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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**.

# Register now for the BPAC 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/tJwscOuurz0vHNK0IXMMx8hTGlb6W1kE4Re

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

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

**Clich Here to Register** 

### We're Hiring!

The Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, seeks qualified candidates to fill a Research Project Coordinator position. Interested candidates should apply through the Rutgers University Office of Human Resources.

Please check this website where the position will be posted soon: https://jobs.rutgers.edu/



# NJTPA Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program Applications Are Due February 11!

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.

**Click here** to watch the December 15 webinar, which provided an overview of the application process and demonstrated how to use the online application portal.

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



# Transit Friendly Planning: A Guide for NJ Communities Register Now for the Virtual Launch Event

NJ TRANSIT is hosting a virtual event to present the new "Transit Friendly Planning: A Guide for New Jersey Communities" on **Friday, February 4th at 11:00am.** The Guide is designed to provide recommendations to community members, elected and appointed officials, municipal staff, and others interested in improving the relationship among land use planning, circulation, and access to transit.

The first half of the virtual event will be an overview of the Guide and a Q&A session. In

the second half, attendees will have the opportunity to chat with NJ TRANSIT staff and state agency representatives in Zoom break-out rooms about current or future transit-friendly planning projects in their communities.

**Click here** to register for the virtual event. Please reach out to Transit Friendly Planning at **transitfriendly@njtransit.com** if you have any additional questions prior to the event.

## Three New Jersey Communities Adopt New Complete Streets Policies

Congratulations to the municipalities of Washington Township in Bergen County, Holmdel, and Bradley Beach, which have all recently passed Complete Streets policies for their communities. The policies for Washington and Bradley Beach use the model Complete & Green Streets policy language, and all three include checklists to be used by project managers and designers throughout concept development and preliminary engineering to ensure that all developed alternatives reflect compliance with the policy.

All three policies, which were passed thanks to the efforts of EZ Ride TMA, codify the safety of all road users including pedestrians, bicyclists, children, older adults, non-drivers, and mobility challenged individuals.

View the Resolutions and Policies for all three municipalities here.



# E-Bike and E-Scooter Information Available on New Micromobility Webpage

The NJ Bicycle & Pedestrian Resource Center has produced a flyer explaining the recent Title 39 update, which include new rules for e-bikes and e-scooters. Information on these regulations, including a downloadable PDF of the flyer, are available on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Resource Center's new micromobility webpage: njbikeped.org/micromobility

# New Resources to Drive New Jersey Toward Green Street Implementation

Roadways throughout the nation are a significant source of pollution to local streams, rivers, and lakes. Stormwater runoff controls are essential for preventing pollutants from washing off roads and reducing local flooding. Converting traditional streets to green streets can mitigate these issues.

If you would like to know how your community can begin implementing a green streets project, Jersey Water Works (JWW) has two new publications that can help you along. Planning for Green Streets outlines the steps needed to get started, while Funding Green Streets walks you through the several possible funding sources to cover the costs of planning, designing, and installing green streets projects.

Click here to learn more about these resources.



# NJDEP Offers \$9.4 Million to Local Governments and Organizations for Stormwater, Flood Reduction, and Water Quality Projects

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is seeking applicants for its latest round of grant funding, which prioritizes projects that will restore and protect New Jersey's watersheds while better managing stormwater runoff and reducing flooding risks in our communities, Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette announced. Specifically invited are those nonprofit organizations, local governments, community groups, and state colleges and universities ready to plan and deploy multifaceted water quality projects in the Delaware River watershed and the northeast region of New Jersey.

The DEP has issued a Request For Proposals to solicit applications for up to \$9.4 million available to eligible water quality improvement projects and watershed planning activities. Funding applications may be submitted to the DEP's Water Quality Restoration Grants Program. The project proposal submission deadline is **5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28.** 

Click here for more information on how to apply.

### **USDOT Releases National Roadway Safety Strategy**

The US Department of Transportation has just released its National Roadway Safety Strategy, which outlines the Federal Department's comprehensive approach to significantly reducing serious injuries and deaths on the Nation's highways, roads, and streets. This represents the first step in working toward an ambitious long-term goal of reaching zero roadway fatalities for the entire Nation.

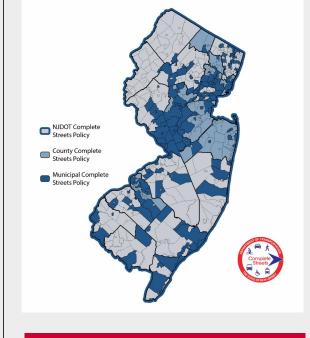
Click here to read more!

# **Complete Streets** in New Jersey

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

There are currently **172** municipalities and **8** counties with Complete Streets policies in New Jersey.

This brings the total New



Click Here for the Complete List of Policies

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!

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