



**BPAC Safety Subcommittee Meeting
March 30, 2022 10:20 am to 11:10 am
Online Zoom Meeting**

Attendees:

- Kenneth Wedeen, Somerset County
- Jon Dugan, VTC
- Lisa Lee, EZ Ride
- Kate O'Connor, BIANJ
- Aimee Jefferson, NJTPA
- Linda Rapacki, RideWise TMA
- Andrew Lappitt, Middlesex County
- Laura Cerutti, TransOptions TMA
- Amy Kaminski, FHWA
- Trish Sanchez, VTC
- Eric Heitman, NJ DHTS
- Liza Betz, Union County
- William Reviere, NJDOT
- Ayla Schermer, Bike JC
- Charlie Romanow, WSP
- Opal McCalla, NJ Transit
- Bill Feeney, NJ Transit
- Alan Huff, SJTPO
- Leigh Ann Von Hagen, VTC
- Jacob Thompson, GMTMA
- Peri Nearon, NJDHS
- Vincenzo Ferriola, NJDEP
- Mike Manzella, Jersey City
- William Yarzab, NJTPA/StreetSmart
- Chrystal Section, NJDOT
- Paul Mickiewicz, NJBWC
- Glendaly Franklin, NJ Transit
- Elise Bremer-Nei, NJDOT
- Hailey Graf, NJ Transit
- Nazhat Aboobaker, NJDOT
- Ashlynn Shanahan, Monmouth County
- Jacqueline Romney
- Ranjit Walia, Civic Eye Collaborative

Meeting Notes:

- New subcommittee chair, Aimee Jefferson from NJTPA, provided an introduction.
- BPAC notes from prior meeting and subcommittee workplan were introduced to everyone.
- Safe Passing update:
 - Preparing to launch an education and awareness campaign in May
 - Outreach with existing groups to identify what materials are available up to this point
 - Gearing up to rally around official graphics when they are released
 - Looking at ways to raise funds for stickers, signs, and other materials that are currently not funded
 - BIANJ has put together five classes for law enforcement about Title 39 laws and will include new Safe Passing Law education.
 - Street Smart messaging is promoting the Safe Passing Law.



- Rollout of materials is still in process but is moving forward.
 - Goal is to have the material available for May Bike Month.
 - Partner Network meeting is May 4th.
- Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) update:
 - Bus stop pilot locations:
 - Currently discussing best ways to share results/materials.
- Statewide trail crossing safety update:
 - Trail data is now online.
 - Brandee Chapman has moved from NJDEP to NJDOT.
 - Good resource for moving forward with trail planning initiatives and will aid in trail crossing safety improvements.
 - Over 3,700 miles of trails mapped, including both on- and off-road facilities.
 - This data source is open for public download/sharing. Data can be added to the map through a formal NJDEP resource. Press Release has all pertinent information.
- NJ Trails Action Network has a potential meeting coming up.
- Public Awareness of Safety impact on children:
 - Annual reports for Paterson Kids Count. Interest was expressed in finding out more info about safety issues in general. Newark, Patterson, and NJ overall data from Rutgers CAIT.
- County and local road safety update:
 - EZ Ride: people weren't sure how to contact counties regarding issues and in turn reach out to the TMAs.
 - Three county planners have reporting websites similar to the NJDOT pothole website.
 - Email is going to go out to regional partners.
 - Union County is looking to expand pothole issue reporting to a wider extent of issues in the future.
- Somerset County:
 - Circulation plan is going to be advertised for RFP next week.
 - The County is building on the Walk Bike Hike plan from 2019, combining efforts with multi-modal and micromobility planning, as well as social equity in areas without great public transportation.
- NJT is connecting Middlesex Greenway with Metuchen:
 - NJT met with NJ Transit police regarding existing bicycle lockers. None have been installed since 9/11. Working with PD to research new design regarding safety for bike lockers.
 - New staff at NJT is on the call for their first BPAC.
- Moving forward with crosswalk issues. Volunteers are needed to work on this task. NJTPA is collecting data at 100 bus stop locations that will be available in June.
- Jersey City will be putting out an annual report in the next few weeks:



- An automated speed enforcement town hall is being held April 7th Jersey City and will be very preliminary.
- Challenges in getting safety improvements on JFK Boulevard in Hudson County. City sent letter of support for raised intersection and speed humps.
- Jersey City also wants to connect with NJTPA on bike counts.