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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=1120379387801&format=html&print=true).

**Corporate Bike Shares**
**Incorporating Bicycling into the Working Commute**

Bike share systems have gained popularity across the country and many cities are planning to implement, or already have introduced, their own systems.

Bike share systems need bicycle riders, which creates a need for accommodations for bicyclists. One of the primary hurdles in starting a bike share system is overcoming the obstacles that accompany riding in general: bicycle parking, showers at work, on- and off-street bicycle lanes, and creating a bicycle culture.

While providing amenities such as bicycle parking and work showers are important, getting people to use the system also plays a large role. One way to attract riders is to focus attention on places people commute, such as their workplace.

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New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council (BPAC) Meeting

Please mark your calendars! The next BPAC meeting will take place in Room 369, Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public. Policy Subcommittee meetings will take place from 9:30am -10:30am and the General Meeting from 10:30am -12:00pm.

A Street isn't Complete if it's Covered in Snow

Traveling during the winter months is a chore, but for those who choose to walk, bicycle, or use transit during the winter, it's less of a chore and more of an outright obstacle. While the state, counties, and municipalities often do an excellent job of clearing the roadway, bicycle lanes and sidewalks are often left untouched, or worse, piled with excess snow from the streets. Some areas get so snow covered that pedestrians have to resort to walking in the street, and bicyclists, while fully in their right to ride in the street, have to forgo the safety of bicycle lanes. This is to say little of persons with disability, such as those requiring a wheelchair, who are unable to traverse snow covered sidewalks and buried curb cuts.

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COMPLETE STREETS IN NEW JERSEY

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

There are currently 112 municipalities and 7 counties with Complete Streets policies in NJ, with Hamilton Township in Mercer 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 36.62% of the population. Essex County leads the way with 14 municipalities having adopted policies, followed by Bergen County (13) and Mercer County (12). Salem and Passaic Counties remain the only counties without any municipal Complete Streets policies.

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To access the most up-to-date list of Complete Streets policies adopted in the state, please [click here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1120379387801&format=html&print=true).

**NEW FEED HIGHLIGHTS**

**Road Warrior: Pedestrian Safety Must Start From Ground Up**

The Governors Highway Safety Association released a report at the end of February ranking New Jersey the 6th deadliest state for pedestrian deaths. This ranking is due in part to the fact that last year, New Jersey had the highest pedestrian death count since 1996. In 2014, 172 walkers were killed, with 24 in Bergen County alone. County governments and police forces across the state are working to identify the causes of each collision in order to from an effective plan of action.

**Grants of $4.8M to Fund Projects in Bergen, Passaic Counties**

About $4.8 million in federal Transportation Alternatives program grants were awarded to nine municipalities in Bergen and Passaic Counties in early March.
The grant money is designated for the Safe Routs to School program, which aims to improve road safety for children that walk to school. Other projects include streetscape initiatives that improve aesthetics and walking and cycling paths throughout the municipalities. Specific projects include a revitalization of Kinderkamack Road in River edge and a pedestrian safety project in Garfield, both in Bergen County. Additional projects include streetscape enhancements in Passaic and Haledon.

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**BIKE/PED NEWS FEED**

*February 28, 2015 - March 13, 2015*

**Route 130 tops 'most dangerous' list for fifth consecutive year**
Burlington County Times - March 4th

**$332,000 grant will improve kids' walk to school**
Randolph Reporter - March 3rd

**12 illuminating facts about race, ethnicity, income, and bicycling**
Streetsblog.org - March 10th

**Meet this year's heroes of the national biking and walking movement**
Bike Walk Alliance - March 11th

**Route 22 East pedestrian accident in New Jersey temporarily closes all lanes**
Lehigh Valley Live - March 11th

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