



**NJ BPAC General Meeting
December 3, 2025, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Zoom Online Meeting**

Executive Committee:

Elise Bremer- Nei (NJDOT) | Leigh Ann Von Hagen (Rutgers-VTC) | Andrea Lubin (NJTIP) | Cassidy Boulan (DVRPC) | Open Position (SJTPO) | John Boyle (BCGP) | Michael Dannemiller (NJ TRANSIT) | Keith Hamas (NJTPA) | Anne Heasley (Sustainable Jersey) | Debra Kagan (NJBWC) | Loretta Kelly (NJDOH) | Open Position (NJDEP) | Byron Nicholas (Hudson County) | Open Position (NJMVC) | Mackenzie Piggott (NJDEP) | Open Position (TMA) | Jen Buison (NJ TRANSIT) | Michael Rizol (DHTS) | Open Position (Environmental Justice/Equity)

Subcommittee Chairs:

Keith Hamas, Chair, Safety Subcommittee, khamas@njtpa.org,
Michael Dannemiller, Chair, Design & Infrastructure Subcommittee, mdannemiller@njtransit.com
Lyndsey Scofield, Chair, Policy Subcommittee, lscofield@jcnj.org

General Meeting Notes:

The meeting began at 9:30 am with **Leigh Ann Von Hagen** welcoming everyone and introducing **Elise Bremer-Nei** to share updates from the New Jersey Department of Transportation on the following topics:

- **New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan:** The Draft Final New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan was approved by the State Planning Commission and is available on the Office of Planning Advocacy website.
- **2025 New Jersey Strategic Highway Safety Plan:** The Strategic Highway Safety Plan is entering the implementation phase. The plan is structured around the six key principles and five core elements of the Safe System Approach. The first implementation meeting was on November 7th. For more details, visit: <https://www.saferoadsforallnj.com/>.
- **Update of the 2016 New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan:** NJDOT and NV5 have completed a final Phase 1 draft scoping report providing recommendations for the update of the draft scoping report for update of the 2016 New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The final deliverables are under review at NJDOT.
- **Update to second edition of the New Jersey School Zone Design Guide:** NJDOT, NV5, and Toole Design group are working on an update that incorporates additional national guidance based on the December 2023 release of the 11th edition of the MUTCD. The School Zone Design Guide will be reorganized with new photos, graphics, and content that reflect current laws, regulations, and best practices. It is scheduled for completion in Spring 2026.

- **Update to the New Jersey Bicycling Manual:** NJDOT, NV5, and Toole Design group are working on an update to the NJ Bicycling Manual originally developed in 2010 to help people understand how to bike safely on New Jersey roadways. The update will reflect new laws, additional bicycle types, and new bike facility types. It is scheduled for completion in Spring 2026.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Studies** are continuing to be conducted by NJDOT and consultants:
 - a. A study in Clayton that supports the local Complete Streets Committee in advancing their economic development strategy, incorporate recommendations in pedestrian and bicycle connections, and addresses traffic issues along Route 47 is wrapping up.
 - b. A study in Hackensack uses crash and traffic data to evaluate potential bicycle lanes and recommend safety countermeasures. It is scheduled for completion in Spring 2026.
 - c. A districtwide school travel plan is moving forward in Collingswood.
- **Complete Streets**
 - a. As part of the SJTPO Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program, Cross County Connection worked with Pennsville Township to install two temporary crosswalks with painted curb extensions. The demonstration will be removed December 10th. Rutgers-VTC is working with Pennsville to recommend permanent safety improvements as part of a bicycle corridor report.
 - b. Highland Park has updated its Complete Streets policy to include model Complete and Green Streets language. A full list of Complete Streets policies in New Jersey can be found [here](#).

Leigh Ann Von Hagen provided NJ Target Zero Commission updates:

- The Target Zero Commission has been working to develop the Target Zero Action Plan. Rutgers-VTC was asked to convene a working group, coordinate with the commission, and develop the action plan. The Working Group kicked off in April, with six Working Group meetings between April and September.
- The draft Target Zero Safety Action Plan has been completed. The core of the plan is comprised of action tables, with 72 actions drawn from over 120 submissions. There are 40 non-legislative actions and 32 legislative actions. They are organized around the Safe System Approach objectives, along with two additional objectives created with the Working Group.
- The Action Plan also details next steps, which include a detailed implementation plan, how to measure progress, strengthening Target Zero Commission administration, and a focus list of eight actions for initial implementation.
- The Action Plan and the newly released High Injury Network can be found here: <https://dot.nj.gov/targetzero/>.
- Rutgers-VTC received public comments at the December 1st public meeting that it will develop into recommendations for the Commission, who will decide if further edits are needed. The Commission plans to adopt the Plan this month.
- **Union County** asked about bringing the Plan to new Governor-elect Mikie Sherrill amidst turnover. **Somerset County Planning** asked if Rutgers-VTC knows anyone in the Governor-elect's transition team.
- **Leigh Ann Von Hagen** noted that there is momentum in pushing the Action Plan forward. **NJBWC** shared Governor-elect Mikie Sherrill's [Public Input Survey](#).

Michael Baker International noted that they along with **WSP** and **Drive Engineering** are doing a regional active transportation plan for **SJTPO**. **Michael Baker International** asked for more input on a public survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJTPOATPesp>.

Leigh Ann Von Hagen introduced **James Sinclair**, who provided an update about the 2026 NJ Complete Streets Summit:

- Funded by NJDOT, the 2026 Summit will be held on Tuesday April 21, 2026, at the Rutgers College Avenue Student Center. Registration will open in January. Registration is limited to 300 people.
- This will be the 8th Complete Streets Summit, which has been held roughly every other year since 2013.
- The Summit has two goals: to celebrate the success stories within New Jersey and to create a forum for knowledge exchange.
- The 2023 Summit centered around [Complete Streets for Complete Communities](#).
- Rutgers-VTC is currently working with the steering committee to come up with topics and speakers. If participants want to be part of a panel, they can reach out.
- Two kinds of awards are presented at the Summit: Complete Streets Excellence Awards, which are given to municipalities, organizations, or individual projects that have demonstrated excellence in Complete Streets Implementation; and Complete Streets Champions Awards, which are presented to individuals, groups, or teams that have demonstrated commitment to advancing Complete Streets in their communities. A [list of previous winners](#) can be found here.
- A [Qualtrics](#) is available to nominate people for these awards. Nominations are open until December 19th. Champions cannot be funded by NJDOT.

James Sinclair introduced **Sam Rosenthal and Gabbie Cain**, who presented on [New Jersey Municipal Micromobility Policies](#):

- This project is an extension of [NJ Micromobility Guide](#) work, which was released earlier this year.
- There are 11 different categories of micromobility devices, based on how devices are classified under Title 39. The rules governing micromobility devices can be confusing, and NJMVC recently updated its website to provide clarity.
- Municipalities operate within the state-level Title 39, which defines and categorizes micromobility devices, sets statewide equipment and safety standards, enforces statewide traffic laws, and distinguishes between types of micromobility.
- Class 1 and 2 e-bikes are the most common, which are capped at a maximum assisted speed of 20 mph. Class 3 e-bikes are classified differently, falling under the definition of motorized bicycle and requiring licensing and registration.
- Municipal ordinances can still shape micromobility use. Municipalities have some local authority over municipally owned streets, sidewalks, parks, and trails. Nonetheless, municipal ordinances should be aligned with Title 39.
- Municipal ordinance priority focus areas include:
 - a. Riding behavior and parking
 - b. Age requirements
 - c. Time restrictions and speed limits for municipally owned roads, trails, and boardwalks
 - d. Charging and storage
 - e. Licensing and registration for personal devices and delivery workers

- Best practices for municipal and school micromobility policies are still emerging, but the research suggests that policies should focus on promoting safe riding and charging practices without relying on punitive enforcement or creating barriers to access.
- **BCGP** shared an Interactive Municipal E-Mobility App: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1ufLhj4Hx3madlfvYWMTfUISTPjPPSaY&ll=40.057097564075264%2C-74.075375901117&z=8>
- **Rutgers-VTC** shared this blog: <https://www.saferoutesnj.org/protecting-young-e-bike-riders-advice-for-parents-students-and-communities/>

BCGP noted that no shore town boardwalks are open to e-bikes at any time: the municipalities have a year-round ban. **BCGP** also points out the confusion of having different e-bike regulations in different municipalities, especially when they border each other.

Leigh Ann Von Hagen opened the subcommittee breakout rooms at 10:22 am. *(See subcommittee notes for additional information.)*

Subcommittee participants returned to the general meeting at 11:14 am.

Subcommittee chairs reported back:

Mike Dannemiller, NJT reported back for the Design Subcommittee. This group primarily discussed the Target Zero High Injury Network, but also touched on speed and parking enforcement through cameras. Topics proposed for the coming year include what is and is not green infrastructure, stormwater rules, transit lanes, and bicycle/pedestrian and IDD/ASD accommodations at intersections.

Keith Hamas, NJTPA reported back for the Safety Subcommittee. This group reviewed the Target Zero action tables and Actions for Initial Implementation, emphasizing the importance of unified education and a rapid response program for responding to crashes.

Lyndsey Scofield, City of Jersey City reported back for the Policy Subcommittee. This group discussed the need for multiple levels of regulation for micromobility and e-bikes, including consumer-side education and manufacturer regulation. They discussed how the speed of micromobility devices often lead to conflicts. Automated speed enforcement and intelligent speed assistance were discussed as tools for reducing speeds.

Public comments and announcements:

Elise Bremer-Nei, NJDOT shared a link to [Bill S4834](#), Sen Scutari's e-bike bill, which would require a license to operate low-speed (class 1 and 2) e-bikes. The bill is being heard in the Senate Transportation Committee on [12/4 at 11am](#).

NJBWC shared the registration for the [SAFE Network Webinar](#) discussing e-bike legislation. The webinar will occur on December 15, at 1:00 pm.

Leigh Ann Von Hagen called attention to the 2026 Safe Routes Academy. February 2026's BPAC meeting is also open for registration.

NJBWC mentioned that New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition will be hosting its 15th Annual NJ Bike & Walk Summit on Saturday March 7 at the Crowne Plaza, Princeton - Conference Center. Proposals can be submitted by 5 PM on December 30, 2025 using this [link](#).

Union County shared a reminder for the [TransAction Conference](#), held April 14, 15 and 16, 2026.

Deep Cycle noted that infrastructure like bicycle lanes is often not considered as part of reducing crashes.

New Jersey Future mentioned that VMT reduction is not explicitly adopted as a Target Zero goal and suggested that many of the Target Zero actions reduce VMT and reduce New Jersey's carbon footprint in turn, and that they share these findings with the point people for VMT reduction.

Leigh Ann Von Hagen responded that the Target Zero Commission is still accepting comments.

New Jersey Future commented on the update to the [State Plan](#), noting that development has trended toward more compact development. The references section offers valuable resources.

NJBWC mentioned an AARP Event that **NJBWC** held in Newark in October. The event hosted over 500 seniors and explored the opportunity to keep people active as they age.

Michael Baker International shared a [study](#) which showed that Waymo taxis were more safe than regular drivers in San Francisco.

The meeting ended at 11:48 am.

Attendees:

- Leigh Ann Von Hagen, Rutgers-VTC
- Sean Meehan, Rutgers-VTC
- James Sinclair, Rutgers-VTC
- Samuel Rosenthal, Rutgers-VTC
- Andrew Olsen, Rutgers-VTC
- Mrudhula Sai Boppey, Rutgers-VTC
- Gabbie Cain, Rutgers-VTC
- Analise Draghi, Rutgers-VTC
- Elise Bremer-Nei, NJDOT
- Michael Dannemiller, NJ TRANSIT
- Keith Hamas, NJTPA
- Linda Rapacki, NJ TIP
- Paul Mickiewicz, NJBWC
- Bettina Zimny, NV5
- Chris Townley, Middlesex County Planning
- Peter Bilton, NJTPA
- Syd Chan, Newark Traffic Safety Coalition
- Liza Betz, Union County
- Mackenzi Piggott, NJDEP
- John Boyle, BCGP
- Loretta Kelly, NJDOH
- Mike Viscardi, NJ TRANSIT
- Lyndsey Scofield, City of Jersey City
- Antonio Scanziani, Monmouth County
- William Riviere, NJDOT
- David Agosto-Ginsberg, NJDOT
- Corey Hannigan, TSTC
- Eric Vladimir, Dewberry Engineers
- Peter Kremer, Michael Baker International
- Mike Manzella, City of Jersey City
- Laura Cerutti, NJ DHTS
- Reese Lewin, RideWise TMA
- Richard Rabinowitz, NJDOT
- Kenneth Wedeen, Somerset County Planning
- Sarah Chelli, RideWise TMA
- Dan Hutton, STV
- John Wheeler
- Cory Hopwood, Cambridge Systematics
- Tim Evans, New Jersey Future
- David Verdia, NV5
- Jen Farris, DVRPC
- Tiffany Robinson, NJBWC
- Michael Elling, Deep Cycle
- Marissa Rodriguez, NJ DHTS
- Michael Russo, McCormick Taylor
- Danielle Baer, Urban Engineers
- Christopher Paige, FHWA
- Trevor Howard, City of Newark
- Andrew Lappitt, Michael Baker International
- Evan Mabin, NJDOT

- Olivia Allegra, RideWise TMA
- Ramond Joseph, NJDCA
- Ayla Schermer, Federal Transit Administration
- Kathleen Ebert, GMTMA