



BPAC Design & Infrastructure and Safety Joint Subcommittee Meeting

March 22, 2023 10:10 am to 10:55 am

Online Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

- Alan Huff, SJTPO
- Amy Kaminski, FHWA-NJ
- Anastasia Bamberg
- Andras Holzmann, Passaic County
- Andrew Lappitt, Middlesex County
- Andrew Mikesh, Northern Valley Greenway
- Anne Heasly, Sustainable Jersey
- Ayla Schermer, Bike JC
- Bettina Zimny, NV5
- Cassidy Boulan, DVRPC
- Chris Townly, GMTMA
- Daniel Granato
- Danielle Baer
- Erlea Maldonado, EZ Ride
- Greg Woltman, Rutgers-VTC
- Hailey Graf, NJ Transit
- James Bonanno, Asbury Park
- Jeevanjot Singh, NJDOT
- Jennifer Crown
- Jesse McGowan, Sam Schwartz
- Jessica O'Connor, NJMVC
- Jim Hunt, Morris County
- Jon Dugan, Rutgers-VTC
- Kate O'Connor, Brain Injury Alliance of NJ
- Kayt Hester, Hudson TMA
- Keith Hamas, NJTPA
- Ken Wedeen, Somerset County
- Laura Cerutti, Avenues in Motion
- Linda Rapacki, RideWise
- Lisa Lee, EZ Ride
- Lisa Leone, Avenues in Motion
- Louis Hoffman, Rutgers-VTC
- Lyndsey Scofield, City of Jersey City
- Marhaba Omer, NJDOT
- Martin Balcazar, Rutgers-VTC
- Michael Popovech, Monmouth County
- Michael Viscardi, NJ Transit
- Mike Dannemiller, Middlesex County
- Mike Johnson, EZ Ride
- Nazhat Aboobaker, NJDOT
- Paul Mickiewicz, NJ Bike & Walk Coalition
- Peri Nearon, NJDHS
- Polli Schildge, Asbury Park Complete Streets
- Ramond Joseph
- Ranjit Walia, Civic Eye Collaborative
- Ryan Williams, Hudson County CS Advocacy group
- Sam Rosenthal, Rutgers-VTC
- Syd Chan
- Thom Stead, DVRPC
- Tom DiBiase, Michael Baker
- Warren Michelsen
- William Riviere, NJDOT
- William Yarzab, NJTPA/Street Smart
- Yosy Cosme, NJDOT

Meeting notes:

1. Presentation by Mike Manzella on Jersey City's work to achieve zero deaths on city-owned roadways; slides available [here](#).

- a. After the presentation, members asked questions about specific design elements and the level of success of different implementation strategies. Members also asked about the cost difference between a conventional vertical delineator and a delineator installed with a Tuff Curb™; the role and effectiveness of enforcement; and the functionality of Zicla elements in varied weather conditions.
- b. To reduce the likelihood of pushback and complaints, Jersey City worked with communities when starting the pilot programs to get feedback early. They then worked with districts to gather input from businesses and to help show them the benefits. After some time, many businesses identified the positive trade-off of the bike lane versus a car parked in front of their store.
- c. Via, an app-based microtransit service program, is a cost for the city. The subsidy is upwards of \$10 per rider, making it costlier than conventional bus transit but less expensive than paratransit.
- d. People get used to protected bike lanes and will eventually come to accept them. The city did not get overall negative feedback, but there is still work to be done on the designs.
- e. For any questions, please reach out to Mike Manzella at mmanzella@jcnj.org.

2. Additional Discussion topics:

- a. DVRPC is hosting open houses for the Trenton bike plan on April 25th and May 7th. Reach out to Cassidy Boulan, DVRPC, cboulan@dvrpc.org, if interested.
 - b. The New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition will kick off a new network of advocates—the Streets Are for Everyone (SAFE) Network—with Friday courses, cycling training, and other tutorials. The first SAFE Network meeting is Wednesday, March 29, at noon via zoom. Its topic will be how local advocates can incorporate the Safe System Approach with Vision Zero initiatives. Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtfumtpz4tE9cQ7r2G61wneshO-uMzLret>
- Ranjit Walia, Civic Eye Collaborative, had an update from the Safety Subcommittee. He will be reaching out to his list of subcommittee members who expressed interest in joining a review committee for updates to the Bike Safety Enforcement program. The committee will evaluate the BSEE program and its content and decide how the material can be improved, including updating some materials on Title 39 and revising presentations that have been used for law enforcement education.
 - Bergen County is offering classes for police officers about laws related to cyclists and pedestrians provided by the Brain Injury Alliance. Brain Injury Alliance is looking for five more counties this year. **Will Yarzab, Street Smart**, will be sending out the flyer by email.