



BPAC General Meeting Notes
December 15, 2016 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Rutgers University
Special Events Forum
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ

- I. 10:30 AM: Welcome and Introduction:** *Charles Brown*
 - a. Last BPAC meeting of the year!
 - b. Agenda points
- II. 10:35 AM: New Jersey Department of Transportation Updates:** *Elise Bremer-Nei*
 - a. A year of change and transition at the Department: Safe Routes to School local program, Bicycle Pedestrian Resource Center, legislation/advocacy
 - b. The Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Update is complete
 - c. The Bicycle Safety Action Plan will be debuting in January along with the new NJDOT website.
 - d. The Complete Streets Design Guide will be published and potentially a challenge to implement.
 - e. Upcoming Sessions:
 - i. NJ APA Conference (with presentations on the East Coast Greenway, Health and Policy, Minorities and Bicycling)
 - ii. National APA Conference (911 Trail Presentation)
 - f. Route 130, one of NJ's worst pedestrian corridors, has agreed to pilot a road diet program for when they are repaving the street. It will include a planning workshop with high school students in Burlington City to see how the highway affects them.
 - g. New Brunswick Great Public Charter School—an 8 year old was hit and killed two weeks ago. Safe streets people jumped in immediately to work on traffic calming and getting sidewalks in the area as well as educational services for children.
- III. 10:40 AM: Subcommittee Reports:** *Subcommittee Chairs*
 - a) Design and Infrastructure Subcommittee
 - i) Working on design manual for creating effective bike lanes for the next few meetings.
 - b) Education and Outreach
 - i) Driver's Education manual chapter on how to accommodate bicyclists on the road has been accepted.
 - c) Safety Subcommittee:
 - i) Discussed research on near-miss data at crosswalks and how to further delve into the topic.
 - ii) Plans to research advanced crosswalk warnings, a design will be sketched up for the next meeting.
 - d) Legislative Subcommittee:

- i) Minutes are on the website
- ii) Future meeting dates: February 15th, July 19th, November 15th
- iii) Working to pass an anti-dooring, safe passing bill—NJ is one of ten states that don't have an anti-dooring policy.
 - (1) Anti-Dooring Policies place the responsibility on the driver/passenger to look for bicyclists prior to opening the door.
- iv) Committee Recommendations:
 - (1) "Vision Zero" Session of BPAC: New Jersey must look to implement new programs for pedestrians and cyclists in order to reduce the incidents of pedestrian and bicyclist death until it reaches zero.
 - (a) First implementation was in Sweden
 - (b) 20 cities have adopted the plan so far
 - (2) Fill the Department of Health Vacancy on the BPAC Executive Council

IV. 11:00AM: New Jersey Department of Transportation Complete Streets Design Guide

Overview: *Pete Kremer/ Reed Sibley*

- a. This is a continuation of NJDOT Complete Streets Resources: urban design, dimensions, an engineering-heavy document
- b. Have a context-driven plan, need to think about the street and its use to determine what fits best in the street.
- c. Who is it for?
 - i. NJ DOT Staff
 - ii. Local planners, engineers, etc.
 - iii. Community Members
- d. Complete Streets Guide Chapters:
 - 1. Complete Streets in New Jersey: What are complete streets?
 - 2. Integrating Complete Streets into the Planning and Design Process
 - 3. Complete Streets Toolbox: Sidewalks, Roadways, Intersections (bulk of the document)
 - a. Reference guide to design practices
 - b. Sidewalk: width, driveways and sidewalks, street furniture, street trees, bike racks, storm water management
 - c. Roadway: curb-to-curb, how to allocate space, road diets, etc/
 - d. Intersection: covers all roads
 - 4. Street Typologies: how to apply them to existing roads
 - a. Wider roads encourage high speeds→more dangerous
 - 5. Funding Resources: state and federal grants available for transportation projects
 - 6. User needs: shift towards "all abilities"
 - a. When a road's speed limit is over 25 mph, something needs to change in order to implement shared streets
 - b. New guidelines
 - c. Flow chart for choosing bike facility
 - i. 5 facility types based on traffic volume:
 - 1. Bike Boulevard
 - 2. Shared-lane markings
 - 3. Bike lane
 - 4. Buffered Bike lane
 - 5. Separated Bike lane/off-road path

V. 11:20 AM: NJ Department of Transportation Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update:

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- a. The document is intended to be a web-based document
- b. Coalition of consultant teams has worked on it.
- c. An APA session will report on it, looking for people to help with implementation plans, summits will be planned for the future.
- d. Goodbye to Bill, please sign the poster!

VI. 11:40 AM: Announcements and Public Comments: *Charles Brown*

- a. Regional Trail Network: Circulate coalition raised \$22 million for the project (\$15 million in PA alone)—if there is political will, the money will be found.
- b. Upcoming pedestrian study in the state: what should be considered in research on improving walkability in New Jersey? Please join the NJBPRC at future roundtable discussions.
- c. Bicycle Safety Enforcement Commission will be meeting
- d. Complete Streets Summit 2017: consider bringing in regular people to get a broader view.
- e. Please come hungry and eat the breakfast at all future BPAC meetings.
- f. Welcome Lisa Cintron! NJBPRC's newest employee, previous experience in UNICEF and FEMA, has an interest in walkability.
- g. Bike and Walk Summit: Saturday, February 25th, 2017 at Princeton University

VII. 12:00 PM: BPAC General Meeting Adjournment: *Charles Brown*

- a. Legislative subcommittee meets after general meeting.