



**BPAC General Meeting**  
**May 25, 2022, 9:30 am to 11:30 am**  
**Zoom Online Meeting**

**Executive Council:**

Elise Bremer- Nei (NJDOT) | Cassidy Boulan (DVRPC) | John Boyle (BCGP) | Jen Buison (NJT) | Brandee Chapman (NJDOT) | Michael Dannemiller (Middlesex County) | Debra Kagan (NJBWC) | Eric Heitmann (DHTS) | Keith Hamas (NJTPA) | Alan Huff (SJTPO) | Karen Alexander (NJTIP) | Peri Nearon (NJ DHS) | Byron Nicholas (Hudson County) | Jessica O'Connor (MVC) | Linda Rapacki (TMA Rep) | Sonia Szczesna/Janna Chernetz (TSTC) | Mike Viscardi (NJT) | Byron Nicholas (NJTPA) | Leigh Ann Von Hagen (VTC-Rutgers)

**Subcommittee Chairs:**

Aimee Jefferson, Chair, Safety Subcommittee  
Thom Stead, Chair, Design and Infrastructure Subcommittee  
Sonia Szczesna, Chair, Policy and Legislation Subcommittee

**General Meeting Notes:**

The meeting began at 9:30 am with **Leigh Ann Von Hagen** welcoming everyone and summarizing the agenda and open space for general announcements and questions.

William Riviere from the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Bureau of Safety, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program gave some grants announcements:

- New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti announced applications are now being accepted for the 2023 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Grant Program. The program offers funds for community-based "non-traditional" surface transportation-related projects designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's surface transportation intermodal system.
  - Additional consideration will be given to applications that benefit vulnerable members of our communities, including low-income residents, minorities, those with limited English proficiency, persons with disabilities, children, and older adults.
  - Information regarding equity is available through NJDOT's Local Aid Resource Center website at: <https://www.njdotlocalaidrc.com/equity>
  - The NJ Safe Routes Resource Center collaborates with the NJDOT Office of Local Aid to conduct a series of free webinars to assist those interested in applying. Links to register for either of the two sessions are here:

**Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 10 am -**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_XvI12b8TSO7RZaydgjhAw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XvI12b8TSO7RZaydgjhAw)

**Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 3 pm -**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_BTccGVkzSDS2VAZgYhQaNA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BTccGVkzSDS2VAZgYhQaNA)

- A new program requirement was announced. Pre-application meetings are now mandatory for all applicants. The Division of Local Aid offers pre-application meetings for this grant solicitation in conjunction with DVRPC, SJTPO, and the NJTPA.
  - The prospective applicant will receive guidance on whether the proposed project can be a good fit for the program.
  - Pre-application meetings will be held from April 11 through September 30.
  - To schedule your pre-application meeting online, click on the link: <https://njdotlocalaidrc.com/transportation-alternatives-set-aside-application-resources.php>
- Grant applications are due on November 3, 2022, at 11:59 pm.
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant award letters have gone out to 31 municipalities across the state. The list will be posted on the NJDOT website under grant announcements and included in the next Safe Routes and Bike/Ped Resource Center newsletter.
- The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program, which was created in the Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA), funds regional, local, and tribal initiatives that improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Applications are submitted directly to the US Department of Transportation.
  - FY22 Notice of Funding Opportunity is open now through September 15, 2022, at 5:00 pm.
  - Access to the website - [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program | US Department of Transportation](#)
  - The U.S. Department of Transportation is hosting a webinar on Monday, June 13, from 1:00-3:00 pm, for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant opportunity. Sign up for more information at [Webinar Series: Safe Streets and Roads for All Grants | US Department of Transportation](#)

Opal McCalla, Safety Education Specialist with NJ Transit’s Office of System Safety, shared information about NJ Transit programs.

- The Pedestrian Safety Program is developing marketing materials that enhance inclusiveness, consider different cultures, and engage all sorts of travelers.
- The Operation Lifesaver program allows NJT staff to go out and do specific programming on rail safety.
- For National Bike Safety Month, Opal and her colleagues did an employee engagement program with NJT staff.
- The program’s objectives are focused on training and educating in elementary, middle, and high schools and is open to getting the message statewide. Opal McCalla’s contact information to collaborate with and expand the scope:
  - Phone: (201) 407-0781 / (973) 491-4037
  - Email: [omccalla@njtransit.com](mailto:omccalla@njtransit.com)
- BPRC intends to reach out to Opal to talk about the Safe Routes coordinators at each TMA and collaborate in the future.
- Question from an attendee (Adrienne Davis-Phillips) on different sources of information on safety education: Is there a reliable, formalized curriculum that a person interested in bike safety could use?
  - The New Jersey Bike School lesson plans and curricula were shared. These are a New Jersey-oriented adaptation of lessons the League of American Bicyclists developed with Shape America. For more information:
    - New Jersey Safe Routes website: [Lesson Plans & Curricula – New Jersey Safe Routes \(saferoutesnj.org\)](#)

- Class programs and topics from Shape New Jersey offered by the TMAs: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19r8tM-br5Gvxd5YEeRiZjM-OBkg4xGa6elvyUY3\\_qVY/edit#gid=899653296](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19r8tM-br5Gvxd5YEeRiZjM-OBkg4xGa6elvyUY3_qVY/edit#gid=899653296)
- For training and information on how to become a League Cycling Instructor, please reach out to your local TMA.
- Lisa Lee, EZ Ride's SRTS Coordinator, offered Adrienne help and provided her contact information. [llee@ezride.org](mailto:llee@ezride.org) or (202) 939 4242 (ext. 123).

**Meeting moved to subcommittee breakout rooms.**

*(See subcommittee notes for additional detail)*

**End of Meeting Subcommittee Breakout Report Back:** subcommittee chairs gave a report back on the topics discussed in their respective rooms (11:10 am).

**Executive summaries of each subcommittee meeting:**

Sonia Szczesna, Chair, Policy and Legislation Subcommittee, reported on the meeting:

- Presentation entitled "Residential Site Improvements Standards"
  - The presentation will be shared to review and provide additional comments, ideas, changes, etc., in the next meeting.
  - Looking for someone outside BPAC who could champion the proposals.
- Discussed a pilot program for automated speed enforcement using Safe Streets and Roads for All funding and talk with partners to see if it is possible in NJ Vision Zero communities.
- Decided to table Title 39 revision discussions until after RSIS.

Thom Stead, Chair, Design and Infrastructure Subcommittee, outlined the discussion topics:

- Middlesex County shared its Strategic Action Plan for 2040 and brought up some conflicts between the RSIS and the Complete Streets guidance.
- To share information on traffic calming demonstration project implementation, please reach out to Paul Mickiewicz at [paul.mick@njbwc.org](mailto:paul.mick@njbwc.org) or [paulmickfit@gmail.com](mailto:paulmickfit@gmail.com).
- Topic suggested for next meeting: Access management and how it pertains to safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Aimee Jefferson, Chair, Safety Subcommittee, reported:

- Discussed various tasks in the subcommittee workplan.
- Revisited old topics:
  - Creating a central location where issues on local, county, and state roads could be reported.
  - Providing updates and resources on new grants and how to apply to the correct programs.

**Open discussion**

**NJ Bike & Walk Coalition website related to the Safe Passing Law,**

- Deb Kagan announced that on May 26, 2022, a resource center will be launched on the NJ Bike & Walk Coalition website related to the Safe Passing Law. It will have all kinds of resources for organizations all in one place, including access to social media toolkits, information about messaging, FAQs and information about the law.
- NJBWC will provide printed versions and materials for any organization or municipality interested.

- There will be a social media and video challenge to ask people to create their own posts about the law.
- A bumper sticker will be developed with graphics from the Safe Passing Law awareness campaign.
- A Google ad campaign will begin next week.
- The next partner meeting will be on June 8, from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The plan is to go through all the materials, get feedback, and know what other efforts people are working on.
  - If you are interested in receiving free smart cycling training, Safe Passing Law print materials, or bumper stickers, please get in touch with Paul at [paul.mick@njbwc.org](mailto:paul.mick@njbwc.org)
  - If you know of information that could be included on the website as part of the reference material, please contact Deb Kagan at [kagan@njbwc.org](mailto:kagan@njbwc.org)
  - In the meantime, to learn more about the Safe Passing Law and use the resources available, please visit: <http://njbikeped.org/nj-safe-passing-law/>

### **NJTPA Active Transportation Plan Update**

- The NJTPA kicked off the Active Transportation Plan Update. To ensure that the Regional ATP reaches a broad audience in priority communities, the NJTPA will be present at several events and locations throughout the region to share information about the plan and gather feedback on active transportation challenges and opportunities.
- Please share any appropriate upcoming public events, particularly interested in participating in festivals, farmers' markets, community gatherings, and other events in communities that have historically been overlooked in transportation planning that you are aware of; please send information directly to [khamas@njtpa.org](mailto:khamas@njtpa.org)

### **Resource Center Newsletters**

- If there are any bicycle- and/or pedestrian-related events you would like to promote, you may contact the BPRC about including information in upcoming newsletters.
- NJ Safe Routes Newsletter registration:
  - [https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001C5QOjSvqJgw5ANozt7uYiqw3bZceftyj5I0B208edl4KfciCM6vCovoDEpqqKaXYU9u5ZgO3z6ZqvNXxkcSxkE9RRLy6XsMyQFCx4zwZBfPx2IOF9HHLfwNQ1pTkxA08yUJY3ayA9eii94QauQqi8PFmZLWRsbAjSv10Lmk7bgoELikKbe3k63EZt9FnVv8hP\\_Qr4F6a4rFY%3D](https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001C5QOjSvqJgw5ANozt7uYiqw3bZceftyj5I0B208edl4KfciCM6vCovoDEpqqKaXYU9u5ZgO3z6ZqvNXxkcSxkE9RRLy6XsMyQFCx4zwZBfPx2IOF9HHLfwNQ1pTkxA08yUJY3ayA9eii94QauQqi8PFmZLWRsbAjSv10Lmk7bgoELikKbe3k63EZt9FnVv8hP_Qr4F6a4rFY%3D)
- NJ Walks & Bikes Newsletter registration:
  - [https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001g6CvqRJSkzohczUoz0qXfhie\\_Jpp2VfewzNw08IM9Cecjx3w8bHP\\_WwNlyLgi42cGg8y82MchtnWTdcbUe-tFKSdJmppAn-vEz1B8Fgg1eTXET1qWfUZvJHc0rMd6uhf\\_4RAGxqbVg33wtRdjIC-kQ%3D%3D](https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001g6CvqRJSkzohczUoz0qXfhie_Jpp2VfewzNw08IM9Cecjx3w8bHP_WwNlyLgi42cGg8y82MchtnWTdcbUe-tFKSdJmppAn-vEz1B8Fgg1eTXET1qWfUZvJHc0rMd6uhf_4RAGxqbVg33wtRdjIC-kQ%3D%3D)

**Leigh Ann Von Hagen** wrapped up the meeting and announced that the next BPAC meeting would be held on July 27, 2022.

- The link to register for the meeting: <https://rutgers.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpd-utrj8uEtyHRuOnu60v34ZgQbiCkUOT>

**May 2022 BPAC Attendees**

Leigh Ann Von Hagen, VTC  
James Sinclair, VTC BPRC  
Samuel Rosenthal, VTC BPRC  
Adrienne Davis-Phillips, Cycling Advocate  
Aimee Jefferson, NJTPA  
Allan Huff, SJTPO  
Amy Kaminski, FHWA-NJ  
Andrew Lappitt, Middlesex County  
Andrew Tabas, NJ Future  
Andy Abere, Princeton Freewheelers  
Anne Heasley, Sustainable Jersey  
Bettina Zimny, NV5  
Bill Feeney, NJ Transit  
Byron Nicholas, Hudson County  
Catherine Bull, VTC SRTS  
Charles Romanow, WSP  
Christopher Paige, FHWA-NJ  
Corey Hannigan, NV5  
Courtenay Mercer, Downtown New Jersey  
Daniel Hutton, Urban Engineers  
Denise Nickel, Middlesex County  
Elise Bremer-Nei, NJDOT  
Eric Heitmann, NJ DHTS  
Erlea Maldonado, EZ Ride  
Hailey Graf, NJ Transit  
Jack Molenaar, NV5  
Jacob Thompson, GMTMA  
James Lee  
Jeevanjot Singh, NJDOT  
Jen Buison, NJ Transit  
Jessica O'Connor, NJMVC  
Joe Rapp, NJDOT  
John Federico, WSP  
John Strachan, NJ DHTS  
Jon Dugan, VTC SRTS  
Karen Alexander, Rutgers NJTIP  
Kathryn E. Smith  
Keith Hamas, NJTPA  
Kimberly Irby, NJ Future  
Laura Torchio, NV5  
Linda Rapacki, RideWise  
Lisa Lee, EZ Ride  
Lisa Serieyssl, Greater Mercer TMA  
Liza Betz, Union County  
Louis Hoffman, VTC  
Lyndsey Scofield, Jersey City  
Mike Dannemiller, Middlesex County  
Matthew Maher, Stantec  
Michael Popovech, Monmouth County  
Mike Johnson, EZ Ride  
Mike Manzella, Jersey City

Mohammad A. Islam, NJDOT

Monika Pal, VTC BPRC

Martin Balcazar, VTC BPRC

Natalie Marquez, EZ Ride

Nazhat Aboobaker, NJDOT

Nicholas Fazio

Opal McCalla, NJ Transit

Paul Lenarczyk, NJDOT

Polli Schildge, Asbury Park Complete Streets  
Coalition

Ray Reeve, NJ DHTS

Samantha Donovan, Sam Schwartz Consulting

Sean Meehan, VTC SRTS

Sophia Pereira, VTC BPRC

Sonia Szczesna, Tri-State Transportation  
Campaign

Susan Blickstein, SGB LLC

Thomas Dibiase, Michael Baker

Tim Evans, NJ Future

Trish Sanchez, VTC SRTS

William Riviere, NJDOT