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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) with support from the NJ Department of Transportation. If you would like to learn more about the NJ BPRC, please visit us here.



NJ Bicycle & Pedestrian Resource Center 2021 Year in Review

2021 certainly presented its share of challenges, but the NJ Bicycle & Pedestrian Resource Center was fortunate to enjoy many successes during the year, including:

- Hosting the sixth biennial **New Jersey Complete Streets Summit** sponsored by NJDOT
- Presenting the 2021 Complete Streets Champions Awards to the Team4NJ Safe Passing Law and in honor of Highland Park Councilwoman Susan Welkovits
- Presenting the 2021 Safe Routes to School Champion Award to the West Orange Township Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board
- Recognizing 10 New Jersey municipalities for adopting new Complete Streets policies
- Working with NJ Safe Routes Resource Center to host the first-ever New Jersey Trails & Greenways Summit, sponsored by NJDOT and NJDEP
- Convening four virtual New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council (BPAC) meetings attended by over 170 people
- Releasing two research reports studying **pedestrian hybrid beacons** and perceptions of autonomous vehicles' safety impacts on vulnerable road users
- Coordinating with our Transportation Management Association (TMA) partners to

facilitate bike rodeos that helped children learn how to ride a bicycle for the first time through our Ambassadors in Motion program

- Partnering with NJDOT to advance Strategic Highway Safety Plan actions and align those efforts with BPAC initiatives
- Completing work on 2020 Complete Streets Technical Assistance projects and announcing the opening of applications for the 2022 Technical Assistance Program in coordination with NJTPA

We are grateful to the many organizations and individuals who have supported us in 2021 and look forward to continuing to promote active transportation for all in the new year!



NJTPA Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program Applications Are Now Open! Register for the Informational Webinar on December 15

Through North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority's (NJTPA) Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program, Sustainable Jersey is collaborating with the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center (VTC) at Rutgers University and is seeking applications from municipalities to receive free technical assistance services for a specific project related to advancing a complete streets initiative in their communities. The program is made possible through NJTPA's federal funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Click here to watch the December 9 webinar, which reviewed the specific types of technical assistance available, shared previously completed projects, and identified additional resources to assist in developing a program application.

Registration is also open for a **free webinar on December 15** that will assist municipalities in identifying projects and applying for technical assistance to support their needs. The webinar will focus on describing the technical assistance program and how you can apply.

If you have questions or would like to learn more, please contact Anne Heasly at heaslya@tcnj.edu with a "cc" to Peter Bilton at pbilton@njtpa.org

Applications Due: February 11, 2022

Learn More About the Technical Assistance and How To Apply

2022 BPAC Dates Announced! Register now for the Meeting on February 2, 2022 (Virtual)

General Meeting, 9:30am – 11:30am

The New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council (BPAC) is coordinated by the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center, in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of

Transportation. This first meeting of the new year will kick off BPAC initiatives for 2022.

BPAC is open to everyone. To participate, please register using the following link:

https://rutgers.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwscOuurz0vHNK0IXMMx8hTGlb6W1kE <u>4Re</u>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Additional BPAC dates in 2022:

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

To learn more about BPAC, please visit the webpage here. You can also contact James Sinclair at james.sinclair@ejb.rutgers.edu.

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Check Out the University of Miami BikeSafe Program's Video on Protected Bike Lanes

Using easy-to-understand graphics, this video explores the latest innovative designs for protected bike lanes, intersections, and more. **Click here to watch the video** and learn about best practices that improve safety for bicycle riders of all ages and abilities.

NJ Bike/Ped News Feed







Jersey City Seeks Public Input as it Launches Study on Future of Alternative Transportation Lawrence-Hopewell Trail Receives Award from Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia <u>A Camden Plan that Favors</u> <u>Suburban Commuters</u> <u>Could Kill Downtown's</u> <u>Last Retail Street</u>

