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Dear Readers,

Welcome to this issue of the NJ Walks and Bikes Newsletter, 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**.

NJ Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council (NJ BPAC) Save the Date!

The next two BPAC dates are scheduled for **Wednesday**, **July 21**, **2021** (9:30am to 12:00pm) and **Wednesday**, **September 15**, **2021** (9:30am to 12:00pm). These meetings will be held virtually. Stay tuned for more information and links to registration.



Call for Nominations! 2021 NJ Complete Streets Awards

We need your help in finding nominees for the **2021 Complete Streets Champions and Complete Streets Excellence Awards!**

Complete Streets Excellence Awards celebrate municipalities, counties, or projects that have demonstrated excellence in Complete Streets policy development or implementation. **Complete Streets Champion Awards** recognize individuals, groups, or teams that have helped make these projects happen.

Please use <u>this webpage</u> to submit your nominations or email James Sinclair at <u>james.sinclair@ejb.rutgers.edu</u> with the name of the nominee, which award they are being nominated for, and a short description of why the recipient deserves the award. All nominations must be received by **June 15, 2021.** <u>Click here</u> to see the 2019 Complete

Streets Award winners.

The awards will be presented by the NJDOT and NJ BPRC at the bi-annual **New Jersey Complete Streets Summit** that will be held virtually on **Friday, October 22, 2021**. Stay tuned for more information about the summit and registration details!







Applications for Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Grants are due October 14! Register for a Grant Training Webinar Now!

Register for free webinars about applying for **Safe Routes to School grants**, administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) in partnership with the State's Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

Topics include:

- Overview of Federal Aid programs and the Safe Routes to School Program
- Detailed Review of the Safe Routes to School Grant Application
- Grant Application Process
- Grant Resources, Tips & Strategies
- Q&A with NJDOT Local Aid Staff

The webinar will assist you with making your grant application stronger to turn your project into a reality. This webinar is presented by the New Jersey Safe Routes Resource Center at Rutgers University.

Please register for any of the following online sessions:

Tuesday, June 15, 2021, from 10am to 11:30am — <u>register here!</u>
Tuesday, July 13, 2021, from 3pm to 4:30pm — <u>register here!</u>
Thursday, August 19, 2021, from 10am to 11:30am — <u>register here!</u>
Wednesday, September 9, 2021, from 3pm to 4:30pm – <u>register here!</u>



Inaugural Trails and Greenways Summit Announced for September 2021

On June 5, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), announced the **2021 New Jersey Trails & Greenways Summit.** New Jersey's first-ever trails summit will demonstrate opportunities to create robust trail networks throughout the state.

Kicking off on September 1 and running throughout the month, the summit will be a free online event that will broaden the conversation around trails and increase local knowledge about the funding, design, construction, maintenance, and use of multi-use paths, trail crossings and Complete Streets. It will feature a variety of webinars and online social mixers along with Saturday morning mobile workshops hosted by bicycle clubs and nonprofit organizations across the state.

The planning committee includes members of the NJ Trails Council, the NJ Bike & Walk Coalition, the NJ Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council, the Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, the Tri-State Transportation Campaign, the Circuit Trails Coalition, and the East Coast Greenway Alliance.

<u>Click here</u> to read the full press release, and stay tuned for more information!



Congratulations to the 2021 NJ Safe Routes Recognition Program Winners!

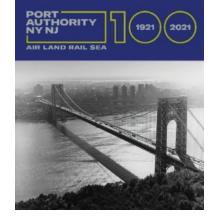
The New Jersey Department of Transportation, the NJ Safe Routes to School Resource Center and the eight Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) in NJ are pleased to announce the **2021 School recipients** and **2021 Municipal recipients** of the NJ Safe Routes Recognition Program! These winners are recognized for their commitment and support of the Safe Routes program by enabling and encouraging walking and bicycling.

Winners for 2021 are honored for their hard work and commitment to the Safe Routes program, which was challenging as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, however, winners worked hard and diligently to offer and extend walk and bike events and programs to their communities. Recognition is valid for three years. Schools and municipalities that have earned NJ Safe Routes recognition and are also enrolled in the Sustainable Jersey certification program can earn points for both programs. Click here for more information.

For a list of all current NJ SRTS winners, click here.

Safe Routes Regional Coordinators from TMAs across New Jersey will be honoring and awarding NJ Safe Routes Recognition Program winners. **Contact your Safe Routes Regional Coordinator** to **find out more about how to qualify** for the NJ Safe Routes Recognition Program and to get a head start on applying for recognition next year!

Congratulations and thank you to all of the municipalities and schools for making walking and bicycling a priority in your community! Keep up the great work!



A Century of Progress: The Port Authority's First 100 Years Register Now!

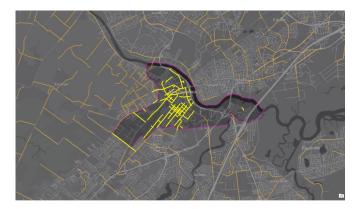
Join the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to celebrate the Port Authority's first 100 years and commemorate the agency's transformational impact on the growth of the region and look forward to the Authority's next 100 years of delivering world-class 21st century infrastructure. As part of the celebration, the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center will host two symposia. The first event will be held on **June 16, 2021, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.** The second event will be convened in the Fall.

The program will feature keynote talks by Dr. James Hughes, University Professor and former Dean of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers and Rosemary Scanlon, former Chief Economist for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The keynote talks will celebrate the Authority's history and accomplishments over the last century and highlight the macro-trends and micro-influences that shaped the New York metropolitan region and the Authority's work over that period.

In addition, a panel of speakers will showcase and discuss three recent Port Authority projects: Access the Region's Core and the Gateway Tunnel; the rebuilding of the World Trade Center site and the Oculus Transportation Hub; and the raising of the Bayonne Bridge. Each project exemplifies the important role the Authority plays in the region by thinking big, solving complex problems, and stewarding the region's economy. Tom Wright, President and CEO of the Regional Plan Association will provide closing remarks.

<u>Click here</u> for more information, including the symposium program.

Click here to register for the event!



Summarizing High Injury Networks: The What, Why, and How

High Injury Networks (HINs) are an essential part of the Vision Zero approach, which aims to eliminate all traffic deaths and serious injuries. By mapping stretches of roadways with concentrations of high-severity collisions, HINs help identify corridors that carry a higher risk of injury within a transportation network and allow communities to prioritize

investments within these areas to maximize crash reduction efforts. Cities across the United States have developed different approaches to create their High Injury Networks.

Read our **blog article** to learn more!

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N.J. E-Bike Shop Opens with Mission to Support Kids

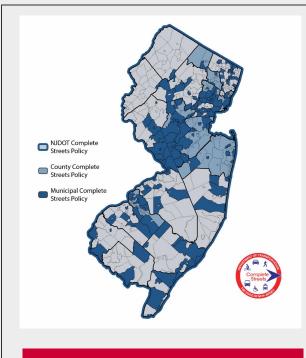


Coalition Recognizes Fulop for Making Jersey City More Bike Friendly



New Albany
Bike/Pedestrian Plan
Unveiled with a Focus on
Equity

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Complete Streets in New Jersey

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

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-todate list of Complete Streets policies adopted in the state, click the button!

Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center









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