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Dear Readers,

Welcome to this issue of the NJ Walks and Bikes Newsletter, a bi-weekly service prepared by the New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center (NJ BPRC). If you would like to learn more about the NJ BPRC, please visit us [here](#).



Save the Date! 2021 NJ Complete Streets Summit!

The NJ BPRC is proud to announce that the **2021 New Jersey Complete Streets Summit** will be held on **Friday, October 22, 2021**. The full-day event will be held virtually, and is free to attend. Invitations to register will be sent this summer.

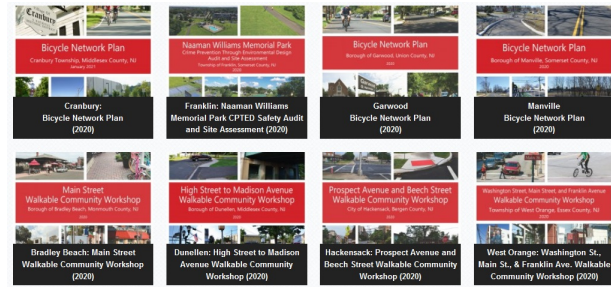
This biennial Summit, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, brings together planners, engineers, public officials, health professionals, and others involved with shaping communities throughout New Jersey.

Previous installments in [2019](#), [2017](#), [2015](#), [2013](#), and [2010](#) have been highly successful, and we look forward to this year's edition being the best ever.

As with previous summits, awards will be given, and we need your help to find winners!

Complete Streets **Excellence Awards** are presented to communities and projects that have displayed outstanding Complete Streets characteristics in making streets safer for everyone.

Complete Streets **Champions** are individuals or organizations who have helped make these projects happen. Please [use this webpage](#) to submit your nominations!



NJDOT Releases FAQs to Assist Businesses with Outdoor Dining on State Routes

As part of their Commitment to Communities initiative, NJDOT wants to help businesses looking to expand onto sidewalks and roadways managed by the state. They have recently released a [document \(PDF\)](#) answering the most common questions. If you know a business along a state corridor looking to take advantage of outdoor space, make sure to share this information!

Second Round of Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program Wraps Up

The NJTPA recently concluded the second round of its [Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program](#) which was conducted with BPRC and Sustainable Jersey. Staff presented on the program at the joint meeting of the Planning & Economic Development and Project Prioritization committees last week.

All of the final reports can be viewed on the [Complete Streets page](#).



Black cyclists bear the brunt of traffic enforcement, N.J. expert says following Perth Amboy controversy

"If it wasn't the bicycle license, it could have been the lack of helmets. Or the front lights. Or the rear lights. The viral video of Perth Amboy police officers confiscating bikes from a group of mostly Black and Hispanic teens and putting one of them in handcuffs this

Bike License Laws Have a Racial Profiling Problem

"Perth Amboy is one of about 7 towns in New Jersey that have such laws, according to Debra Kagan, executive director of the New Jersey Bike and Walk Coalition. Perth Amboy's bike license costs 50 cents annually, and violations carry a fine up to \$50, or a prison sentence of up to 10 days. Confiscated bicycles can be returned, the law says, after fines are paid.

How US helmet laws are used against cyclists of colour and homeless people

"In Seattle, WA, in March 2019, a vendor was riding a bike when a driver struck him in a hit-and-run. Witnesses said the driver was at fault. As the vendor lay on the street, receiving medical treatment, police officers mocked him. Ultimately, the man – who was homeless and of self-

week renewed debate over the role police officers should play in enforcing low-level offenses like bicycle ordinances.

Charles Brown said it's important for communities to teach kids how to ride safely, but that local and state laws concerning bicycle safety are unevenly enforced against people of color — and often used as a pretext to stop and interrogate them for other reasons."

[Read more at NJ.com](#)

"Some of these have been on the books for a long time, they're not enforced in general, but can be used for aggressive enforcement and create an overcriminalization for young bike riders, especially Black and Latinx youth," Kagan said. "There's no documentation that licensing helps with safety. Clearly it creates a barrier for bike riding."

[Read more at Bloomberg.com](#)

described "mixed-race" — received a citation for not wearing a helmet.

Black cyclists are disproportionately stopped in New Orleans, Washington DC and Oakland, California, and law enforcement policies have often overlooked inequity in their system. In Dallas, police have used helmet laws to stop and question cyclists in neighbourhoods of colour, according to a 2014 analysis. A 2016 study by the DOJ found that Black people accounted for 73% of bicycle stops in Tampa, Florida, while only making up 26% of the population."

[Read more at The Guardian](#)

NJ Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council (NJ BPAC)

At this time, the next BPAC meeting has not been scheduled. Stay tuned for additional information.

NJ Bike/Ped News Feed February 23, 2021 - April 16, 2021



Carteret Expands Waterfront Walkway To Woodbridge Town Line



Eyes on the Street: How Hoboken Has Eliminated Traffic Deaths



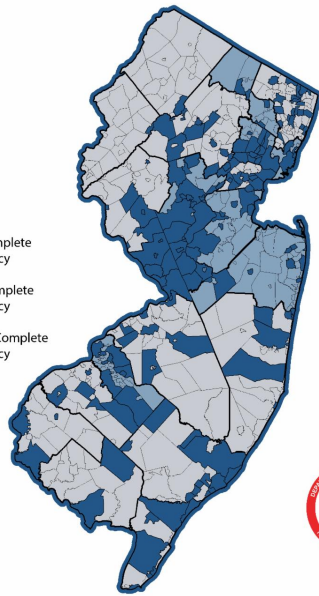
If You Build It, They Will Bike: Pop-Up Lanes Increased Cycling During Pandemic

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Complete Streets in New Jersey

An up-to-date list of Complete Streets policies in New Jersey

-  NJDOT Complete Streets Policy
-  County Complete Streets Policy
-  Municipal Complete Streets Policy



There are currently **169** municipalities and **8** counties with Complete Streets policies in New Jersey.

This brings the total New Jersey population living in municipalities with Complete Streets policies to over 4 million people, or 46% of the population.

To access the most up-to-date list of Complete Streets policies adopted in the state, click the button!

[Click Here for the Complete List of Policies](#)

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