



BPAC General Meeting Notes
March 17, 2015 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Rutgers University
Room 261
33 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ

Executive Committee attendees: Gary Poedibecki, Emily Armstrong, Jennifer Buison, Debbie Kingsland, Charles Brown, Cyndi Steiner, Janna Chernetz, Cassidy Boulan, Keith Hamas, Alan Huff

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

II. 10:35 AM: New Jersey Department of Transportation Updates: *Debbie Kingsland*

- A. Exploring concept and funding options for installing a separated bicycle facility on Route 9W;
- B. Studying feasibility and funding options for road diet pilots with in partnership with SJTPO and DVRPC;
- C. In the process of selecting TAP grantees;
- D. Working with Parsons Brinkerhoff to create a Complete Streets Design Guide by June;
- E. Debbie will retire in June and Elise will take her place on the Executive Council.

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

- A. *Design and Infrastructure (Greg Krykewycz, DVRPC):* Next action item will be a bicycle parking primer, with a special focus on covered parking. It will look at best practices, low cost options, etc., and will be a resource for transit agencies, municipalities and others looking to install bicycle parking.
- B. *Education and Outreach (Cyndi Steiner, NJ Walk Bike Coalition):* Currently compiling resources about bicycling and walking, in order to understand what's out there and where there are gaps. At today's meeting, RBA presented on NJDOT's bicycle safety action plan and asked for input.
- C. *Policy and Legislative (Janna Chernetz, Tri-State Transportation Campaign):* TPrioritizing long, medium, and short term goals. They will continue legislative monitoring and perhaps provide legislators with talking points. They are considering creating a resolution to change the word "accident" to "crash" in State law. The recent distracted walking bill will be a primary focus of the subcommittee meeting today.
- D. *Safety (Alan Huff, SJTPO):* RBA presented on NJDOT's bicycle safety action plan and asked for input at today's meeting. Next action items are still to be determined.



IV. 11:00 AM: NJDOT Bicycle Safety Action Plan Update: *Susan Blickstein and Elizabeth Ward*

- A. Gave an abbreviated presentation of their subcommittee presentation about the new NJDOT Bicycle Safety Action Plan. Covering 5 years, it will be a supplement to the existing pedestrian safety action plan, and be completed by June 2016.
- B. Asked BPAC to serve as the steering committee. BPAC will review crash data, and provide input on visioning goals, best practices, and implementation.
- C. A webinar will be held morning April 19, 2016 to gather input from BPAC, and other interested parties. The event will be live at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University. Those who can't be there may call in.
- D. Handed out draft preliminary table of contents and summary flyer for BPAC attendees' review in preparation for the webinar.

V. 11:10 AM: NJDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update: *NJDOT consultant team (RBA Group, Parsons Brinkerhoff, and Urban Engineers)*

- A. Recapped where the project stands and discussed initial efforts
 1. Recapped results from last BPAC meeting, regarding vision language, top issues, who the plan is for, and preferred outcomes.
 2. Presented and gathered input at the New Jersey American Planning Association conference in January and the New Jersey Bike and Walk Summit in February.
- B. Overview of Project
- C. Upcoming efforts
 1. Upcoming conferences: TransAction and the Rutgers Public Health Symposium in April.
 2. Website to host the plan is in development. The Voorhees Transportation Center will host the website, which will include survey, fact sheet, and other supporting documents.
 3. BPAC role: provide final input at the June meeting, attend the webinar on April 19, and disseminate survey and website link.
 4. Developing a fact sheet for the general public, which will be on the website.
 5. Developing a survey to gather public input. Distributed a survey pre-test to attendees to gather recommendations on improving it. It will be distributed online, with the goal of teasing out key obstacles to walking and bicycling, and what improvements are most valuable.

VI. 11:30 AM: DVRPC Regional Cyclical Bicycle Count Program: *Cassidy Boulan*



- A. Initiated in 2013, completed between 2014 and 2015
- B. Each location counted on a three year basis
- C. Chose locations where bicycling was already happening
- D. Covered all types of facilities
- E. Preliminary results: growth in bicycling volumes, infrastructure usage patterns
- F. Next steps: assess count locations, conduct first cyclical cycle of counts, combine multiple data sets for more in-depth analysis

VII. 11:50 AM: Announcements and Public Comments: *Charles Brown*

- A. Cyndi: 275 attendees at NJBW Summit, 50 more than last time
- B. Debbie: thanked her NJDOT staff and exec. Council for their work
- C. Metuchen Healthy Kids Day April 30th
- D. Elise: letters announcing March 30 for SRTS grants solicitation. Workshops in early May. June 3 retirement party for Debbie.
- E. Morris County: Revolutionary Ramble Ride (date?)
- F. Andrew Lappitt: Baker best practices review for bicycle and pedestrian data, created memo on best practices which includes DVRPC.