



**Legislative and Policy BPAC Subcommittee Meeting
December 17, 2015 12:05pm – 12:55pm
Rutgers University
Room 477
33 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ**

Attendees: Sean Meehan, John Boyle, Cyndi Steiner, Emily Armstrong, Ranjit Walia, Andy Anderson, Leigh Ann Von Hagen, Elise Bremer-Nei, Ruchi Shrivastava

1. Discussion of “NJ Title 39: Analysis and Recommendations for Bicycle Provisions” report completed by the Voorhees Transportation Center in 2009.
 - a. Discussed whether the document needs updating. Should it be published as is, as a product of an old committee; if it’s worth revisiting, should a second update be published?
2. **Intro and Executive Summary:**
 - a. Suggested changes: Any final report must include date, members of subcommittee, and who played an advisory role.
3. **Chapter 1: Words and Phrases:**
 - a. Suggested changes: Redefine bicycles to separate out “bicycle” (operated solely by human power) from “e-bike,” “moped,” and “motorcycle.” Update entire section if there have been changes to Title 39 definitions since this document was completed.
4. **Chapter 2: Rights and Duties of Riders on Roadways, Exemptions:**
 - a. Suggested changes: Update the riding on shoulders to reflect the Polzo Case.
5. **Chapter 3: Lights and Reflectors on Bicycles**
 - a. Questions/issues: Are there issues with lights being too bright? Can lights be too strong? Is there an upper limit? Should there be an upper limit? What are the accepted standards for bicycle add-ons (which are required for cars)?
 - b. Suggested changes: Change when you’re supposed to have your lights on from “nighttime” to “between sunrise and sunset.”
6. **Chapter 4: Audible Signal**
 - a. Questions/issues: Is there an upper decibel limit?
 - b. Suggested changes: Require an audible signal, not necessary just a bell as it reads now. Should provide guidelines and recommendations, not requirements.
7. **Chapter 5: Brake Required**
 - a. Suggested changes: Follow suggested change in the document that is more specific and creates a standard for braking; however, it may not be approved by industry. This is a low priority chapter.



8. Chapter 6: Position of Hand and Feet; Carrying a Person

- a. Suggested changes: None.

9. Chapter 7: Hitching on Vehicles Prohibited

- a. Suggested changes: Make it clear that trailers must be designed for human conveyance.

10. Chapter 8: Keep to the Right; Exceptions; Single File

- a. Suggested change: Clarify what “traffic” mean - how many cars? Prioritize this chapter.

11. Chapter 9: Regulations Relative to Motorized Bicycles

- a. Suggested changes: A significant overhaul is necessary. Prioritize this chapter.

12. Chapter 10: Traffic Signals, Observance; Rule at Non-operational Intersections

- a. Questions/issues: Racing community wants a rolling stop; this is unlikely to happen in New Jersey.
- b. Suggested changes: Remove location-specific legislation and a “complete stop” should not be defined.

13. Chapter 11: Signaling Before Turning

- a. Suggested changes: None.

14. Chapter 12: Suggested Provision - Riding on Sidewalks

- a. Suggested changes: The statute doesn’t really address age. Recommend leaving it alone and letting municipalities deal with it. This is a low priority chapter.

15. Chapter 13: Safe Passing [blank]

- a. Prioritize this chapter.

Other topics to prioritize: vulnerable users law and bicyclist phase at intersections.