Dear Readers,
Welcome to this issue of the NJ Walks and Bikes Newsletter, a bi-weekly service prepared by the New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center (NJBPRC). If you would like to learn more about NJBPRC, please visit us [here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1122007867209&format=html&print=true).

Register for the Complete Streets Summit and Nominate a Complete Streets Champion!

The biennial Complete Streets Summit is fast approaching! The Summit brings together planners, engineers, public officials, and others involved with shaping commu nities throughout New Jersey. If you fit into one of those categories and would like to learn more, please visit [our registration page](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1122007867209&format=html&print=true). Registration closes on September 30 for the October 26 event.

We also need your help! We are asking readers to nominate New Jersey residents to receive a Complete Streets Champion award. Awards will go to those who have demonstrated commitment to advancing Complete Streets and active transportation in their community.

To nominate a champion, please email Charles Brown at charles.brown@ejb.rutgers.edu with a short description of why the recipient deserves the award.

BPAC Meeting

Our next Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m, and you’re invited!
The meeting will be held at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University: 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ, 08901.

Subcommittee meetings will take place from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., in rooms 261, 253, and 477. The general meeting will take place from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in room 261.

Please visit https://njbikeped.org/nj-bpac/ for additional information.

Now it's Jersey Ci: Bicycle Share Comes to Jersey City!

Ci Bike Jersey City will be interoperable with Ci Bike NYC

Jersey City has announced the much-anticipated launch of its bicycle share program, Ci Bike Jersey City. Slated to open in September, Ci Bike Jersey City will be interoperable with New York City’s bicycle share, Ci Bike NYC: only one membership is required to use both systems. Both programs will have the same fee structure, with riders having the option of a 24-hour pass, a 7-day pass or an annual membership. Jersey City will get 350 bikes and 35 stations this September. To celebrate the expansion, any new members who join by August 31 get $25 off!

Find out more details here.

Bicycling the Jersey Shore

Discover opportunities to bicycle in some of New Jersey’s most scenic shore towns

The Jersey Shore is a haven to some of the most scenic bicycling in the state. From Belmar to Seaside Heights, Long Beach Island to Ocean City, and as far south as Wildwood, there are boardwalks, bicycle lanes and bicycle parking to be used. In this article we’ll look at some of the rules for bicycling on each town’s boardwalk, any bike rentals in the area, and some of the bicycle facilities or amenities.

Read the full article here.
Pedestrian Planning in Somerville

Somerville initiates a pedestrian-only street downtown

There are very few places in New Jersey where pedestrians can shop on the street without having to worry about car traffic. Somerville is one location where this type of road layout can be found. The car-free atmosphere makes it easier for consumers to shop and for store owners to run their businesses. Partnerships between stores have also created a less competitive and welcoming environment for everyone. The new street design allows for special events and activities to be held, including movie nights and farmer’s markets.

Read the full article here.

Complete Streets in New Jersey

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

There are currently 120 municipalities and 7 counties with Complete Streets policies in NJ, with Manville in Somerset County being the most recent addition. This brings the total NJ population living in municipalities with Complete Streets policies to over 3 million people or 37.57% of the population. Essex and Bergen Counties lead the way with 13 municipalities having adopted policies each, followed by Mercer County with 12. 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.
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Hoboken to announce launch of new bike-share program
NJ.com - August 18th

In N.J., papal visit's impact will ripple far from BF Bridge
Philly.com - August 14th

Exploring Central Jersey on foot by hiking
MeCentralJersey.com - August 12th

The bike-share boom
Citylab.com - August 14th

Biking to work is growing fastest among richer Americans
Slate.com - August 17th

For more local NJ bike/ped headlines, national news, opinion pieces, and the crash report, click here!