



**Safety BPAC Subcommittee Meeting
December 7, 2022 10:05 am to 10:55 am
Online Zoom Meeting**

Attendees:

- Ranjit Walia, Civic Eye Collaborative
- Greg Woltman, Rutgers-VTC
- Jon Dugan, Rutgers-VTC
- Charlie Romanow, WSP
- William Riviere, NJDOT
- Adam Bradford, Somerset County
- Andrew Lappitt, Middlesex County
- Linda Rapacki, Ridewise TMA
- Liza Betz, Union County
- Lisa Lee, EZ Ride
- Maureen Donnelly, APN Cooper Hospital/Safe Kids Southern NJ
- Paul Mickiewicz, NJBWC
- Catherine Bull, Rutgers-VTC
- Mackenzie Piggot, NJDEP Green Acres Program

Meeting Notes:

I. Pedestrian Safety Enforcement/Bicycle Safety Enforcement

- **Ranjit Walia**, Civic Eye Collaborative, leads the Safety subcommittee meeting with a presentation on Pedestrian Safety Education and Enforcement and Bicycle Safety Education and Enforcement programs. The presentation describes the purpose, history, and operations of the PSEE and BSEE programs as they have developed in New Jersey under the New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center.
- The presentation aims to provide the subcommittee with an understanding of the current program in order to solicit recommendations for how to update, improve, and revise the programs to meet current and future needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and law enforcement in New Jersey.
- Presentation outline:
 1. BSEE/PSEE Timeline Review, including a history of the programs and where they stand
 2. Strengths of Program(s)
 3. Program Gaps and Areas for Improvement
 4. Programmatic Opportunities
 5. Safety Subcommittee Guidance for BSEE/PSEE
 - a. Should this topic become a regular subcommittee item for 2023?
 - b. Review materials and provide strategic direction to BSEE/PSEE efforts?
 6. Q & A
 - a. What are the potential strategies for ensuring consistent funding? Is there a means of setting aside some percentage of fines for continuing PSEE/BSEE training in a municipality?
 - b. C3FT device provides an objective measurement of whether motorists violate the (outdated) 3-foot passing law, recently replaced with the Safe Passing Law which now requires four feet to pass. Ranjit mentions that one of the main goals of the programs is to provide objective solutions for how to enforce. For pedestrians, establishing a reasonable distance from a crosswalk was simple enough because the education site is static (a single



crosswalk location). For cyclists, the C3FT device provides law enforcement officers a clear way to know if there is a violation. The cost of a device is in the thousands of dollars, according to Ranjit.

- c. Ranjit mentioned there was a concern about entrapment in the PSEE/BSEE program operations. There was a concern that acting as a pedestrian in plain clothes entering a “dilemma zone”--an objectively defined reasonable distance for a vehicle to stop. Officers were concerned that flagging drivers over for making a bad decision was entrapment. The attorney general confirmed this exercise was not an entrapment issue because the police officer is acting as a legitimate pedestrian hoping to cross.
- d. Is there a way to get education approved as a way for motorists to get off their license? This was discussed in Somerset County but needs more discussion, especially considering the general practice of PSEE/BSEE issuing warnings

II. Year End Subcommittee Wrap Up:

2022 Subcommittee Accomplishments:

1. The subcommittee coordinated with fellow members on Safe Passing Law education and outreach rollout.
 - a. Distribution of education materials
 - b. Opportunities for partnerships
2. The subcommittee discussed the following topics:
 - a. Proven safety countermeasures
 - b. Public awareness of safety issues
 - c. Safe Streets and Roads for All funding
 - d. Statewide trail crossing safety update (Trail Crossings RFP: [RFP 2022-10 \(state.nj.us\)](#))
 - e. Updates on demonstration projects in the state, including demo projects for the Essex County 2045 plan and the NJTPA Complete Streets Technical Assistance program
3. The subcommittee discussed Zero Deaths Initiatives across New Jersey and how BPAC might provide technical/data expertise.
4. The subcommittee discussed creating a unified state, county, and local road safety and maintenance reporting system. Discussions included how the system would work and what the steps would be to implementation.
5. The subcommittee contributed to the SHSP by providing feedback on pedestrian safety at bus stops study (Transit Equity SHSP action).
6. The subcommittee provided updates and resources on new grants and how to apply to the correct programs.
7. The subcommittee provided input and feedback on Pedestrian Safety Enforcement/Bicycle Safety Enforcement training needs and material updates.

III. Subcommittee Goals for 2023:

The following goals are to be continued from the previous year, see [BPAC 2021 Year-in-Review Report for 2022](#):



1. Work with the Legislative and Policy subcommittee on outreach for the Safe Passing Law.
2. Determine action items that can support Strategic Highway Safety Plan actions.
3. Identify ways to create a unified State, county, and local road safety and maintenance reporting system.
4. Coordinate with New Jersey Transit on bicycle and pedestrian integration and bus stop safety.
5. Determine how best to support Zero Deaths Initiatives throughout the state.

The following goals relate to pertinent Strategic Highway Safety Plan Bicycle and Pedestrian Emphasis Area Goals:

6. Review existing school zone speed enforcement programs and develop recommendations for New Jersey - led by Mike Morris, NJDHTS
7. Develop guidance for the implementation of a comprehensive traffic safety curriculum in NJ elementary schools - led by Tara Shepherd, goHunterdon

The following are new goals to be initiated by the Safety Subcommittee in 2023

8. Collaborate with the BPAC Design and Infrastructure Subcommittee to extend goal 3 above to incorporate bike-and-pedestrian-friendly designs into upcoming resurfacing projects. An example program is being developed by DVRPC in its [Bike-Friendly Resurfacing Program](#).
9. Engage in additional follow-up with Civic Eye Collaborative on PSEE and BSEE for revisions and recommendations to update the programs. Updates for recent innovations in technology, new discussions and attitudes toward equity, and the new Safe Passing Law.