



**NJ BPAC Safety Subcommittee Meeting
December 6, 2023 10:20 am to 11:10 am
Online Zoom Meeting**

Attendees:

- Aimee Jefferson (chair), NJTPA
- Greg Woltman, Rutgers-VTC
- Elise Bremer-Nei, NJDOT
- Liza Betz, Union County
- Laura Cerutti, Avenues in Motion TMA
- Syd Chan, Sam Schwartz
- Maureen Donnelly
- Jon Dugan, Rutgers-VTC
- Daniel Granato, Metuchen PD
- Alan Huff, FHWA
- Ward Kradjel
- Lisa Lee, EZRide TMA
- Reba Oduro, NJDOT
- Daniel Paschall, East Coast Greenway
- Delfina Picchio, Keep Middlesex Moving
- Omeed Rahin, Avenues in Motion TMA
- Linda Rapacki, Ridewise TMA
- Charles Romanow, WSP
- Noelle Santos, Brain Injury Alliance of NJ
- Prateeksha Sehgal, Michael Baker International
- Chris Townley, Greater Mercer TMA
- John Wheeler, Bike & Walk Coalition of Greater Philadelphia
- Ken Wedeen, Somerset County
- Bettina Zimny, NV5

Meeting Notes

NJDOT Bicycle Touring Guides

- Existing resources for bicycle trails and bicycle tours in NJ
 - <https://www.njtransit.com/trails>
 - <https://www.dvrpc.org/webmaps/thecircuit/>
 - May be outdated
- Discussion of potential improvements for the purpose of better user experience and accessibility
 - How can they be of better use?

- Is there a better way to bring these maps into an app? Many people see the value in the tours themselves, but the printed formats make them difficult or impossible to use?
- One of the added benefits of the maps is as a tourism and economic development tool.
- The tour guide maps take you on a specific route that is curated to be more appropriate for bicycling than other mapping apps, such as Google Maps. Unfortunately, many of the maps are outdated and may require constant updating as road conditions and configurations have changed and will continue to change.
- Is it easier, more practical, or more feasible to add layers to other existing maps?
- East Coast Greenway Alliance is working with RideWithGPS to share recommended [trip itineraries](#), and we're also going to submit some to Adventure Cycling Association's recently launched "Short Routes" initiative: [Short Routes | Adventure Cycling Association](#) here are submission guidance (anyone can submit): [submit | Adventure Cycling Association](#). These routes provide context and helpful information on facilities, such as water and restroom facilities.
- goHunterdon has created Bike Hunterdon which offers routes in the county with tie-ins to different tourism initiatives as well: [Bike Routes in Hunterdon County | BikeHunterdon.org](#)

Discussion of BPAC Safety Subcommittee Goals for 2024

- Open discussion of 2023 goals to keep for next year (see below)
 - 2022 year-end report: <https://njbikeped.org/wp-content/uploads/BPAC-Year-in-Review-2022.pdf>
- Discussions focused on action items that work toward the New Jersey goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries by 2050.
- Members discussed making a coordinated effort with the Policy subcommittee to produce recommendations, advocacy initiatives, etc. to bring around legislation or policy changes related to automated speed enforcement and right on red restrictions.
- Multiple members mentioned the opportunity to use the Safety subcommittee as a space for coordination between the various SS4A Safety Action Plan teams and task forces in different jurisdictions.
- The Safety Subcommittee should set a goal to provide regular updates on the progress of education campaigns.

Discussion of BPAC Safety Subcommittee Topics for 2024

- The subcommittee should provide regular updates on the progress of the state's comprehensive safety action plans.
- The subcommittee should regularly report on planning, construction, and outreach activities in South Jersey.
- The subcommittee should host presentations on the following topics:
 - New PROWAG requirements.
 - Connections between bike networks in adjacent counties
 - Expanding bike lane networks in communities

- Leading pedestrian intervals as a policy to protect pedestrians from left and right turning vehicles
- Trail crossings guidelines
- Safety and transportation data, including latent demand, usage, existing and proposed inventories
- Safety campaigns for road user behavior, including marketing, communications, and messaging approaches
- The subcommittee should host discussions on the following topics:
 - Bicycle, pedestrian, and driver education
 - Prioritizing safety over traffic throughput
 - Combining efforts between NJ DHTS Numetric Crash data and NJDOT Safety Voyager crash data
 - The narrative around e-bikes and refocusing it on their usefulness as car replacement

Subcommittee Goals for 2023 (for reference):

The following goals are to be continued from the previous year, see [BPAC 2021 Year-in-Review Report for 2022](#):

1. Work with the Legislative and Policy subcommittee on outreach for the Safe Passing Law.
2. Determine action items that can support Strategic Highway Safety Plan actions.
3. Identify ways to create a unified State, county, and local road safety and maintenance reporting system. (led by Lisa Lee)
4. Coordinate with New Jersey Transit on bicycle and pedestrian integration and bus stop safety.
5. Determine how best to support Zero Deaths Initiatives throughout the state.

The following goals relate to pertinent Strategic Highway Safety Plan Bicycle and Pedestrian Emphasis Area Goals:

6. SHSP Action Team: Review existing school zone speed enforcement programs and develop recommendations for New Jersey - led by Mike Morris, NJDHTS
7. SHSP Action Team: Develop guidance for the implementation of a comprehensive traffic safety curriculum in NJ elementary schools - led by Tara Shepherd, goHunterdon

The following are new goals to be initiated by the Safety Subcommittee in 2023

8. Collaborate with the BPAC Design and Infrastructure Subcommittee to extend goal 3 above to incorporate bike-and-pedestrian-friendly designs into upcoming resurfacing projects. An example program is being developed by DVRPC in its [Bike-Friendly Resurfacing Program](#).
9. Engage in additional follow-up with Civic Eye Collaborative on PSEE and BSEE for revisions and recommendations to update the programs. Updates for recent innovations in technology, new discussions and attitudes toward equity, and the new Safe Passing Law.