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=1124388251130&format=html&print=true).

Upcoming NJDOT Webinar: Bicycle Safety Action Plan and State Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan

Provide your input to help shape New Jersey's bicycling and walking policies

Join us for a webinar to discuss two planning efforts currently underway at NJDOT to address bicycle and pedestrian issues in New Jersey. During the webinar, we will provide an overview of the Bicycle Safety Action Plan and New Jersey State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Both Plans will help guide the development of pedestrian and bicycle programs and improvements in New Jersey. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions and provide input. After the webinar, you’ll receive a link to a web survey to help us identify and prioritize strategies for both efforts.

Please RSVP to eward@rbagroup.com.

If you can't attend, [click here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1124388251130&format=html&print=true) to take the survey and provide your input. You can also visit the new website [here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1124388251130&format=html&print=true).

NJDOT Webinar: Bicycle Safety Action Plan and State Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan
April 19, 2016 | 9:00AM to 11:30AM | Online
Please login as a guest at: [http://ejb.adobeconnect.com/njbp/](http://ejb.adobeconnect.com/njbp/)
Take the Survey! Help Improve Biking and Walking in New Jersey!

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is seeking your input for the New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan! Originally created in 1995, more than a decade has passed since the Plan's last update (2004). The Plan has served as a framework for action in achieving a vision of New Jersey where people can safely and conveniently bicycle or walk. It is time to refresh the Plan by reexamining and updating that vision, along with the goals, objectives, and recommended strategies for achieving the vision.

To provide your input on the current needs and barriers related to biking and walking in New Jersey and priorities for improvements, please complete the survey at: www.njbikepedsurvey.com. Your confidential responses will help identify key needs in the State and help guide the development of bicycle and pedestrian programs and improvements over the next ten years.

Please feel free to forward this message to others who might be interested. The survey will be active until April 30, 2016. Thank you.

Sincerely,
NJ Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan team

www.njbikepedsurvey.com
www.njbikepedplan.com

Millburn Ready to Break Ground on Complete Streets Initiative

Millburn give downtown a Complete Streets makeover, citing traffic congestion, pedestrian safety

Millburn is officially ready to break ground on its Complete Streets initiative. On March 15, the Essex County township unanimously approved a bond ordinance for $8.2 million, and will make a down payment of $391,000 to get the project rolling.

Millburn mayor Ted Bourke, who has been involved with the project since its conception in 2014, hopes to begin construction on Phase 1 this summer. The third and final phase is set to wrap up in October 2017. We
caught up with Mayor Bourke to discuss the motivation behind the project. Read the full article here.

VTC Presents at the New Jersey's 2016 TransAction Conference
Sessions on safe routes to school, complete streets, and health and the built environment

Three experts in active transportation from the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center presented Wednesday, April 13th and Thursday, April 14th at New Jersey's TransAction Conference.

Charles Brown, Senior Researcher at the New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center, presented *Implementing Complete Streets in New Jersey: Issues, Challenges and Success*. Leigh Ann Von Hagen, Senior Researcher at the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Resource Center, spoke at the session *Healthy Community Design: Health and Our Built Environment*. Finally, Sean Meehan, Project Coordinator at the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Resource Center, spoke at *School Zone Safe Zone: Creating Walk and Bike Friendly School Zones*.

News Spotlight: April 2nd - April 15th, 2016
Smart Growth America Releases its annual Best Complete Streets Policies of 2015!


This week Smart Growth America came out with its annual report and rankings of Complete Streets policies, and once again New Jersey was cited as a national leader. Not only is the state policy ranked second in the country, but several New Jersey municipal and county policies also lead the pack.

Read the full article to find out who tops the list!

Announcements
Events

- **New Brunswick Ciclovia**: Sunday, April 24th, 2016 | New Brunswick, NJ | 10:00AM - 3:00PM | [Link](#)

The New Brunswick Ciclovia is in its fourth year! The first of four Ciclovias this year takes place on April 24th. Read more about the event [here](#).

- **May is National Bike Month!** Statewide.

May 16th-20th is National Bike to Work Week and May 20th is National Bike to Work Day. Stay tuned for our next newsletter to find out which activities are going on in your area.

Other

- **NJDOT Bicycle Safety Action Plan and State Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Update Webinar**: Tuesday, April 19th, 2016 | 9:00AM - 11:30 AM | Online | Login as a guest at: [http://ejb.adobeconnect.com/njbp/](http://ejb.adobeconnect.com/njbp/)

Join the webinar to provide input into New Jersey’s new Bicycle Safety Action Plan and the New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update. If you can’t attend, [click here](#) to take the survey and provide your input.

Complete Streets in New Jersey

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

There are currently 126 municipalities and 7 counties with Complete Streets policies in New Jersey, with the City of Asbury Park in Monmouth County being the most recent addition. This brings the total New Jersey population living in municipalities with Complete Streets policies to over 3.3 million people, or 39% 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

April 2nd - April 15th, 2016

Planners May Soon Get More Help When Designing Protected Bike Lane Intersections
Next City - April 4th, 2016

Study: Pittsburgh Bike Share Increased Property Values
WIITF.org - April 4th, 2016

Bike Shares Give New Life to Unwanted Bikes
Courier-Post - April 13th, 2016

Cape May Receives Grant Funding for City Improvements
Shore News Today - April 10th, 2016

New Protected Bike Lanes in Philadelphia Get Funded
Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia - April 11th, 2016

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