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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](#).

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

The 2015 Complete Streets Summit is fast approaching! The Summit brings together planners, engineers, public officials, and others involved with shaping communities throughout New Jersey. If you would like to learn more, please visit [our registra on page](#). **Registra on closes on September 30** for the October 26 event.

We also need your help 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](mailto:charles.brown@ejb.rutgers.edu) with a short description of why the recipient deserves the award.

**Alan M. Voorhees  
Transportation Center**

## Save the Date! Next BPAC Meeting is This Month

Our next 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 <http://njbikeped.org/nj-bpac/> for additional information.

## BPRC Welcomes New Rutgers International Students at Bicycle Orientation

**Representatives from BPRC host a Bicycling Workshop for incoming international students.**

The Rutgers [International Student Orientation](#) helps new Rutgers students from all over the world familiarize themselves with their new environment before the domestic students arrive on campus. A major part of this week-long process is an array of orientations and workshops. On August 27, 2015, representatives from the New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center hosted a Bicycling Workshop. The session was held in a classroom at Murray Hall, located on the College Avenue Campus.



BPRC welcomes new Rutgers international students at the Bicycle Orientation

Continue reading the full article [here](#).

## Livingston Avenue Road Diet August Meeting

**Update on potential designs for Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick**

On August 18, 2015, the City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County, and Dewberry Consulting held a public forum on proposed changes to Livingston Avenue. This was [the second public meeting](#) on the project, which proposes to make Livingston Avenue safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. The 60-foot-wide corridor



One of the proposed alternatives for Livingston Avenue

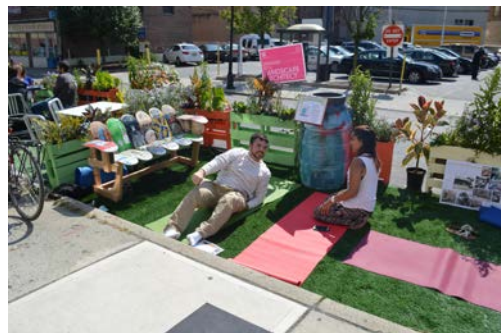
currently offers two travel lanes in each direction, along with on-street parking in both directions, a design that has proven dangerous due to the high speeds it allows. Between 2012 and 2014, there were 271 reported collisions, of which 30 involved a pedestrian or bicyclist. Last year, in response to a collision involving children in a crosswalk, an emergency road diet was put into place in front of two schools. That project eliminated the two center lanes and replaced them with a bi-directional turning lane. Dewberry has since been hired to develop plans for a permanent solution.

Continue [reading the full article](#) to see details on each of the proposed design alternatives.

## Park(ing) Day returns to New Brunswick!

**Event turns street parking into public green space for the day**

For the fifth consecutive year, Park(ing) Day returns to New Brunswick on Friday, September 18, promising to be the best year yet! Park(ing) Day involves transforming street parking spaces into green, usable public space for a day, to demonstrate the potential for permanent transformations of street space. These "parklets" are open to members of the public to enjoy and socialize. For the first time ever, Park(ing) Day in New Brunswick will feature three separate parklet installations, extending the reach of the event into the community, and demonstrating different ways parklets can enhance urban space.



Scenes from the 2014 edition.

Find all the exciting details on when and where you can visit Park(ing) Day this year in New Brunswick by reading the [rest of the article!](#)

## Kids Day Out

**Our Ambassadors partnered with Woodbridge and Keep Middlesex Moving to spread awareness to families about bicycling safety.**

On a beautiful Wednesday afternoon, Woodbridge Township hosted [Kids Day Out](#), an event created to teach kids about health and safety. The event was held on August 26, at Parker Press Park in Woodbridge, which is popular in the summers for its jam-packed schedule of events and activities for Ambassadors in Motion at Kids Day Out in the community to enjoy. Many local vendors, businesses and



Woodbridge

organizations set up tables around the park, including [Keep Middlesex Moving](#) (KMM), the Transportation Management Association for the region. KMM had a table with pamphlets, maps, and free gifts for families in order to spread awareness about bicycling safety. KMM's [Safe Routes to School](#) Coordinator Peter Bilton attended the event along with two of BPRC's Ambassadors in Motion, Lorena Guadiana and Barkha Patel.

Read the full article [here](#).

## Sign up for New Health Impact Assessment Training!

**The New Jersey Health Impact Collaborative, one of our partners, announces a NEW professional training course!**

Many decisions made in sectors like housing, transportation, energy, land use and education can have profound impacts on community and individual health. Health Impact Assessments (HIA) can aid professionals by projecting potential health impacts before final decisions are made, providing evidence-based recommendations that can actively promote health, prevent diseases and/or injuries, and lead to significant economic benefits. Join other professionals in learning when and how to use this innovative tool to enhance projects, policies and programs to create healthier communities.

Interested in learning more? Sign up by clicking on the date below or click [here](#).

Date	Location	Cost
<a href="#">October 8, 2015</a>	New Brunswick, NJ	\$95/\$75 multiple
<a href="#">October 15, 2015</a>	New Brunswick, NJ	\$95/\$75 multiple

## September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance Announces Route Alignment

**1,300 mile route is from the Flight 93 National Memorial to the National September 11 Memorial.**

The September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance announced its official interim trail alignment across Pennsylvania, which it will celebrate with an inaugural bicycle ride from western Pennsylvania to New York City beginning on September 10.

The ride will begin at the Great Allegheny Passage, Berlin, PA, join commemorative events on September 11 at the Flight 93 National Memorial, and then continue across Pennsylvania making numerous informational stops before concluding at the National September 11 Memorial in New York City on September 21.

On September 15, members of the Trail Alliance participating in the ride will meet with state officials in Harrisburg on the steps at 3:00 on September 15th to discuss how the new trail can support recreation, tourism and commemorative opportunities in Pennsylvania, which has more designated rail-trail conversions than any other state.

The Trail is envisioned as a multi-use corridor for hiking and bicycling and features an accompanying back-road motor route for driving, motorcycling and public and tour transportation.

Explore the route map and learn more [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 Bound Brook 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 37.46% 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](#).





## Bike/Ped Newsfeed

August 22nd - September 4th, 2015

[\\$1M grant will add bike-walk greenway to N.J. environmental leader, officials say](#)

NJ.com - August 27th

[Why Cyclists Form Stronger Commuting Habits Than Drivers](#)

Citylab.com - September 1st

[Citi Bike Arrives on the Upper East and Upper West Sides](#)

Streetsblog.org - September 1st

[Just the right size](#)

Smart Growth America - August 27th

[\\$660,000 buys you a good walking neighborhood](#)

Washington Business Journal - August 24th

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