcommittee

Thursday, December 17, 2015 | 9:30 am | Room 261, Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy,
Rutgers University

1. Overview of efforts to establish statewide standards for bike/ped counts

Joint Meeting with Design & Infrastructure Subcommittee

Joe Milanese and Andrew Lappitt – Michael Baker

- Vision – Standardized bike/ped counts taken for all new projects, sent to, and collected by NJDOT.
- Background – Michael Baker has one of the three Traffic Management System (TMS) agreements with NJDOT. Under that agreement, Baker is responsible for collecting and reporting on vehicle traffic count data in accordance with FHWA Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) requirements. This information is also published on NJDOT's website. Baker recently received approval, under the TMS agreement, to perform a Non-Motorized Data Collection Best Practices Review and Recommendations study.
- Project – Baker's scope includes preparation of an overview of current non-motorized data collection methodologies and technologies, meetings with stakeholders for non-motorized data at NJDOT and MPOs, and interviews with other states and agencies to identify best practices in data collection and storage and reporting of data.
- Baker is also seeking feedback from BPAC and the subcommittees to assist with developing recommendations.
- Baker has asked the BPAC Safety Subcommittee for feedback on the survey questions that will guide the interviews with state and regional agencies and other stakeholders on data collection methodologies.
- Updates on this project will be provided at future BPAC Safety Subcommittee and Design & Infrastructure Subcommittee meetings.

2. Overview of efforts to establish a New Jersey Bicycle Safety Action Plan

Reconvened separately into Regular Safety Subcommittee Meeting

Liz Ward and Bill Feldman – RBA Group

- RBA is working with NJDOT on a Bicycle Safety Action Plan that will be similar in scope to the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.
- RBA has been working with CAIT to get bicycle crash data that will allow them to find trends, identify clusters, and see what has been occurring.
- RBA would like the BPAC Safety Subcommittee to take on the role of an advisory committee as they develop goals, strategies, and actions for the Bicycle Safety Action Plan
- The plan will be focused statewide, providing mostly information for NJDOT but also information at the regional and local level.
- RBA recognizes that data on bike crashes where there was no motor vehicle involvement is difficult to get – they will try to address this lack of data to the extent possible by working with hospital data.
- RBA will check in with the BPAC Safety Subcommittee as they continue to focus their schedule.
- The Safety Subcommittee members agreed to be available to meet between regular BPAC meetings to address RBA needs relative to the Plan.