



**Safety BPAC Subcommittee  
December 15, 2020 11:00am to 12:00pm  
Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:**

**State**

Angela Quevedo, NJDOT  
Elise Bremer-Nei, NJDOT  
Yvonne Mikalopas, NJDOH  
Jennifer Buison, NJ Transit  
William A. Feeney, NJ Transit  
William Yarzab, NJTPA  
Maxim Gladkiy, VTC

Sean Meheen, VTC

**Private**

Andrew Lappitt, Sam Schwartz  
Joseph Milanese, Michael Baker  
Susan Blickstein, SGB

**Summary**

The meeting was brought to order by the Safety Subcommittee chair Jennifer Buison and began with a round of introduction and updates.

**First Order**

Susan Blickstein informed the group about potential changes to BPAC and the need for BPAC support in implementing SHSP actions.

**Second Order**

New Executive Council member Yvonne Mikalopas introduced herself to the group and talked about her experience with the state Oral Health Plan and interest in equity in access to healthcare services.

**Third Order**

Elise Bremer-Nei elaborated on how the BPAC subcommittees could support NJDOT in implementing SHSP Bike/Ped Emphasis Area actions.

**Fourth Order**

Will Yarzab discussed the Street Smart Program and issues with crash data, followed by a group discussion on micromobility and routes inventory.



**Long notes:**

Safety Subcommittee chair **Jennifer Buison, NJ Transit** opened the meeting with introductions and updates.

**Susan Blickstein, SBG** informed the group that they are looking to make some changes to BPAC and want the subcommittees to support SHSP Bike/Ped Emphasis Area action teams and discussed about a plan for coordination, defining who will be involved and clear responsibilities.

The new Executive Council member **Yvonne Mikalopas** from the **Department of Health** introduced herself to the group, mentioning about her work on the state Oral Health Plan and interest in how transportation disproportionately affects disadvantaged communities and equal access to healthcare in the state.

**Elise Bremer-Nei, NJDOT** updated everyone on the Complete Streets Task Force and the five SHSP action teams that need BPAC subcommittee support in aiding implementation.

**Will Yarzab, NJTPA** discussed the Street Smart Program, incorporating new messaging around micromobility, expanding into underserved communities, and adopting a system where all existing issues/studies can be shared as a resource. He also highlighted issues with timeliness in crash data, cross-referencing it with hospitals data, and the large variation in the associated data reporting responsiveness.

The group then discussed about topics related to micromobility and an inventory of routes. **Will Yarzab** discussed the problem of a large group of bicyclists taking over an entire road and crossing intersections on red light. Some suggestions on combating this problem included addressing the issue through social media.

**Jennifer Buison** asked the members to think about other safety aspects that the group could focus on and adjourned the meeting.