



BPAC Legislative and Policy Committee Conference Call November 19, 2014

Objective: Ideals/Goals and Priorities for next 6 months to be presented at December 12 meeting.

It was determined that a brief one page advisory memo would be compiled by the group on the each of the following three topics:

1. **Existing Legislation.** I.e. Existing Bicycle and Pedestrians Bills - A1600/A1577
Vulnerable User Bill A4059
Draft AAA/TSTC/NJBW

Next Steps: Advisory roll needs to be flushed out more since the group can neither advocate nor lobby. Perhaps identifying gaps in existing legislation that current bills can fill? Emily stated she will need to talk internally about whether MVC would be able to support any bills.

2. **Changes to Title 39.** Emily will look into a possible Law Review Commission on Title 39 with recommendations to rewrite of portions of Title 39.

The committee was particularly interested in the follow Title 39 issues:

- Electric Bikes: VTC memo to NJDOT - organize a meeting with MVC clarity at state level as to whether it is allowed or not
- Use of shoulders by bicyclist: See (<http://law.justia.com/cases/new-jersey/supreme-court/2012/a-74-10.html>) Debbie has memo from 1981 will scan and email to group.
- Bicycling on Sidewalk Bans

Next Steps: Role of BPAC would be to identify areas of Title 39 that need to be updated, changed, or added. Does the issue of bicyclists use of shoulders need further clarification? There have been concerns among the bike advocacy groups as to the effect – if any – the Polzo case has on cyclists use in shoulders. Please be prepared to discuss at December 12 meeting.

3. **School Policies** – What role, if any, can the committee play in addressing:

- School District Policies Preventing Students from Biking/Walking to School
- School Bus-stop/drop-off Policies

Next steps: Leigh Ann will update on possible role BPAC can play in advance bike/ped friendly school policies. School Zone design guide was just recently released.

Complete Streets was removed as an area of priority as VTC, NJDOT and other groups are already working in this area. It was determined by the group that efforts would be better spent on other areas of bike/ped safety in NJ that do not have as much momentum as Complete Streets.