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Kearny, NJ to Promote Bicycle and Pedestrian Friendly Improvements
NJ Ambassadors in Motion Outreach

Kearny, NJ is beginning several redevelopment projects and will be incorporating street improvements that promote bicycle and pedestrian safety. Lead NJ Ambassador in Motion, Jerry Fried explained the benefits of Complete Streets for the community and local economy. Kearny officials expressed concerns regarding implementation on already narrow roads, but hope to identify potential biking trails to create a network of connectivity between other nearby communities.

The Middlesex Greenway opened last year and connects three northern New Jersey communities.
U.S. Department of Transportation Action Plan to Increase Biking and Walking
An Attempt to Reduce Pedestrian and Bicyclist Fatalities

In September of 2014, the United States Department of Transportation released their Transportation Action Plan to Increase Biking and Walking across the nation. Over the past decade, the nation has reduced vehicular crashes but has seen a rise in pedestrian and bicyclist deaths. The Action Plan to Increase Biking and Walking includes infrastructure improvements as well as increased connectivity between pedestrian and bicyclist networks. The plan also includes ways to improve communication between vehicles and pedestrians through the use of technological devises. The U.S. DOT also wants to expand upon its data collection methods in order to better understand multimodal interactions. The federal government hopes that this campaign will increase safety across all modes of transportation creating healthier communities throughout the nation.

You can download the report directly through this link (PDF).

New Bike Lock Parking Spots in Montclair Parking Garage
Commuter Bicycle Parking

First, Montclair Township debuted a "Pop Up" bicycle lane on National Bike and Walk to School Day on October 8th. Next, the township furthered its bicycling accessibility and safety by opening its first 24 space bike parking depot on Thursday, October 16th. The parking depot allows commuters to safely lock their bikes inside Montclair’s Bay Street train station parking structure, removed from outdoor elements to which other bicycle racks are exposed.

To read the full article click here.
Federal Highway Administration Launches Bicycle Safety Guide

Bicycle Infrastructure Design Guidelines

The Federal Highway Administration recently launched a new website guide for transportation professionals entitled "Bikesafe". The website is part of an initiative announced in September to reduce the number of pedestrian and bicyclist injuries and fatalities on American roads. The initiative aims to address infrastructure safety, education, vehicle safety, and data collection, with the Bikesafe website being one component.

To read the full article, please click here.

COMPLETE STREETS IN NEW JERSEY

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

There are currently 108 municipalities and 7 counties with Complete Streets policies in NJ, with Township of Milburn in Essex County (NJ) being the most recent addition. This brings the total NJ population living in municipalities with Complete Streets policies to over 3 million people or 35.06% of the population. Bergen
and Essex County lead the way with 13 municipalities having adopted policies, followed by Morris County and Mercer County (10 municipalities each). Salem and Passaic Counties remain the only counties without any municipal Complete Streets policies.

To access the most up-to-date list of Complete Streets policies adopted in the state, please click here.
Sharing the road: Adapting to a new culture of cycling
TheDianeRehmShow.org - October 30th

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