Legislative and Policy BPAC Subcommittee Meeting
July 20, 2016
Rutgers University
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ

Attendees: Janna Chernetz, Cyndi Steiner, Dana (?), Joanne(?) for Emily Armstrong at MVC, Andy (?), Charles Brown, James Sinclair, Leigh Ann Von Hagen, Louis (?), Tina Dobson

1. DOT messaging - Discussion of Resolution draft for NJDOT change language from “accident” to “crash”
   - Corrections to the draft included:
     - Using the same language included in USDOT and FHWA 1997 proclamation
     - Will tailor the language for New Jersey
     - There may be concern over the “predictable is preventable” clause
       - However, including “acts of God” covers that which may not be predictable/preventable.
     - The purpose behind using the word “crash” is because it is neutral and non-judgmental.

   Committee agreed to send out resolution draft to full subcommittee prior to meeting in September. Will send with a background document that includes a PDF of NY Times article, Nevada Bill. And DOT proclamation from 1997.

2. Discussion on Distracted Walking Bill
   a. Janna, Cindy, and coalition member met with Legislative aide for bill, and found out that sponsor is no longer pushing the bill to move forward.

3. Other legislative updates
   a. 4 foot passing law
      i. Is not being moved out to the floor but has passed all committees
   b. Bike-ped committee
      i. Needs to be put in assembly
   c. Transit/Bus parking
      i. Unknown, may or may have died
   d. Vulnerable user bill
      i. Can be pushed as safety for children, to take the place of stalled 4 foot passing law
      ii. 2 versions of the draft: Spencer- One amends careless driving- Has to be charged with careless driving before being recognized as title 39 violation, Singleton- Enhanced penalty for any Title 39 violation where a pedestrian is injured or killed.