



Safety BPAC Subcommittee Meeting
October 5, 10:00 – 11:00am
Rutgers University
33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ

Attendees:

Alan Huff – SJTPO
Sean Meehan – Rutgers – VTC
Lisa Cintron – Rutgers – VTC
Andras Holzmann – Soemrset County
Arnold Anderson – ECCPSA
Joe Milanese – Michael Baker International
Jim Hunt – Morris Freewheelers
Bethina Jimmy – NV5
Catherine Bull – Rutgers – VTC
Jennifer Buison – NJ Transit

Meeting Notes:

Pursue zigzag striping experiment with DOT

- Zigzag approvals need to go through Chris Barretts at NJ DOT; Any experimentation in New Jersey must go through Barretts; He is retiring in May, but Alan is hoping to get him to attend an upcoming BPAC meeting
- MUTCD in Virginia conducted a study on two versions of zigzag string:
 - Edge line near crosswalk
 - Centerline near crosswalk
- According to Elizabeth Ward, Burlington County has zigzag striping in Medford, NJ

Building momentum in the Safety Subcommittee:

- Alan recommended a new chair, Joe Milanese, but noted that the bylaws state only Executive Committee members can lead a subcommittee
- Alan will remain chair until a replacement is determined and will continue to actively participate in the subcommittee after his successor is chosen

New topics going forward

- Arnold Anderson noted that Cyndi Steiner created Safe Streets Essex, a platform for stakeholders from multiple municipalities (including law enforcement, engineers, etc) to request safety improvements on county roads. Requests that come from multiple towns are often received better by the county.



- RFP: Cumberland County Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan
 - The county has a number of low-income, walkable downtowns (Millville, Vineland, Bridgeton); 40% of the population is without a vehicle; High none English population
 - Funding is tied to the HSIP highway safety improvement funds, now that pedestrian projects are included in HSIP
 - The action plan will include crash data, counter-measures, pedestrian road audits at ten locations, and will be informed by public meetings
 - The action plan should be approved by the end of the year
- A request was made for Alan Huff to create a case study detailing how to successfully fund a pedestrian project with HSIP funds; Alan noted the importance of crash data
- Regional projects like the Cumberland County Plan are great to integrate into the State Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- Near-miss roundtable will be conducted after the December BPAC meeting
- Developing CMF for bulbouts in New Jersey
 - Joe Milanese will reach out to Caroline Truman with FHWA as she may be a good person to bring in to the next meeting

Active data collection of bicycle and pedestrian safety

- Jim Hunt spoke about Strava Labs which has data on bicycle trips and may be open to soliciting near miss data. Additionally, Hunt mentioned a device used in Virginia after they passed the three-foot law, which measures the distance cars pass bicyclists.
- A cheap small Garmin could provide Strava data
- Jim Hunt could solicit participation from 700 people in a bicycle club he participates in, but Alan Ruff noted that there may not be enough bicycles and pedestrians in south jersey to collect enough data
- Stata was brought up as a useful tool to translate anecdotal data into numbers

(This meeting was cut short by a fire drill in the building)