BPAC Legislative and Policy Subcommittee Meeting  
February 15, 2016  
Rutgers University  
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ

Attendees: Janna Chernetz (Chair), Dana Dobson, James Sinclair, Lisa Cintron  
Call-in: Cyndi Steiner, Leigh Ann von Hagen, John Boyle, Olivia Glenn

Meeting: 10:45-12:15pm

Review of meeting on December 2016 (Very brief acknowledgement only)  
- Bike Safety Enforcement (as presented by Ranjit and Susan)

Topics Addressed in relation to Nov. 2016 meeting/Updates

1. Filling Positions  
   - Department of Health: no news yet from Leigh Ann – revive list/recommendations  
   - Revisit potential to have staff as commissioner appointments  
   - Other staffing issues: losses due to attrition and retirement

2. Resolution Changing “Accident” → “Crash” Update  
   - Turnpike signs have not yet been updated  
   - Resolution approved, but no process yet for sharing resolutions  
   - Follow up with Elise  
   - Reinforces the need to hire new staff → Suggested BPAC take charge  
     - Short-Term: gather list of all vacant Bike/Ped positions  
     - Long-Term goal: ensure Bike/Ped staff are available for every project  
     - Elise: 2-new entry level staff are currently in the works

3. Complete Streets Workshop → add to Bike/Walk Summit (Cindy)  
   - Janna will send out a general email with a new policy run-down  
   - Planning for the Bike/Walk Summit is well under-way  
     - Currently: Panels are submitted → approved by Cindy  
     - There is a Complete Streets design guide as part of the summit

4. Legislative Recommendations Updates  
   - Suggestion: Introduce stalled/new-policies as a “Package of Bills”  
   - Based on review of December 2015 minutes - Title 39 recommended updates  
     - Riding on the shoulder  
       - Some counties do not maintain the shoulder assuming cyclists should be in the roadway. Does maintaining the shoulder make counties liable? Polzo Case?  
     - Lights, audible signals, brakes
Issues currently beyond the scope of legislative agenda. Equipment, equity issues? Avoid regulations that “ratchet-down” safety.

- Chapter 8: keep to the right
  - Meaning of “practicable” and “traffic” (vs. congestion)
- Definitions review
- Ideally a package of no more than 4 bills. Separate but introduced together
  - Safe Passing Legislation
  - Anti-Dooring
  - No Parking in the Bike Lane (currently town-by-town)
  - Vulnerable User

5. Update on “Manual”: changes submitted to MVC (approved for printing)
6. School Transportation Policies
   - Legislation currently on hold. Traffic safety coalition: cameras on school buses.
   - Stop and Stay Stopped
     - Negative responses, esp. in South Jersey → Outreach and education?
     - Should prompt a response, phone-call, or op-ed by BPAC
     - Offer outreach to confused communities, “distracted driving”
7. Driver Education: no current action on equal responsibility

Vision Zero
- Review at the full BPAC meeting on March 16

Land Conservation Rally
- Olivia: thanks for the invitation to join the committee
  - Offer to attend “Land Conservation Rally” 3/17/17 – New Brunswick at the Hyatt
  - Round Table: trail and trail funding, regional trail networks, and networking
  - Forward informational email/registration to Janna
  - Leigh Ann on the speaking agenda for the Middlesex Greenway

TAP: Federal Funding
- Dana: DVRPC/regional technical committee → local issues in reaching Federal Requirements for personnel and funding
  - Who is the person of responsible charge? (must be full time employee)
  - Issue in Trenton: standards of record keeping
  - However: Federal money for TAP is regional, does not necessarily need to be for towns, rather projects
  - Key Policy Recommendation: replace $3 million TAP money re-appropriated
    - Use the full BPAC meeting in March to address funding issues, formal recommendation
    - TAP Funding devoted in 2012 expires in 2018
• Olivia: Bring Matt Lawson to the full BPAC 3/16/16, also Matt Johnson?
  ○ Confirm commitment to trail funding: Burlington County, Camden (resolution)

To Dos
• Janna: reach out to Jeneane, send resolutions to Charles
• Cindy: TAP funding, meeting with Nia Gills