



**BPAC General Meeting Notes  
June 23, 2016 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
Rutgers University  
Room 369  
33 Livingston Avenue  
New Brunswick, NJ**

**Executive Committee attendees:**

**I. 10:30 AM: Welcome and Introductions:** *Charles Brown*

**II. 10:35 AM: New Jersey Department of Transportation Updates:** *Elise Bremer-Nei*

**III. 10:40 AM: Subcommittee Reports:** *Subcommittee Chairs*

- A. *Design and Infrastructure:* NJ Transit has been doing an excellent job looking at different types of bicycle parking. The end goal is to put their findings on WEPAC. Projects are going through their first peer review now for feedback on bike/ped design issues.
- B. *Education and Safety:* The subcommittee is discussing ways to access HSIP money for bike/ped projects.
  - 1. HSIP funding is currently very difficult to access for bike/ped initiatives
  - 2. The roadway must be on a preapproved list, then there must be a specific problem with a specific proposed solution
  - 3. Must be very data-driven, and bike/ped currently lacks deep data resources
  - 4. Working to open it up further
  - 5. It's a priority at the state level to make our HSIP program the leading bike/ped program in the country

**IV. 11:00 AM: NJDOT Bicycle Safety Action Plan Update**

- A. Delivered a presentation on the structure and content of the report
  - (1) Companion document to Pedestrian Safety Action Plan from 2014
  - (2) Short-term doc (0-5 years)
  - (3) We would love to work toward a data-driven methodology, but the crash reports are very incomplete
    - (a) For instance, 70% of reports fail to mention whether the cyclist was using any safety equipment (including a helmet)
  - (4) 55% of all crashes occur at intersections, urban and shore communities are disproportionately impacted
  - (5) Best practices



- (a) Separate bike facilities for medium-high speed traffic
  - (b) Good crash reporting
  - (c) Safe passing distance laws in place or high priority
  - (d) Range of federal funding in use
  - (e) Health is a priority
  - (f) State-sponsored major bicycling event
  - (g) Published goals to increase biking and decrease cyclist fatalities
  - (6) Draft goals
    - (a) It is expected that the pedestrian and bicycle safety plans will be combined in the future, so the document is designed to be integrated with the existing PSAP
  - B. Safety subcommittee has draft copies to provide feedback
- V. 11:10 AM: NJDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update:** *NJDOT consultant team (RBA Group, Parsons Brinkerhoff, and Urban Engineers)*
- A. Delivered a presentation on the structure, content and schedule of the report.
    - (1) Since the last meeting, the website and survey have gone live and they are collecting feedback
    - (2) Why update?
      - (a) It's been 12 years since the last update, and it does not contain the NJDOT 2009 Complete Streets Policy – the state plan needs to recognize that new paradigm
    - (3) Outreach
      - (a) Need to have comments from BPAC members by next week
      - (b) Want to have the entire document finished by September 15
    - (4) TOC
      - (a) Introduction – important to get “buy-in” from the people who aren’t already working in this sphere, the intro needs to be attractive and informative
        - (i) Outline current and emerging trends
    - (5) Survey response was biased by self-selection
      - (a) Male-heavy, not diverse, over half designated themselves as “experienced” cyclists, nation-wide is actually 10%
  - B. Provision of draft copies for feedback
  - C. Question and Comments: Concern was raised over the limited number of participants in the survey, as well as the lack of translation to other languages.
- VI. 11:50 AM: Announcements and Public Comments:** *Charles Brown*