



**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.