



**Legislative and Policy BPAC Subcommittee Meeting
November 16, 2016
Rutgers University
33 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ**

Attendees: Janna Chernetz, Cyndi Steiner, Dana Dobson, Emily Armstrong, Leigh Ann Von Hagen, Janet Heroux

1. Resolution passed to change “accident” to “crash”

- Follow up: What is DOT’s response? Does the commissioner know yet?
- Next steps: Since this is the first resolution that has been passed, we need to create a process to document resolutions outside of BPAC
 - Ideas: Create a space on the website for approved resolutions
 - **Janna will write a letter to Charles about process of sharing resolutions**

2. Website updates

- Minutes from previous meetings need to be added and the executive council member list needs to be updated.

3. Replacing and adding new participants

- Department of Health Representative: we need to send them a formal request and ideally have someone at the December meeting.
- A by-law procedure for replacing people when they move on needs to be created.
- **Janna will draft a letter from Charles about DOH representative**

4. Changes and updates to November 2015 retreat notes

- Next year’s meeting dates will be February 15, July 19, and November 15
 - These should be listed on the website in addition to the full BPAC meetings.
- The subcommittee updated the list of participants.
- Complete Streets Policies
 - Sustainable NJ, NJ DOT, and AHA each have different Complete Streets policies. The subcommittee feels there should be one policy that all advocates are pushing, and this should be the Sustainable NJ policy.
 - Add a Complete Streets workshop to the NJ Bike and Walk Summit
- Safe passing legislation/Vulnerable user legislation
 - Met with Brain Injury Alliance and PIP.
 - Safe passing legislation is stalled.
- Added Anti-Dooring legislation to the list
 - NJ is one of only 10 states without anti-dooring laws.



- The Uniform vehicle code puts responsibility on the moving vehicle. The burden should be on the driver while they're in the car. This becomes a pedestrian safety issues when the driver steps out of the car.
- The manual suggests that drivers should look for bikes and mopeds and "may be liable."
- Rhode Island's anti-dooring law is the League's preferred law: it shifts responsibility.
- Conference call with Ken: How is it being applied? Are police officers reporting it? At what point does responsibility shift?
 - Emily will look further into this
- o Bike-Friendly City and Walk Friendly City programs
 - Acknowledgement resolution of being part of the program
 - Can cities who are awarded get Sustainable Jersey points?
- o School transportation policies
 - Bills are off the table for now; we need to make sure they are reintroduced.
- o Driver's Education
 - Hudson County Bill [A4165](#): "Requires high school driver education course, certain new driver brochures, and driver's license written exam to include bicycle and pedestrian safety information."
 - Janna will bring 2012 memo.
 - The bill strengthens the curriculum regardless of whether or not questions are added to the test.
- o Vision Zero
 - There are currently no town policies in New Jersey. West Windsor wants to adopt a policy.
 - Towards Zero Deaths: is this a stepping stone to Vision zero?
 - Hold a Vision Zero session at BPAC March meeting, reach out to NYC and Philly's Vision Zero leaders
- o Sidewalk Policy
 - Federal Mandate
 - Maintenance, construction, reconstruction