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.

New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Update:

The date for our next BPAC meeting has been set! Please mark your calendars for:

**Thursday, December 15, 2016**

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Rutgers University
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick
First Floor

A light breakfast and coffee will be served.

Stay tuned for additional details and the agenda. To learn more about BPAC, please visit the webpage here.

BPAC Legislative Subcommittee Update:

This is a reminder that the Legislative Subcommittee will be hosting a retreat, open to all.
Please mark your calendars for:

**November 16, 2016**
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Rutgers University
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick
Room 477

Stay tuned for additional details and the agenda. To learn more about BPAC, please visit the webpage [here](#).

### Meet our newest staff member, Lisa Cintron

**Lisa joins us as a Research Project Coordinator**

Please join us in welcoming Lisa Cintron to our team! Lisa comes most recently from a research position with PlanSmartNJ, and she has previously worked on research and analytical projects with UNICEF, the Women's Refugee Commission, the UNDP, and the Institute for International Education.

Lisa is excited about her return to Rutgers, having graduated from Bloustein in 2014 with a Master's in City and Regional Planning. Lisa's particular interest in equity and walkability, coupled with her eye for design, will be great assets to BPRC's upcoming projects.

[Please click here](#) to learn more.

### Charles Brown appointed to America Walks Board of Directors

**Providing integral leadership and support for safe and accessible walking conditions**

We are excited to announce that Charles Brown is the newest board member of America Walks, a national nonprofit leading the way in making America a great place to walk. America Walks provides a voice for walking and walkable communities with federal agencies, provides strategy support, training and technical assistance to organizations, and serves as the convener of the national "Every Body Walk! Collaborative."
Charles brings his extensive knowledge and expertise in transportation planning, policy, and research to the 700 organizations allied with America Walks and the Every Body Walk! Collaborative across the nation.

Learn more at the America Walks website.

Somerset County Adopts a Complete Streets Policy

Becomes 8th county in New Jersey to adopt a policy

Somerset County has adopted a Complete Streets Policy after passing a resolution on October 11, 2016. The policy aims to create street corridors that safely accommodate road users of all ages and abilities for all trips, and the policy applies to all road and bridge projects undertaken by the County.

The policy requires the establishment of a checklist of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit accommodations and requires that County transportation projects to be evaluated for Complete Streets feasibility. Street design is required to address pedestrians and bicyclists at crossings, and projects must anticipate future demand on walking and bicycling facilities. All projects must meet ADA and Title VII standards, and connections with Safe Routes to School, Safe Routes to Transit, Transit Villages, trail crossings, and areas with limited transportation options must be considered. In rural areas, paved shoulders or multi-use paths must be included in new construction projects.

For more information, click here.

What to look for when purchasing a used bicycle

We describe how to determine if a used bicycle is comfortable, functional and safe.

Purchasing a bicycle can be difficult, as an individual needs to find a product that best suits their needs. However, buying a used bicycle adds another layer of
complexity to the process. It is impossible to know what the prior owner used the bicycle for, and it may be difficult to tell what condition the bicycle is in. A used bicycle can have a pristine paint job and polished chrome, but that doesn't indicate the operating condition of the bicycle. If some of the mechanical components such as the brakes or gears are damaged, it is evident that the bicycle has not been well maintained and could be unsafe to ride.

Read our full article for tips on what to look for!

Bike/Ped Newsfeed

October 14 - November 11, 2016

N.J. votes to dedicate gas tax revenue to transportation projects
November 9, 2016 - NJ.com

"New Jersey voters on Tuesday approved a constitutional amendment dedicating gas tax proceeds to transportation projects, locking in more than $1 billion a year in new revenue from the recently enacted 23 cent gas tax. The referendum passed despite a late revolt against the once-virtually uncontested question that passed the Legislature with just one "no" vote and had the support of Gov. Chris Christie."

Why American Trucks Are So Deadly for Pedestrians and Cyclists
October 31, 2016 - Streetsblog USA

"Trucks by design have large blind spots, or really a set of blind spots. It means that the visibility in a truck is not as good as it is in an automobile. And then the vehicle is so high off the ground and has a large turning radius. When turning for example, they may be particularly hazardous. When pedestrians are out they might not be visible. And when collisions happen, they are deadly collisions."

North Plainfield Joins State Safety Campaign to Reduce Pedestrian-Motor Vehicle Crashes
November 1, 2016 - TAP Into

"The Borough of North Plainfield is kicking off its Street Smart NJ pedestrian safety campaign with a press conference at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1 outside of Borough Hall.

Street Smart NJ is a statewide public education, awareness, and behavioral change campaign developed by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) to promote safe travel behavior through education and enforcement of pedestrian laws."
For more local NJ bike/ped headlines, national news, opinion pieces, and the crash report, click here!

BPRC - Now Active on Social Media!
Friend and follow us!

We have recently expanded our presence on both Twitter and Facebook!

You can find us at:
https://www.facebook.com/njbikeped/
and at:
https://twitter.com/njbikeped

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

There are currently 131 municipalities and 8 counties with Complete Streets policies in New Jersey. Somerset County and the Township of Winslow in Camden County are the most recent additions.

This brings the total New Jersey population living in municipalities with Complete Streets policies to over 3.4 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.

To access the most up-to-date list of Complete Streets policies adopted in the state, please click here.