



**Policy and Legislative BPAC Subcommittee Meeting  
December 1, 2021 9:50 am to 10:50 am  
Online Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Sonia Szczesna, TSTC (chair)  
Susan Blickstein, SGB Planning  
Elise Bremer-Nei, NJDOT  
Leigh Ann Von Hagen, Rutgers VTC  
Catherine Bull, Rutgers VTC  
Jon Dugan, Rutgers VTC  
Hailey Graf, NJT

Jim Hunt, Safe Passing Law & Morris County  
Debra Kagan, NJ Bike Walk Coalition  
John Boyle, Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia  
Michael Manzella, City of Asbury Park  
Joe Rapp, NJDOT  
Khalid Shaikh, NJDOT  
Andy Swords, NJDOT

**Meeting Notes**

**Top Discussion Topics in 2021**

- SHSP Automated Speed Enforcement Research: Philadelphia & NY have operating speed enforcement and countermeasures. SHSP action team is figuring out what best next steps are going to be with addressing this topic in NJ.
  - A possibility is to create localized campaigns to slow down the speed within towns.
- SHSP Vulnerable Road Users Law research: Typically, when a motorist strikes a VRU, it only becomes a “crime” if there were contributing circumstances like extremely high rates of speed, intoxication/impairment, or some other factors. The “average” crash that includes a VRU only results in careless driving, at best. Other states have protections for victims including added penalties for serious bodily injury.
- SHSP 1A1b Complete Streets Taskforce & best practices research need to find a home in one of the subcommittees in 2022.
- Safe Passing Law bill leading up to it being passed in the legislator and follow up discussions about education and enforcement.

**Brainstorming Priorities for 2022:**

- Top Priorities for 2022
  - Work with Safety on outreach/education for Safe Passing law. Coordinate Safe Passing Law Committee with state agencies.
  - Policy/Legislation Tracker
  - Federal legislation and new funding and its impact on future policy
  - Continued to provide feedback on SHSP ASE/VRU law research
- Secondary Priorities for 2022
  - Title 39 Update – address areas lacking clarity
  - Safe Systems & Vision Zero education and policy needs



- Connect Safe Passing Bill to Complete Streets guidance
- Vision Zero & Street Smart collaboration
- General Discussion
  - Asbury Park is looking for advice with installing parking-protected bike lanes along municipal roads that use state or federal funding through NJDOT. They are currently struggling with a Title 39 issue where it's stated that parking must always be next to the curb. Therefore, installing bike lanes where parking serves as a protective barrier between the bike lane and the travel lane has been denied by NJDOT. There needs to be a comprehensive review to understand challenges for installation of safer facilities because of Title 39. NJDOT recommended reviewing case studies where municipalities have been able to install protected bike lanes.
  - NJ Bike Walk Coalition wants to prioritize policy & legislative opportunities and integrate education.
  - NJDOT noted they are not able to advocate for legislation and do not craft model legislation. They are asked to comment only.
  - Subcommittee should explore the best ways to get the correct, NJ specific information on safe bike/ped best practice into the hands of legislators.

The subcommittee chair used Jamboard to help prioritize 2022 goals and actions. Image below. Meeting closed as everyone was directed to the online general meeting room.

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TOPICS TO COVER

- 1. Education campaign/consistent messaging for Safe Passing Law, refer to past efforts with Stop and Stay Stopped - coordinate with Education Subcommittee! **TOP PRIORITY**
- 2. Quick report on issues other states have had with implementation of safe passing laws. **SECONDARY PRIORITY**
- 3. Federal legislation & its impact on future policy (safety, funding, etc) **TOP PRIORITY**
- Connect Safe Passing Bill to Complete Streets guidance **TOP PRIORITY**
- Title 39 Update **TOP PRIORITY**
- Vision Zero Statewide! **TOP PRIORITY**
- Safe Systems Approach Education **TOP PRIORITY**
- Model policy for automated speed enforcement **TOP PRIORITY**
- Advocate for NJDOT to build Complete and Green Streets **TOP PRIORITY**
- List of legislators who have sponsored "our" agenda items. Ability of BPAC or? to provide technical assistance to legislative staff writing new legislation.
- Increase coordination with the FHWA re: proven safety countermeasures (e.g. ASE)
- What would you like to work on? (Initials) Safe Pass universe of connections. Pending proposed legislation. 3h
- Accurate Crash Data!
- Autism Complete Streets Guidance
- List of legislation under consideration, passed before.
- Explore support for bicycle tourism
- Next Up

