



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

Attendees:

Karen Alexander, Rutgers VTC
Liza Betz, Union County
John Boyle, BCGP
Jennifer Buison, NJT (chair)
Laura Cerutti, TransOptions
Syd Chan, VHB
Corey Hannigan, Rutgers VTC
Kayt Hester, Hudson TMA
Andras Holzmann, Passaic County
Alan Huff, SJTPO
Dan LiSanti, NJDOT

Yvonne Mikalopas, NJDOH
Kate O'Connor, Brain Injury Alliance
Vasanti Paolini, Street Simplified
Linda Rapacki, RideWise TMA
William Riviere, NJDOT
Charlie Romanow, WSP
Samuel Rosenthal, Rutgers VTC
Trish Sanchez, Rutgers VTC
Yatharth Saxena, EZRide
Will Yarzab - NJTPA

Subcommittee Meeting Notes

Review of 2021 Work Plan and Discussion Topics

- County & local road safety/maintenance reporting system
 - Members identified the need for a database/mapping tool to show which jurisdiction a road falls under so that users can alert the correct agency.
 - SJTPO indicated this would be state-level and there would be a need to coordinate with NJDOT.
 - NJTPA noted the NJDOT problem reporting website (<https://www.njdotproblemreporting.com/>) where users put in an address, and if it's not a state road are directed to a list of county phone numbers. Consider automating an email and getting counties and municipalities plugged into this system.
 - Consider how to spread awareness of this feature in the first place.
- Safe Passing Law education & outreach support
 - SJTPO asked whether Safety or Legislative would take the lead in the absence of an Education subcommittee.
 - NJTPA noted exercises for police officers should be conducted, so police experience close passing and can better enforce the new law. For example, "Bike's Eye View"
 - Union County requests videos for the driving public to understand what to expect. There is lots of education to be done.
 - TransOptions mentioned using simple ideas we've all learned from 6-foot social distancing messaging, including visual references for drivers.
 - Rutgers VTC noted the width of a car might be close to 4 feet, so messaging may be "give at least one car-width."



- RideWise has had success with drivers giving space for first responders and we can learn from that.
- EZRide asked how we target the education. Spread wide or target places with more cyclists?
- Union County noted the need to start ASAP, as the law will go into effect in the spring.
- Rutgers VTC mentioned restarting the Education subcommittee.
- Trail crossing mapping project
- SHSP Action Item Support
- NJT bike/ped support (particularly dangerous bus stops)
 - NJT suggested to reach out to Hailey Graf.
- Promoting bikes as essential transportation for Somerset County circulation plan update
 - NJT pointed out that Ken Wedeen works on the circulation plan, and RideWise TMA also voiced interest.

Subcommittee Discussion Topics and Accomplishments in 2021

- SJTPO is generally growing support, including the Atlantic County Project West and a resolution of support from Vineland for a road diet on Chestnut Ave.
- RideWise TMA Bike Connect Program launched in spring 2021, partnering with a bike shop in Somerville to refurbish donated bikes and provide helmets/accessories and help with commuting routes. Nonprofits recommending individuals looking for work. The current issue is that human services aren't meeting clients in person, but that's changing.
- Burlington County is finishing a 4-mile trail with some on-road elements (connecting two trails) and integration with the Riverton River Line station. Previously a drawbridge had a no-bike sign, but it is now taken down. The Camden active bike-ped transportation plan is taking comments through December 31st. <https://www.walkbikecamden.com/>
- Brain Injury Alliance is receiving more letters of support and community awareness is growing.
- NJDOT noted that pedestrian fatalities are increasing and there is a need to discuss Vision Zero. We can't just focus on bikes. NJDOT is looking for specific advisement on projects and research to address pedestrian fatalities.

Meeting closed as everyone was directed to the online general meeting room.