



BPAC Design & Infrastructure Subcommittee Meeting

March 30, 2022 10:20 am to 11:10 am

Online Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

- Thom Stead (chair), DVRPC
- Adam Bradord, Somerset County
- Aishwarya Devarajan, NJ Future
- Andrew Tabas, NJ Future
- Andy Swords, NJDOT
- Betsy Mastaglio, DVRPC
- Byron Nicholas, Hudson County
- Casey Barrett, MBI
- Cassidy Boulan, DVRPC
- Corey Hannigan, VTC
- Dan Hutton, Urban Engineers
- Denise Nickel, Middlesex County
- Jack Molenaar, NV5
- James Sinclair, VTC
- Jeevanjot Singh, NJDOT
- Jessica O'Connor, BIA
- Karen Alexander, VTC
- Kati DiRaimondo, Stantec
- Keith Hamas, NJTPA
- Kimberley Irby, NJ Future
- Michael Dannemiller, Middlesex County
- Michael Popovech, Monmouth County
- Michael Viscardi, NJ Transit
- Mohammad Islam, NJDOT
- Paul Lenarczyk, NJDOT
- Peter Kremer, MBI
- Polli Schildge, Asbury Park Complete Streets Coalition
- Reba Oduro, NJDOT
- Sean Meehan, VTC
- Tom DiBiase, MBI

Meeting Notes:

- Announcements:
 - Betsy Mastaglio will step down and pass the seat to Thom Stead, also of DVRPC.
 - Cassidy Boulan will continue to be the Executive Committee representative for DVRPC.
- Introductions and updates:
 - Corey Hannigan – VTC (soon NV5)
 - Polli Schildge – Asbury Park Complete Streets Coalition
 - Cassidy Boulan – DVRPC
 - Just published Complete Streets Design Handbook for Trenton: <https://www.dvrpc.org/Products/18041>
 - Pop-up Demonstration project program on April 11: www.dvrpc.org/expo
 - Sean Meehan – VTC
 - Upcoming pop-up bike lane and protected intersection in Asbury Park
 - James Sinclair – VTC
 - Denise Nickel – Middlesex County Office of Planning



- Andrew Tabas – NJ Future
 - Working on a research project about Complete and Green Streets and applicable lessons from other states
- Aishwarya Devarajan – NJ Future
 - Questions about ped/bike safety:
 - What are good metrics when planning/installing/maintaining Complete Streets?
 - How do we approach transitions between complete and “non-complete” streets?
 - Directed to NJ Bike-Ped Help Desk: james.sinclair@ejb.rutgers.edu
 - Not New Jersey, but a good example of a finished Complete and Green Street project: <https://goo.gl/maps/yEp9oCXAFYNTUzcJ9>
 - Email follow up questions or thoughts to: bmastaglio@dvrpc.org and tstead@dvrpc.org
- Keith Hamas – NJTPA
 - Technical advisory committee and outreach/stakeholder meetings being planned, hoping for participation from BPAC members - khamas@njtpa.org
- Andy Swords – NJDOT
 - Lots going on at NJDOT regarding Complete Streets:
 - Increasing priority at FHWA
 - Ongoing work to implement the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, can reach out for more information
 - <https://highways.dot.gov/complete-streets>
- Paul Lenarczyk – NJDOT
 - Review and audit of roadways for bike/ped accommodations
 - Member of SHSP task force
- Reba Oduro – NJDOT
 - Engineer with Bureau of Safety, Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs
 - Working on Complete Streets implementation on state projects
 - Researching best practices for implementing a count program in NJ
 - Focusing on pedestrians and bicyclists (all non-motorized transport, including e-scooters) and looking at best practices in other states
 - Working on last deliverable – technical memo on technologies to collect counts
 - Goal is a best-practices study to see what other states are doing and what could work in NJ.
 - Eventual goal is to create an implementation plan
 - DVRPC very interested in connecting on this project, as they are also working on bike/ped counts
- Mohammad Islam – NJDOT



- Working with bike/ped and review of accommodations, including traffic signals, roundabouts, etc.
- Jeevanjot Singh – NJDOT
 - Observing a shift in awareness from the public recently, they seem more supportive of projects like roundabouts
 - The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) has 50/50 funding structure. Planning comes off the top, the remainder is split between NJDOT capital projects and local projects
 - Denise Nickel: Crash data has been used extensively in the planning process. We also are applying for Local Safety Program (LSP) support for some of these corridors. We also are aware of a lack of local applications for safety funds.
- Mike Dannemiller – Middlesex County
 - Planning to submit a lot of projects to NJDOT soon!
- Michael Popovech – Monmouth County
- Byron Nicholas – Hudson County
 - Hudson County is in the process of submitting an application for a couple of roundabouts on JFK Blvd East in James Braddock Park.
 - County has just received concept designs from consultants assisting with the application.
 - NJTPA has been very supportive of including roundabouts as a safety countermeasure in LSP projects.
- Adam Bradford – Somerset County
 - Transit-oriented/walkability study being planned with NJTPA
 - Charging stations in Somerset, all work being done in-house
- Karen Alexander – VTC
 - Pinelands project looking at access to outdoor spaces, mapping of accessibility within their complex
 - Trenton Health Team looking at making their website more accessible
 - Building an inclusive garden
- It was noted that the subcommittee time was spent on introductions and planning but not design discussion.
 - Chair responded that depending on the interest from the subcommittee, some sessions are more discussive and connective to resources, some are more technical.
- NJDOT noted that CS guidance from FHWA includes emphasis on arterials, which might be a worthwhile topic for the subcommittee in the future.

