



**BPAC Policy Subcommittee Meeting  
July 26, 2023 10:10 am to 10:55 am  
Online Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:**

- Hailey Graf, NJ Transit (Chair)
- Leigh Ann Von Hagen, Rutgers-VTC
- Colin Roche, Rutgers-VTC
- Debra Kagan, NJBWC
- Michael Rizol, NJ DHTS
- Adam Iaccheo, EZ Ride
- Ayla Schermer, Bike JC
- Denise Nickel, Middlesex County
- Erlea Maldonado, EZ Ride
- Jessica O'Connor, NJMVC
- John Boyle, BCGP
- Lindsey Sigmund, NJ Future
- Lyndsey Scofield, Jersey City
- Mackenzie Piggott, NJDEP
- Sutapa Bandyopadhyay, FHWA
- Tim Evans, NJ Future
- Tricia Dunkak, NJ Future
- Zeke Weston, NJ Future
- Tom DiBiase, Michael Baker
- Jack Molenaar, Middlesex County

**Meeting Notes:**

**1. Introductions**

**2. Review of previous agenda items**

- a. [Legislative Tracker](#): Group discussion focused on tracking the approval status of relevant legislation. Conversation is guided by the use of LegiScan Search Report [here](#).
- b. Current Bills
  - Adult Helmet Law: The **Adult Helmet Law** has not had any new movement.
  - Parking Reform ([A4984 Calabrese](#))
  - The **Mobility and Transportation Innovation Pilot Program** was approved for \$10 million to DOT for innovation projects for streets, mobility, transit, diversity, tech innovation, equity etc.
  - **Enhanced Crosswalk Program**: It is unclear if this has moved forward.
  - **NJ Debt Defeasance Fund**: It is unclear if this has moved forward.
  - **NJ Economic Recovery Act** passed but did not have meaningful impact on bicycle and pedestrian projects.
  - Two state fund appropriations helped fund NJT projects, but it is difficult to know what other projects were funded.

- c. [Proposed Updates to the NJ Residential Site Improvement Standards](#) (RSIS) next steps: (NJ Future, Jersey City, and Tri-State Transportation Campaign will jointly submit changes)
- d. SHSP 1.C.2.a. - Develop recommendations for education and outreach on recent updates to laws and regulations related to pedestrians, bicyclists, and scooters - led by Debra Kagan, NJ Bike & Walk Coalition.
  - Updates from MVC
- e. Complete Streets and Persons with IDD and Autism law updates (VTC & NV5)
  - Background research is complete, working group is forming, planning for a session at the NJ Complete Streets Summit.
- f. Primer about various policies and legislation in NJ that regulate bicycle and pedestrian transportation issues, including RSIS, MLUL, Title 39, Access Code, and the Functional Classification System. (Sustainable Jersey & NJ Future)
  - Resources so far:
    - A Citizen's Guide to Better Streets: How to engage your transportation agency <http://880cities.org/images/resource/park-space-anti-citizen-guide-better-streets.pdf>
    - The Master Plan: Smart Growth, the Master Plan & Environmental Protection (ANJEC) [http://anjec.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SG\\_MasterPlan.pdf](http://anjec.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SG_MasterPlan.pdf)
    - Get Active NJ Walkability Toolkit (NJ Prevention Network)
- g. Title 39 review and action strategy (Jim Hunt & Will Yarzab)
- h. SHSP Action for Complete and Green Streets Ordinance Adoption Toolkit (VTC/Sustainable Jersey)
  - Who is interested in helping review the draft?

### 3. Additional topics:

- i. NJ Future VMT Reduction Initiative
- j. Insights on new federal grant programs (SS4A, RCP, ATIIP, earmarks, etc.)
  - SS4A - was due July 10 - Who Applied?
  - NJDOT Safe Routes to School Grant solicitation - due Nov. 17
  - Reconnecting Communities – grant applications due Sept. 28
  - PROTECT - grant applications due Aug. 18
  - Any insights?

### 4. New Topics/Agenda Items:

- a. Conversation regarding MUTCD's regulations on colored pavement, particularly street art/murals.
  - The current edition of the MUTCD doesn't allow for street art outside of an experimental application process.
  - If approved for an experimental application, a municipality must collect traffic data in the vicinity of the project (mural) for a specific amount of time and submit their findings to the FHWA at the end of the experiment.
  - For more information, see the MUTCD memo on colored pavement [here](#).
  - Relevant planning grants can be obtained through SS4A under the name Planning and Demonstration Grants.
  - Hoboken and Montclair have each submitted for supplemental and demonstration grants.
- b. Conversation regarding updates to the SHSP.

- With the passing of the Safe Passing Law Implementation Plan, the action team will identify short-, medium- and long-term goals.
  - The action team will also identify relevant organizations to speak with about updating the plan and developing a safety education plan, moving forward.
  - For more information, the DOT will be discussing this topic at their Safety Summit in October.
  - The action team meets once a month if anyone wants to join.
  - There's also a webinar July 27<sup>th</sup> at noon entitled, "3,2,1 Action." Registration information is here:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltdOCvrz8rEtPjY7\\_Tkmd7Qg3Vhlweus\\_6#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltdOCvrz8rEtPjY7_Tkmd7Qg3Vhlweus_6#/registration)
- c. Conversation regarding S-147 and the working group engaged with this topic.
- The first phase is already underway with VTC developing a primer, conducting a literature review, gathering a glossary of terms, and scheduling interviews with SMEs.
  - The first working group meeting will be held this afternoon, with more information to come.
- d. Legislation for an update to the Target Zero Commission passed the state assembly recently. This update will include all MPOs, a date for the action plan within 12 months, and a goal date of 2045. Full approval is expected by November.

#### **Subcommittee Goals for 2023**

- Share a policy and legislation tracker for relevant bills in the NJ Legislature.
- Study and provide insight into the new federal legislation (BIL/IIJA) and its impact on future policy.
- Work with NJDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator (Elise) on developing a Complete and Green Streets Ordinance Toolkit to complete the Strategic Highway Safety Plan action involving a Complete Streets Task Force.
- Develop or update a primer about various policies and legislation in NJ that regulate bicycle and pedestrian transportation issues, including Residential Site Improvement Standards, Municipal Land Use Law, Title 39, Access Code, and the Functional Classification System.

#### **Strategic Highway Safety Plan Pedestrian and Bicyclist Emphasis Area Goals**

- The Policy subcommittee can provide feedback and input on the next round of Strategic Highway Safety Plan Pedestrian and Bicyclist Emphasis Area actions:
  - Develop recommendations for education and outreach on recent updates to laws and regulations related to pedestrians, bicyclists, and scooters - led by Debra Kagan, NJ Bike & Walk Coalition
    - Engage the Motor Vehicle Commission on recent updates to laws and regulations related to pedestrians, bicyclists, and scooters that should be reflected in driver education and testing.
    - Make recommendations regarding educational outreach to the public.
  - Research best practices for sharing state highway crash data and crash-prone state highway corridors - led by Shazia Khizir, NJDOT