



**BPAC General Meeting**  
**December 3, 2019, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm**  
**Rutgers University**  
**33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ**

**Executive Council:**

Elise Bremer-Nei  
Mike Viscardi  
Jessica O'Connor  
Brandee Chapma  
Keith Hamas

Cassidy Boulan  
Alan Huff  
Jennifer Buison, Chair, Safety Subcommittee  
Betsy Mastaglio, Chair, Design & Infrastructure  
Janna Chernetz, Chair, Legislation & Policy

**Summary:**

General meeting began at 10:30 with introductions going around the room. The Executive Council and all others in attendance announced their name and the organization they were representing.

First Order

The meeting began with Elise Bremer-Nei providing updates to the Advisory Council from the New Jersey Department of Transportation. These updates included information on the recently distributed Bicycle Friendly State Report Card as well as information on the process for filling vacancies on BPAC Executive Council and open Subcommittee Chair positions.

Second Order

Subcommittee chairs spoke about the previously held meetings. **Betsy Mastaglio** provided information on the Design and Infrastructure Subcommittee meeting, followed by **Jennifer Buison** with updates on the Safety Subcommittee meeting, and lastly **Sonia Szczesna** spoke in place of **Janna Chernetz** about the last Legislation and Policy Subcommittee meeting.

Third Order

**Elise Bremer-Nei** provided BPAC with an update on the NJ 2020 State Highway Safety Plan update process.

Fourth Order

**Jennifer Buison and Charles Romanov** presented on the Safety Subcommittee's findings regarding Pedestrian Scale Lighting and allowed BPAC members an opportunity to provide comments and feedback.

Fifth Order

**NV5** provided an update on the 2019 New Jersey Greenways Guide.



Sixth Order

The floor was opened to announcements and public comments.

### Long Notes:

**Charles Brown** welcomed everyone to the BPAC general meeting.

**Elise Bremer-Nei** provided an update on the Bicycle Friendly State Report Card. She also explained the process for filling out the application and said that it was a group effort among NJDOT staff and consultants. She also mentioned that New Jersey received commendation for the Complete Streets Design Guide. There was also an update on official invitations for nine vacancies for the Executive Council of BPAC. The letters inviting members to fill these vacancies will be sent out soon.

### Subcommittee Reports:

1. Design and Infrastructure

Michael Baker International discussed their upcoming project on Perry Street in Trenton. The changes are to be made on intersections. Parks Department of Bergen County brought to light safety concerns in terms of lighting and slower speeds in trails.

2. Safety

Last week's first e-scooter related death was discussed (teen, 16, first time scooter user was hit by a truck). The subcommittee also expects to discuss more related issues in the future like what can be done to prevent future fatalities, do we build on what we have or do we build something specifically for scooters.

3. Legislative

In the last meeting, policies for art (any type of beautification) in DOTs were discussed. This included murals on DOT structures. There have been efforts to craft a policy for it. It was brought to light that NJ Transit has a practiced policy but not a written one. One of the members also stated that Bloomberg has guides on art that are mostly painted on intersections. The subcommittee is starting to plan for 2020, and anyone interested were asked to join.

**Elise Bremer-Nei** updated the members on the NJ 2020 State Highway Safety Plan. The plan is a 5-year plan to drive down fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. They plan on getting it done by Summer 2020. She also said that they will be asking one more person from BPAC to be on the steering committee. Following are some of the comments from the BPAC members:

- Speed management not listed on Emphasis Areas
- Has NJ Transit's safety division been involved in this process?
- Is it possible to use predictive crash data and not only historic crash data?
  - Not able to accomplish for this Plan due to time constraints (response)
- Education, Enforcement, Engineering mainly focused. But what about other Es?
- There was no agenda set out before the meeting, so it was hard to prepare before the meeting
- No one during the meeting was willing to push Vision Zero



- Can we have an interim goal for Vision Zero like Florida?

**Jennifer Buison and Charles Romanov** presented on Safety Subcommittee Pedestrian Scale Lighting. Pedestrian scale lighting is oriented towards pedestrians. It is a part of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CEPTED). Factors to consider are proximity, spacing, brightness, height, direction, glare and energy efficiency. Municipalities mostly responsible for these kind of lighting. Some of the funding sources are NJDOT, NJ Transit, Regional MPOs. The presenters stated that the brochures are available online.

- Comments/questions
  - Not having lights right above the pedestrian to not shadow the person
  - LED lights suggested to prevent shadowing

**NV5** updated the members on the 2019 New Jersey Greenways Guide. The final version of the guide completed. But as the guide is a hybrid between many agencies, where and when it will be posted is currently being discussed. The guide is not a design guide but a guide for communities and counties to find ways to build support, and find funding sources.

#### **Announcements and Public Comments**

- We should bring back spotlighting and highlighting around the state
  - Circuit trail could be an example for planned network of trails in North Jersey
  - NJ does a good job of investing small towns and downtowns
  - Collaborative effort to adopt complete streets
  - People around the country are paying attention to Complete Streets Model Guide
  - East Coast Greenway fundraiser: [greenway.org](http://greenway.org)
  - Eatontown, first town in NJ to make an ordinance for complete streets. It all started with two members from Eatontown who went to hear the panel on Complete Streets
  - How do we make movements within community? Millburn is progressing very nicely in terms of complete streets
  - **BPAC's 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**
  - We are flooded with bikeway projects, but many are turned down due to funding problems
  - CEPTED workshop on Thursday
  - Complete Streets Technical Application due in December

Meeting Adjourned by **Charles Brown**.