



**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