



**Education and Outreach BPAC Subcommittee Meeting
October 5 2017, 9:30 – 10:30am
Rutgers University
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ**

Attendees:

Gary Poedubicky – NJDHTS
Linda Rapacki – Ridewise TMA
William Riviere – NJDOT
Trish Sanchez – VTC
Cyndi Steiner - NJBWC
Ken Wedeen – Somerset County

Note taker: Vishal Ream-Rao

Summary:

Cyndi Steiner opened the meeting and attendees did introductions.

First, an update was given on the status of NJ Bill(A-4165) and its progression to the Senate Floor anticipated December of 2017 a bill introducing education on motorist’s responsibility towards cyclists and pedestrians in driver’s education courses. Progression of NJ Senate Bill S2894 2017 was also discussed.

Second, the subcommittee worked on drafting a preliminary Resolution. Trish saved the document in the VTC’s T drive for future access.

1) Bill Discussion A4165 and S2894 NJ 2017

a) Update given on bill progression

2) Draft Resolution

a) Group reviewed past meeting minutes, for items to put in to resolution.

b) Pair resolution for BPAC executive committee to instruct NJ DOT to provide materials on complete streets to the lay person.

c) Group worked on drafting ‘whereas’ clauses for resolution:

Complete Streets Resolution

Whereas, many Compleet Streets projects are curtailed by uninformed members of the public such that resources are allocated and expended yet projects do not move forward,

Whereas Complete Streets add substantial economic, safety, health, environmental, and quality of life benefits to communities,



Whereas the state has adopted and implemented a Complete Street policy that applies to all state roads,

Whereas 140+ municipalities and 8 counties have adopted Complete Streets policies,

Therefore, the BPAC is recommending that the NJDOT create and distribute materials, including brochures, social media, website and other digital platforms directed at the general public that are easily accessible across all demographics, to assist in understanding and promoting Complete Streets and the benefits they bring to communities.

d) discussion

Linda: "Just as an overview, the complete streets working group is working on a comprehensive draft... a municipal facing document that includes health, equity, green streets, and sustainable Jersey in the language."

Cyndi: "It isn't public facing?"

Linda: "No, it is not. It's a draft that is accommodating and caring for health and equity, items previously left out of the overall dialogue of complete streets. Green Streets, storm water runoff and related language is going to get to a focus group at some point but at this point it needs to be included for the public. Especially the equity and health components which haven't been at the forefront of complete streets before."

Concluding notes:

Cindi will send the Resolution draft to the rest of the Education and Outreach panel for review and revisions.

At 10:30 am the meeting was adjourned and attendees migrated to the BPAC general meeting.

Next conference call: TBA