



# NJ BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN RESOURCE CENTER

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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](#).

**Join us for the special BPAC Meeting on July 27, 2022**  
**9:30am – 11:30am**

This special meeting will discuss the new funding opportunities in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, including NJDOT's TA Set-Aside Grant, USDOT's Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Grant Program, and USDOT's Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program.

**[Click here for the Agenda of the Meeting](#)**

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

**<https://rutgers.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpd-utrj8uEtyHRuOnu60v34ZgQbiCkUOT>**

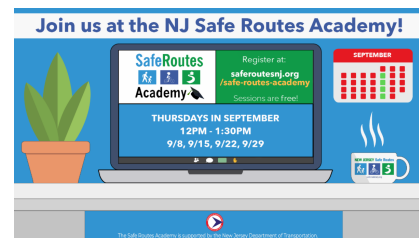
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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

To learn more about BPAC, please visit the [webpage here](#).  
You can also contact James Sinclair at [james.sinclair@ejb.rutgers.edu](mailto:james.sinclair@ejb.rutgers.edu).

## Registration is open for the 2022 New Jersey Safe Routes Academy

The Safe Routes Academy is free to join and will take place online on September 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 12-1:30 pm. **Register today!**



The NJ Safe Routes Academy, sponsored by the NJ Department of Transportation, features free online sessions to help participants make their communities more walk- and bike-friendly for all users of all abilities. Join our “lunch and learn” webinars on four Thursdays in September. Session topics include installing temporary demonstration projects, conducting walk and bike audits, developing School Travel Plans, and a special webinar on applying for federal TA Set Aside grant funds. Learn about the best practices and resources that you can use to increase the safety and accessibility of walking and bicycling in your community.

[Click here to Register](#)

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## NJDOT Announces Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grants to Help Local Communities

The NJ Safe Routes Resource Center is collaborating with the NJDOT Office of Local Aid to conduct a series of free webinars to assist those who are interested in applying for a TA Set-Aside Grant. Webinars from June and July can be viewed on the [Safe Routes Resource Center website](#) under Grants and Funding.

[Click here to register for the upcoming webinar on Thursday, September 15, 2022 from 12:00pm - 1:30pm](#)

**Grant Applications are Due on November 3rd, 2022 at 11:59PM**

Sign up for a one-on-one TA Set Aside grant pre-application meeting today. [Click here.](#)

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## Save the Date: New Jersey Strategic Highway Safety Plan Virtual Summit #4

NJDOT is hosting the New Jersey Strategic Highway Safety Plan Virtual Summit #4 which will be hosted on Tuesday, October 11 from 10:00 am -12:30 pm. This will be an opportunity to hear from leaders in highway safety and learn about the SHSP's implementation efforts underway. Your continued involvement is important to the SHSP's success.



SAVE THE DATE  
**NEW JERSEY  
STRATEGIC HIGHWAY  
SAFETY PLAN VIRTUAL  
SUMMIT #4**



Tuesday, October 11, 2022



Virtual Meeting



10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

REGISTRATION LINK AND PROGRAM DETAILS TO FOLLOW

[www.saferoadsforallnj.com](http://www.saferoadsforallnj.com)

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## From our Blog: **More Funds for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)**

On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed into law the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). BIL/IIJA includes significant funding for new transportation programs that could dramatically increase access, mobility and safety for all vulnerable road users, especially bicyclists and pedestrians.

With increased funding levels and requirements that states prioritize communities where there has been chronic underinvestment and a lack of participation in transportation decisions, the BIL/IIJA is a historic investment in the nation's core infrastructure priorities. The law aims to make a difference in transportation equity, sustainability, resilience, climate change, safety, and asset condition. It includes significant funding levels and important policy changes to invest in connected streets, sidewalks, and bike lanes, and it specifically directs funds to underserved neighborhoods and communities.

[Click here to read the full article](#)

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## **Cape May looks at reducing speed limits**

City Council plans to explore the possibility of reducing speed limits throughout town, at least on city roads. It won't happen this summer, Mayor Zack Mullock said, but he believes summer is a good time to take a look at the issue, when traffic is at its most intense. He said he has heard from police that speeding has become more common in town, adding that it's obvious to residents as well.

"People have to slow down. We have so much conflict with these golf carts and now the motorized scooters and the motorized bikes," said city manager Mike Voll. "First and foremost is public safety."

[Click here to read the full article](#)

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## Jersey City Cuts the Ribbon on \$7 Million Pedestrian Plaza

A car-free plaza that has endured years of planning, false starts, and some growing pains is now officially renovated and open to the public just in time for one of the biggest culinary stretches of the year.

On July 10, Jersey City officials held a ceremony unveiling the completed Newark Avenue Pedestrian Plaza. The \$7 million endeavor hopes to become one of New Jersey's premier destinations for shopping, dining, and community events by transforming a green paint version of the car-free road that has been around since 2015.

[Click here to read more](#)



## Atlantic Avenue in Atlantic City starts its anti-crash diet

Atlantic Avenue's long-planned "diet" has started with contractors beginning the work to reduce the city's main artery to two vehicle lanes from four, repave it and make lighting and other improvements. The aim of the project is to prevent vehicle crashes and pedestrian injuries and deaths, said Mayor Marty Small Sr. and city Engineer Uzo Ahiarakwe. The road also will be changed to add bike lanes and parking on each side, along with new paving, street lighting, improved and synchronized traffic lights, and new sidewalks with trees and landscaping, Small said.

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BIKE/PED NEWS FEED 

[Jersey City Snags \\$100,000 Grant for Bergen Arches](#)

[Shark River Drawbridge Safety Improvements](#)

[Watching out for bicyclists, pedestrians will](#)

Study

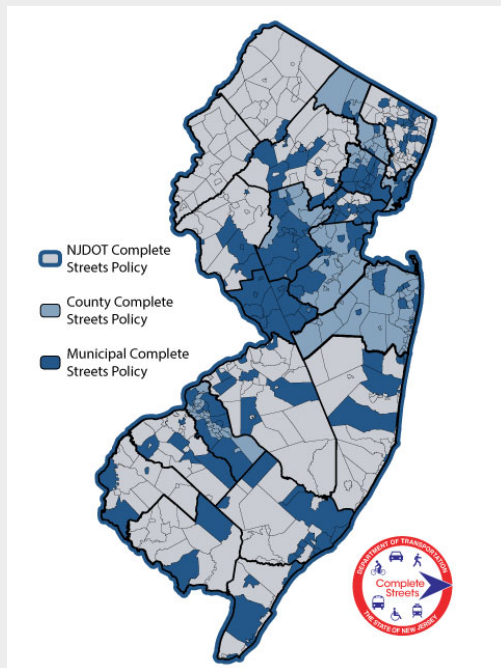
Jersey City Mayor, along with Bergen Arches Preservation Coalition (BAPC), announced a \$100,000 state grant has been awarded towards a feasibility study of the Bergen Arches. The moniker is the common name for a mile-long stretch formerly utilized by Erie Railroad, comprising of 85-ft-deep tunnels built in 1906.

include bicycle safety grid

Safety improvements to the Rt 71 over Shark River Drawbridge, connecting Belmar and Avon by the Sea, are complete; included in these improvements is a bicycle safe grid on the draw span which allows bicyclists to cross without the need to dismount.

be part of driver's ed

New drivers in New York will have to learn about pedestrian and bicyclist safety when taking their pre-licensing exam under a bill approved by Gov. Kathy Hochul. The new law will also require bike and pedestrian safety guidelines for drivers in the state Department of Motor Vehicles instruction handbook.



### Complete Streets in New Jersey

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

There are currently **173** 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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