



**Legislative BPAC Subcommittee Meeting
June 18, 2019, 12:10 pm to 1:26 pm
Rutgers University
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ**

Attendees:

Jessica O'Connor – MVC
Janna Chernetz – TSTC
Andy Anderson – NJBWC
Susan Blickstein – SGB
Charlie Romanow – WSP
Leigh Ann Von Hagen – VTC
Bruce Mecracken – Middlesex County Planning
Sonia Szczesna – TSTC
Annette Schultz – NV5
Aishwarya Shrestha – VTC

Notes:

Susan announced that everyone has until mid-July for the questionnaire. She also would like to know what everyone is working on and to have more information.

Sonia is looking into how to push the state for state trail network and improve the state. She also briefly updated on the last BPAC.

Leigh discussed on how we can prioritize the equity piece on vulnerable users. She also mentioned that these are cryptically written in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, needs to be more clear and someone needs to keep track and be made accountable for this, and does not necessarily have to be the bike-ped committee. She raised a concern that the exceptions to complete street haven't been updated for five years in the NJDOT website. Another concern she raised was that how it is an IT issue that there are limitations on bike-ped information on the state website. It was brought to light that NJDOT is very closed about their data. Leigh provided an example of MassDOT that does a very good job in providing grant funding information on their website. She also mentioned how there used to be a team of professionals that went out to the hotspots of crashes but currently, there has been a problem with technical assistance. There was a discussion on no serious conversation about bike-ped and transportation between environmental groups. There was an update on Route 130. Leigh also discussed traffic violation cameras.

Janna raised a concern about how advocates do not want to talk about complete streets. She mentioned how the S2252 bill discusses emission goals but does not talk about bike-ped. Janna raised a concern that the school zone speed should be enforced 24/7 and not only during school time. There were updates on the safe passing bill, move over bill and vulnerable user bill.

Annette mentioned that the DOT should be clear on what it is doing for educational purposes.



Andy raised a concern that the successes are counted by the number of failures and data aren't being shared. He introduced a European model on where everything is focused on mobility and bike-ped isn't considered a separate thing. Andy provided information on how the number of school buses being passed is increasing.

Bruce discussed the bike-share program led by Rutgers and 3 towns which is federally funded.

Everyone took part in discussing the DOHS seat, having AARP and AHA in the BPAC and nominations. There was also discussion on distracted driving and what constitutes as distracted driving and its different types.

Brainstorm to push for Vision Zero

- Use social media to get citizens to participate
- TMA pushing Vision Zero is very powerful
- Maybe adding move over bill and data collection could help
- Provisions for foreign people and non-English speakers

Things to work on

- Make bike-ped package for BPAC
- Sonia will send out links to the white papers

Meeting adjourned.