

# Complete Streets in Ocean City

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# Ocean City Population

\*Year round population

15,000

\*Summer population

120,000-

150,000

\*Tourist Based Economy

#### Bike Infrastructure

- \* 2 ½ mile long Boardwalk
- \* 15 mile network on Mainland
- \* Bike rentals available



### Movement to Complete Streets

- Community Based started in 2006
- Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports
- 25 members appointed by Mayor
- \* Focus on Bike & Traffic Safety
- \* Annual public meetings
- Produced safe bike brochure
- \* Established <u>bikeocnj.org</u> website



# 2008 Converted Haven Avenue to Bike Boulevard

- Reduced speed limit to 20mph
- Added four way stops at cross town

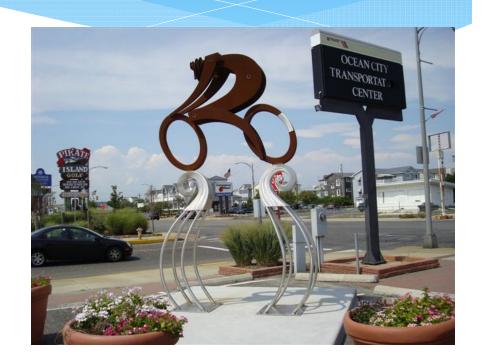
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- \* First "Sharrow" in New Jersey
- \* Created "OC1" sign design
- One year from concept to completion
- \* No cost to Government



# Community Art Promoting Biking

- \* CAP funded "Biker" sculpture at 9<sup>th</sup> & Haven
- \* Created OCNJ's firstCommunity Quilt
  - Public art to calm traffic
  - \* 20<sup>th</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup>, 53<sup>rd</sup> & Haven
- \* Haven Avenue mural
  - \* "Biking through the Ages"



#### Haven Avenue Bike Boulevard

- \* Connect Downtown to Neighborhoods
- \* Transportation Center
- \* Community Center
- \* Intermediate School



## Route 52 Causeway

- \* \$400M NJDOT Project
- Connects Somers Point to OCNJ
- \* Includes 10ft. Pedestrian/Bikeway
- \* Completed 2012
- \* Designed to connect to Haven Avenue Bike Block
- Can ride 30 miles from Mays Landing to OCNJ



#### Other Initiatives

- Started "Riding School Bus"
  Program in 2009
- \* Changed City Ordinance to allow kids to ride to school on boardwalk
- Held Community Meeting to discuss option to extend Complete Streets
- \* State leader in "Stop for Pedestrians" regulation implementation



### Education is Key

\* New Signs for Bike Racks to be installed in 2011.



# Why Complete Streets?

- \* For exercise/recreation
- \* To reduce stress
- \* Reduce auto congestion
- \* Reduce parking demand
- \* Green OCNJ
- \* Traffic Calming
- \* Increase Safety

### **Next Steps**

- \* On-street Bike Corals
- \* Extend the Complete Streets Network
- \* More Bike Racks/Lockers
- \* Rails to Trails
- \* Consider Painted Lanes
- \* Expand the Network
- \* Market our Bike Friendly Community



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