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**MEET BETSEY HARVEY**

VTC announces new Project Coordinator

Please join the New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center in welcoming Betsy Harvey, as project coordinator. Since July 2012, Besty has been working at the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center (VTC) on projects covering a variety of transportation topics, including transit-oriented development, transportation equity, and bicycle and pedestrian safety. She also has been instrumental in providing GIS, website design and management, and graphic design expertise to many projects at VTC. Ms. Harvey is excited to now focus full time on helping to make bicycling and walking safe and accessible to all New Jerseyans.

Ms. Harvey received her MCRP in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers in 2012 and a BA in English from the University of New Hampshire in 2009. She first discovered her love for bicycling while in The Netherlands, and has dreams of putting protected bicycle lanes on every street in New Jersey. She looks forward to working with the bike/ped planning and advocacy community to help achieve what is best for the state of New Jersey. You can connect with Ms. Harvey on LinkedIn at [www.linkedin.com/in/betsyharvey](http://www.linkedin.com/in/betsyharvey).
NEW BRUNSWICK CICLOVIA

City held its second open streets event on May 4

In 2013, the city of New Brunswick held its first Ciclovia, one of the first events of its kind in New Jersey. Close to four miles of roadway were closed to motorists for six hours on a Sunday so that people could use the space to run, bike, walk, and play. The goals of the program were to support the health of the community and to bring people together. For more information, please click here.

COMPLETE STREETS IN NEW JERSEY

An up-to-date list of Complete Street policies in New Jersey

There are currently 93 municipalities and 7 counties with Complete Streets policies in NJ, with the Hillsborough Township and the Borough of Tenafly being the most recent additions. This brings the total NJ population living in municipalities with Complete Streets policies to over 2.84 million people or 32.37%. Essex County leads the way with 12 municipalities having adopted policies, followed by Morris County and Bergen County (10 municipalities each). Salem County remains the only county without any Complete Streets policy. To access the most up-to-date list of complete streets policies adopted in the state, please click here.
AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY: BICYCLING AND WALKING TO WORK 2008 - 2012

How does New Jersey stack up in car-free commuting?

The U.S. Census Bureau press released the 2008-2012 "Modes Less Traveled - Bicycling and Walking to Work in the United States" report. The findings are based on responses to The American Community Survey for 2008-2012. The report found that the number of workers who commute by bicycle increased from 488,000 in 2000 to 786,000, an increase of about 60 percent, making bicycling the transportation mode with the largest percentage increase in traveling to work. For more information, please click here.

LIVINGSTON AVENUE ROAD DIET

County looks to VTC’S recommendations for improvements

Middlesex County plans to make safety improvements to Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick in response to an accident last week where three children were hit by a vehicle. The county has taken recommendations from a road diet proposed by the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center. They will be prohibiting curbside parking in two sections: Delavan St to Baldwin St and Elizabeth St to Loretta St. In addition, the lane will be reduced from four lanes to two lanes, so that pedestrians have a shorter distance traveling from one side of the street to the other. A center turn lane will be installed and additional signage will be implemented as well. The county has stated that these improvements will be part of a larger, long term project extending from George St to the border with North Brunswick. For more information on the proposed road diet and to download the study, click here.
MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

Governor’s Office Issues Proclamation for Bike Month

Since 1956, May has been recognized nationally as Bike Month in an effort to promote the benefits of bicycling and motivate people to ride bikes. Across the country organizations have coordinated Bike to Work Days or Weeks to increase bicycle ridership. "Among the 51 largest U.S. cities, 43 hosted Bike to Work Day events in 2010."[1] In addition to these popular events, communities across the country have hosted group rides and Bike to School Days. In honor of National Bike Month, the State of New Jersey Executive Department has issued a proclamation proclaiming May as Bike Month in New Jersey. The state has a vibrant bicycling community and even had a series of events through the entire month of April. This month, several communities have participated in bicycling events including The Greater Mercer TMA, who organized Bike to Work Week events, Swap A Ride, an Employer Bike Challenge, and a Bike to School Day [2] For more information, click here.
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