



## **BPAC Policy & Legislative Subcommittee Meeting**

**May 25, 2022, 9:50 am to 11:10 am**

**Online Zoom Meeting**

### **Attendees:**

- Sonia Szczesna, TSTC (chair)
- Adrienne Davies-Phillips, Plainfield, NJ
- Andrew Tabas, NJ Future
- Catherine Bull, VTC
- Debra Kagan, NJBWC
- Elise Bremer-Nei, NJDOT
- Haley Graf, NJT
- Jack Molenaar, NV5
- Jacob Thompson, GMTMA
- Jessica O'Connor, NJMVC
- John Boyle, BCGP
- Joe Rapp, NJDOT
- Karen Alexander, VTC
- Khalid Shaikh, NJDOT
- Kimberly Irby, NJ Future
- Leigh Ann Von Hagen, VTC
- Paul Lenarczyk, NJDOT
- Susan Blickstein, SGB
- Tim Evans, NJ Future

### **Meeting notes:**

**For the first part of the meeting (9:50 am to 10:35 am), the Design and Infrastructure subcommittee and the Policy and Legislation subcommittee were combined to view a presentation on proposed changes to New Jersey's Residential Site Improvement Standards. For notes on this portion of the meeting, see the Design and Infrastructure subcommittee notes.**

### **Policy and Legislation Subcommittee notes (10:35 am to 11:10 am)**

- Research how to make changes to Title 39 & parking-protected bike lanes. See if the existing language allows for the "edge of the roadway" to be defined independently of the curb or shoulder to address pedestrian and bicyclist safety. The current definition prohibits parking-protected bike lanes.



- Of the pending topics that need changes (Residential Site Improvement Standards, Municipal Land Use Law, and Title 39), Title 39 is considered one of the hardest because it requires lobbying for legislation.
- Without a champion, it was mentioned that it makes little sense for BPAC to make official recommendations and changes. Like the RSIS changes, BPAC's function is to identify the needs and create partnerships to help the correct entity to further pursue the changes.
- TSTC recommended putting Title 39 on hold until the RSIS process is done. Right now, the changes in Title 39 seem more challenging to achieve because they would involve changes in law and more resources. Meanwhile, other avenues could be taken to build parking-protected bike lanes through pilot programs.
- Legislation tracker: a document was presented by TSTC through which subcommittee members can have access to a folder with legislation related to bicycles/pedestrians. Two bills were highlighted during the meeting:
  - Bill that establishes the Office of Tourism Research, which could be used in favor of trails and bicycle tourism.
  - Bill that provides gross income tax credits to taxpayers who purchase certain low-speed electric bicycles.
  - Link to the folder:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/14vD4JbXF0oaZvJirCfhw22zRhDTu1D9uPmGX\\_LoGpol/edit?](https://docs.google.com/document/d/14vD4JbXF0oaZvJirCfhw22zRhDTu1D9uPmGX_LoGpol/edit?)
- Investigate a repeal of the red-light camera ban as part of the subcommittee work plan:
  - A hearing in Jersey City on automated speed enforcement did not occur as scheduled, but it is a topic the subcommittee could be tracking.
  - As an alternative to the red-light camera ban and a strategy for making safer school and work zones, it was recommended that the subcommittee support a pilot program or test period for speed cameras in school and work zones.
    - Review if Safe Streets for All can fund speed cameras and if the ban only includes red-light cameras and not speed cameras.
    - Review with Vision Zero communities if they are willing to test a pilot with speed cameras. Reach out to Jersey City to see if they are interested in the pilot program and research possible ways SS4A can help.
  - As part of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, BPRC is finishing a paper on automated speed enforcement. An update on the research report about speed enforcement in other states could be provided for the meeting in September.
  - Consider that speed cameras can be seen as inequitable where no other infrastructure and strategies have been implemented to reduce speed, especially when the recommended locations are within low-income neighborhoods.
    - One possible solution is instead of giving tickets, they could provide warning tickets.
  - The one-year report of Route 1 Roosevelt Blvd Speed Camera program in Philadelphia was shared: <https://dig.abclocal.go.com/wpvi/PPAASEReport.pdf>