



**Safety BPAC Subcommittee Meeting
October 3 2018
Rutgers University
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ**

Attendees:

State:

Jennifer Buison – NJ Transit (Chair)

Jasmine Jones-Bynes – Rutgers VTC

Sean Mehan – Rutgers VTC

Angela Quevedo – NJDOT

MPO:

Marco Gorini – DVRPC

Keith Hamus – NJTPA

Private:

Pete Kremer - WSP

Matt Carmody – AKRD

Andrew Lappit – Michael Baker International

Municipality and County:

Arnold Anderson – Essex County

James Flynn – Burlington City High School

Keith Hamus – NJTPA

Angela Quevedo – NJDOT

Summary:

The meeting began with a round of introductions before the Subcommittee Chair Jennifer Buison brought the meeting to order.

Buison explained that she at NJ Transit had been in conversation with NJDOT and would be holding interim conference calls with subcommittee members to keep up to date in between the quarterly meetings. She provided a quick summary of her conversation with DOT about the ways in which the Safety subcommittee can serve DOT. She explained that 40% funding supports improvements of roadways within DOT's jurisdiction and the remaining 60% is allocated to MPOs. BPAC should help get the MPO dollars out to communities and use the funds to support staff at the county level to move projects forward. There is also a strategic highway safety plan that is being updated as well as DOT consultant work that can be reviewed by members of this subcommittee.

There were 4 orders of business for the meeting.

1. Posters/infographics on towards zero death, complete street and vision zero programs
2. MPO grant calendar
3. Pedestrian scale lighting standards



4. NJTPA is compiling a trails inventory across the state

Long notes:

1. Posters/infographics – Jennifer discussed the various safety programs including vision zero, toward zero deaths, road to zero, and complete streets. Towards zero deaths website (towardzerodeaths.org) has an informative two-pager that explains the program goals, mission and vision. The graphic was shared with the group and can be found in the safety subcommittee folder. A similar communication project can be created by the subcommittee and shared with elected officials and other stakeholders. The Road to Zero program is the umbrella safety program and they support the other ‘zero’ safety programs with a top down and long term approach. The Vision Zero program is more short term and can be applied to all road types to reduce death and serious injury to zero. The Toward Zero program is focused on the national highway network. The Complete Streets initiative is not absolutely a safety program but by making the road safe, comfortable and accessible for all modes of transport it does support safety goals. Pete Kremer informed the group that WSP has created several one page infographics on complete streets in the past and is willing to share them with the group. Marco (DVRPC) shared that Philadelphia is a Vision Zero city.
2. MPO Grant Calendar – Mat presented the NJ Grants Calendar. It is saved as a google drive spreadsheet in which all members of the subcommittee have access. It is a repository of all the federal, state, local and foundation grants eligible for bicycle and pedestrian projects. The matrix includes columns for eligible activities, the match requirement, a description of the grant opportunity, the date opened and deadline, a link to the application and the amount of money available.
3. Pedestrian Scale Lighting Standards – Jennifer explained to the group the need for a member to champion the project. A lot of unsafe conditions exist because of poor or dark lighting so the safety committee wants to establish a standard design for pedestrian scale lighting that communities can use on various streetscape projects. Someone offered that this effort could be a collaboration between the BPAC Safety and Infrastructure Subcommittees.
4. Trail crossing inventory – Keith asked the group if members knew of any resources and data that could be used to compile an inventory of trails across the state. NJTPA wants to analyze the conditions of trails at highways crossings. Members offered various resources including: NJDOT has a map of trail facilities but it is not complete or interactive, Monmouth County Parks has a great resource of trails across the area, WSP is working with Mercer and Somerset counties and will have GIS data in the next couple of months, Middlesex County has asked every municipality to provide a map of their trail facilities, the NY/NJ Trails Conference has a lot of information on trails in the northern NJ region and DVRPC has some trails data for the counties in NJ. Matt suggested that the analysis focus on trails that cross streets as opposed to a full trails map.