



**Safety BPAC Subcommittee Meeting  
June 6, 2019 9:30am to 10:25am  
Rutgers University  
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ**

**Attendees:**

**State**

Alan Huff – SJTPO  
Will Yarzab – NJTPA  
Seen Meelum – VTC  
Jennifer Buison – NJ Transit

**Private**

Amy Wong – Michael Baker  
Anthony Durante – Michael Baker  
Charlie Romanow – WSP  
Andrew Lappitt – Sam Schwartz  
Battina Zimny – NV5

**Non-Profit**

Linda Rapacki – RideWise TMA  
Lisa Lee – EZ Ride  
Arnold Anderson – NJBWC

**Summary:**

Meeting began with a round of introductions and safety-related updates for the group.

**First order:**

The main agenda of the meeting was to look at the NJDOT grant fact sheets, and grant application and eligibility requirements. Jennifer Buison talked about the fact sheet and how it can be used to get more funding and how much funding is available for different types of projects.

**Second order:**

The group talked about projects that need more funding, and that they should categorize the funding by project categories so that it is easier to figure how much funding is available for different types of projects.

**Long notes**

Jennifer Buison, Subcommittee Chair, opened the meeting with a round of introductions and updates for the group. Jennifer Buison started by an update on the legislation about e-scooters from the last meeting.

The proceeds focused on safety issues and grants in New Jersey, along with their application and eligibility requirements. The group talked about how important it is to get people to use the funds and the



grants. They further discussed about the right of way being the most important thing and how it should be a passing law.

Lisa Lee, EZ ride talked about three walk audits that they have considered. A group member mentioned that Street Smart NJ is involved with a bike and pedestrian safety campaign in Elizabeth. Will Yarzab, NJTPA spoke about the new project at a high crash location in Trenton, to which a big part of the grant needs to be dedicated. The group also talked about the Raritan River multiuse path to Highland Park and the preservation of historic walk trails. They mentioned that they are also working on the walk-bike hike guide.

Jennifer Buison talked about how to find grant funds, and discussed a one-page fact sheet on flexible funding categories that are eligible for certain types of projects. The discussed fact sheet is used to tabulate and consolidate each state's funds.

Jennifer highlighted that they should pull the grant opportunity, and that they should categorize them by scale – small and big grants. She mentioned that some non-profit grants may be hard to trace, and that some fact sheets might describe funding and project sources along with possible ways to get grants.

The group then talked about ongoing NJDOT programs that required more funding. The discussion included:

- Safety education for school children
- Safe passing law
- Strict enforcement of complete streets policy
- Promoting tactical urbanism
- DOT to get to safety; better analysis tool.
- Geolocation and mapping of safety

Lastly, it was mentioned that the grant fact sheet should be divided by project categories so that it is easier to figure how much funding is available for different types of projects.