

Design & Infrastructure Subcommittee Meeting
December 13, 1:30 pm to 2:30pm
Rutgers University
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ

Attendees:

- Betsy Mastuglio - DVRPC
- Cassidy Boulan - DVRPC
- Sonia Szczesna - DVRPC
- Alec Lamoreaux - Michael Baker International
- Patrick Farley - Cross County Connection
- Ruchi Shrivastava - WSP
- Alan Huff - SJTPO
- Devise Nickel - Middlesex County Planning
- Gerald Fittipaldi
- Julia Raskin - NJ Conservation Foundation
- Ramond Joseph - NJ Department of Community Affairs
- Shweta Puri - VTC

First Order: Introductions and Updates

Each member introduced self and updated on the projects they have been working on.

Second Order: Patrick Farley talked about Safe Routes to School, 2018 School Travel Plan

- Patrick Farley shared that TMA collaborated with NJDOT to work on Haddon Heights School District Travel Plan and briefed about redefining travel plan so that people from the Council, Parents, and School Principals could be also included.

Long Notes

Introductions:

Betsy Mastuglio:

- Updated on implementation project- City of Philadelphia & Trenton's Bicycle & Pedestrian plan for complete streets.

Alan Huff:

- Discussed about the Bike & Safety Action Plan for Highway safety that measures public. He also briefed about first step identification of Regional trails and marketing plans.
- Release of regular environmental justice plan and that being taken to next level to identify opportunities in terms of TAPS & Safe Routes to School but equity was the biggest concern for bringing improvements.

Ruchi Shrivastava:

- Updated about her work with GMTA which is in recommendation stage and how they were trying to identify on-road connectors.

Patrick Farley:

- Rethinking on past services and revising curriculum from existing policies for Safe Routes to School.
- Aiming towards defining safety in projects to create uniform projects.
- It was suggested that FHWA could be used as a template as a good starting point.

Julia Raskin:

- Updated about building up 800+ miles circuit trail in Philadelphia.
- Project in Camden which is 12 miles, Class-I- longest trail in NJ.
- Updated about project connecting Camden-Burlington that would use inactive corridor to convert to trail. It would be a mix of rail 7 trail.
- Building contacts outside rail.
- Active conversations on creating buffers on rail road.

Sonia Szczesna:

- Grouped together people from parks & counties to talk about expanding trails & looked for design recommendations.
- Updated about Arc-Walk Trenton who were looking for having LED lights and music under overpass. Thinking about asking for help from bicycle planning.

Alec Lamoreaux:

- Updated about Pedestrian Safety Study- Columbus drive, Jersey City being in concept development stage.
- Finishing pedestrian safety at bus stop audit that studied fatalities and prepared a two-page summary for unsafe bus stops through crash data.

Ramond Joseph :

- Provided local planning assistance to local states.
- Finishing TOD in Trenton & a Bike & Pedestrian re-route plan, Ocean County.

Devise Nickel:

- Discussed about Comprehensive Plan- Destination 2040 which would shape how to county would grow and change over the next 20+ years.
- Overhauled DTDT transportation meeting. All agencies came to discuss safety concerns. Highland Park would come and show plans to other local communities.
- Discussed concerns for unreported crash data.

Patrick Farley talked about Safe Routes to School, 2018 School Travel Plan.

- Informed how a lot of towns came and asked for safety plans and thus they were doing Bike & Pedestrian Safety Project for the entire district.

- Considered three different schools at one time and discussed broad issues and guides along with conducting observations to identify most walked areas by children.
- Informed about Council meeting to make Travel Plan as a part of ordinance.
- As a part of another project from Cross County Connection—Safe Routes to School, parents were convinced for an open house, parent mapping exercise along with their walking concerns were gathered.
- Working on redevelopment of specific corridors that need fixing on priority.