



NJ BPAC General Meeting
June 3, 2026, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Zoom Online Meeting

Executive Committee:

Elise Bremer-Nei (NJDOT) | Leigh Ann Von Hagen (Rutgers-VTC) | Cassidy Boulan (DVRPC) | Michael Dannemiller (NJ Transit) | Peter Bilton (NJTPA) | Jennifer Marandino (SJTPD) | Anne Heasley (Sustainable Jersey) | Debra Kagan (NJBWC) | John Boyle (BCGP) | Loretta Kelly (NJDOH) | Andrea Lubin (NJTIP) | Jacqueline Moskowitz (NJDDS) | Byron Nicholas (Hudson County) | Open Position (NJMVC) | Mackenzie Piggott (NJDEP) | Chris Gonda (KMM) | Michael Rizol (DHTS) | Open Position (Environmental Justice/Equity)

Subcommittee Chairs:

Peter Bilton, Chair, Safety Subcommittee
Michael Dannemiller, Chair, Design & Infrastructure Subcommittee
Lyndsey Scofield, Chair, Policy Subcommittee

General Meeting Notes:

The meeting began at 9:30am with **Leigh Ann Von Hagen (Rutgers-VTC)** welcoming everyone and introducing the **New Jersey Bike Walk Coalition (NJBWC)** to provide an update. She also provided a brief overview of the meeting's agenda and housekeeping notes were discussed, followed by introducing **Elise Bremer-Nei (NJDOT)**.

NJBWC announced that this upcoming Saturday, June 6th, they are hosting a Greenway Walk and Visioning Session in Bloomfield for National Trails Day.

Elise Bremer-Nei (NJDOT) began welcoming members to the meeting, the second meeting of 2026. Updates included:

1. **NJ Strategic Highway Safety Plan:** The 2025 Strategic Highway Safety Plan is in the implementation phase. The plan was structured around the six key principles and five core elements of the Safe System Approach adopted in recent years by the USDOT. The needs of vulnerable roadway users like bicyclists and pedestrians are addressed throughout. Elise and **Jelena Lasko (NJDOT)** are part of the Safer People, Safer Speeds Team, led by **Mike Rizol, (NJ DHTS)** and assisted by **Lisa Lee (EZ Ride TMA)**. One priority action is to increase speed enforcement in all jurisdictions. Elise is leading an action to prioritize Complete Streets design on all roadway projects. One of the deliverables is additional resources to increase the number of high-quality Complete Streets policies in the state. Another is to document and publicize

successful demonstration projects across New Jersey. For more details on the SHSP and how to get involved, please visit the [NJ SHSP website](#).

2. **NJ Active Transportation Plan:** NJDOT received stakeholder input during focus groups last year on implementing a safe, convenient, statewide, non-motorized network and the Request for Proposals for New Jersey's Active Transportation Plan is almost finalized. Look for an announcement regarding the Plan later this summer.
3. **School Zone Design Guide Update:** NJDOT, NV5, and Toole Design Group are currently working on the update and 2nd Edition of the New Jersey School Zone Design Guide. This update will incorporate additional national guidance based on the December 2023 release of the 11th edition of the MUTCD and the latest update to the AASHTO Bike Guide. The guide will also be reorganized with new photos and enhanced graphics, and content that reflects current laws, regulations, and best practices.
4. **NJ Bicycling Manual Update:** NJDOT, NV5, and Toole Design Group are working on the update to the New Jersey Bicycling Manual, originally developed in 2010 to help people understand how to bicycle safely on New Jersey roadways. Information will reflect modern bicycling conditions, including current laws (such as the Safe Passing Law), additional bicycle types (such as cargo bikes), and new or unfamiliar facility types (protected bike lanes, bike boxes). In addition to updated material, the layout and the content will be more concise, user-friendly, and accessible to both the public and to law enforcement. Focus group meetings were held to gather input on the update, and NV5 collected feedback from the BPAC Safety and Design subcommittees at our last meeting back in February. The project team plans to present the final product at the September BPAC meeting.

NJDOT and NV5 requested images of bicycles, bicycle parts, bicycle infrastructure, and bicyclists in a variety of scenarios suitable for inclusion in the manual. Photos can be sent to Collin Rieger at NV5 via email at Collin.Rieger@nv5.com.

5. **Local Bike Ped Planning Assistance:** In May, NV5 completed the Borough of Clayton Complete Streets Planning Study was completed in May and the Collingswood SRTS Travel Plan will be finalized in the coming weeks. The Hackensack Bike Plan was also presented to the City in May and is pending a final review.
6. **Transit Village Initiative:** NJDOT and NJ TRANSIT partner on two related programs, the Transit Village initiative and the Transit-Friendly Planning Program. The Transit Village Task Force is reviewing applications that would allow two communities to be designated as Transit Villages and receive state-funded grants to implement projects that improve access to transit facilities. NJDOT and NJT have provided technical assistance to two additional towns, Netcong and Plainfield. The event: TOD in Your Downtown Forum- Let's Get the Conversation Started, will be held on June 4th at NJ Transit's Town Hall at 2 Gateway in Newark at 9:30 AM.

For information on both programs, please visit the [Transit Village Initiative](#) and the [Transit-Friendly Planning Program](#), webpages.

7. **Safe Routes Academy at the NJ Bike and Walk Summit:** In March, the NJ Bike & Walk Coalition hosted the 2026 New Jersey Bike & Walk Summit. As part of the Summit, the NJDOT Safe Routes to School Resource Center presented two Safe Routes Academy sessions. *Start with the School Zone* focused on why people looking to make their community safer for walking and bicycling should focus on school zones. It highlighted best practices for improving school zone safety, both long-term infrastructure projects as well as ideas for short-term, low-cost changes that can still have a big impact. *Rethinking our Roads with Youth Leadership*, focused on effective and meaningful strategies for engaging young people as true partners in transportation planning. Both sessions were well attended. More information can be found on the [NJ Safe Routes website](#).
8. **NJTPA Complete Streets Technical Assistance:** The NJTPA is currently working with four municipalities in their Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program. Fort Lee, Leonia and Pompton Lakes are assessing corridors to recommend safety improvements, while Ship Bottom is creating a bicycle plan. The program supports municipalities by providing them with knowledge, skills and resources to develop Complete Streets solutions. The program convenes key stakeholders to address local safety concerns and develop potential solutions using a collaborative, community-based approach. Technical assistance is provided with support from Sustainable Jersey and the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers University. Please visit the [NJTPA Complete Streets Technical Assistance webpage](#) to learn more about the program.
9. **Local Complete Streets Policies:** Since the last BPAC meeting in February, two New Jersey municipalities have updated their Complete Streets policies. Egg Harbor City has updated their 2012 policy to include both Complete and Green Streets model language and checklists. The Borough of Watchung has adopted their first Complete Streets resolution. A comprehensive list of all Complete Streets policies in New Jersey is posted on the [Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center website](#).
10. **BPAC Executive Council Updates:** The committee is looking to fill two vacant positions on the BPAC Executive Council, one from the Motor Vehicle Commission and one from NJDEP.

Samuel Rosenthal (Rutgers-VTC) shared a recap of the 2026 Complete Streets Summit:

- The 2026 New Jersey Complete Streets Summit, sponsored by NJDOT, was held at the Rutgers College Avenue Student Center on April 21. It happens every other year. The 2026 Summit was a resounding success, bringing together more than 250 planners, engineers, students, municipal leaders, and advocates from across the state. It included six breakout sessions, a panel presentation, and a keynote address from Veronica Davis. Topics included modern approaches to Complete Streets, Safety Action Plans, Transit-Oriented Development, inclusive mobility, and connected greenway networks. NJDOT also presented Champion and Excellence awards to individuals, teams, and communities that have demonstrated commitment to advancing Complete Streets.
- To learn more about the 2026 Complete Streets Summit, access links to presentation slides, event photos, and find more information about the awards, visit the [NJDOT BPRC website](#). A [blog article](#) recapping the event is also available.

- In the next few weeks, the Bike Ped Resource Center expects to release a Summit summary report which will recap the event in greater detail. For any questions about the Summit, feel free to contact **Sam Rosenthal (Rutgers-VTC)**.

Following the update, **Sam Rosenthal (Rutgers-VTC)** introduced **Jenna Monaghan (SJTPO)**, **Tanner Thul (Hudson County)**, and **Vijayant Rajvanshi (Middlesex County)** to discuss County Safety Action Plans.

Jenna Monaghan began the presentation with **SJTPO's Local Road Safety Plan Process**.

- Guided by the Safe Systems Approach, the process includes both municipal and county officials to develop data-driven plans that identify issues and areas of improvements on county and municipal roadways.
- The Local Road Safety Plans focus on **five “emphasis areas”** driven by crash attributes that were most common. These included: pedestrians and bicyclists, intersections, lane departures, aggressive drivers, and drowsy and distracted drivers.
- **Atlantic County** was selected as an example during the presentation.
- Their plan combined a **“hot spot approach”** and a **systemic approach**.
- Systemic treatment priorities included **installing mid-block crossings at 14 locations, new crosswalks at 4 locations, and upgrading existing crosswalks at 253 locations**.
- **10 high-crash corridors/ intersections and 271 systemic treatment locations** were identified for infrastructure improvements in Atlantic County.
- **Public awareness campaigns, educating new drivers, and education in schools** were also identified as priorities.

Tanner Thul (Hudson County) discussed **Hudson County's Vision Zero and Safety Action Campaign**.

- The **2025 Plan's Themes and Actions included**: 1) change the culture of traffic safety, 2) design and build streets that are safe for everyone, 3) partner and collaborate, and 4) enhance transit and active transportation.
- The plan has over **90 action items**, with **34 actions** proposed for 2025.
- Year One Progress: **17 action items** approved and **14 actions** labeled in progress.
- The **River Road Bike Lane** and **14th Street Viaduct Shared Use Path** were highlighted as examples of year-one capital projects.
- Hudson County's plan also focused on improving access and safety through policy and grants. **Expanding greenways/green connectivity**, using the **NJDOT Bikeway Grant**, and **land development regulations** are identified in the plan.
- Engagement projects and strategies were also identified including a **Park(ing) Day**, a **walkability audit** in West New York, a **bus rapid transit study**, and the creation of a **public engagement plan**.

Vijayant Rajvanshi (Middlesex County) presented Middlesex County's ongoing implementation related to the **Middlesex County Vision Zero Action Plan** and other safety initiatives.

- Work on the County's **Vision Zero Action Plan** began following the creation of the **Destination 2040 Strategic Plan** for Middlesex County.
- A **high-injury network** using **indicators of potential disadvantage** was created to identify areas most at risk for crashes.
- Middlesex County is currently using **NJDOT's Model Complete and Green Streets Policy** to draft a policy for Middlesex County, with the idea to **“establish a continuous complete streets network”**.

- In 2025, **road safety audits** were completed on **five corridors** in Middlesex County.
- Several projects in Middlesex County are being funded by various grants, including **Ryder's Lane Shared-Use Path** (Congressional earmark funding), the **Oak Tree Road Safety Improvements** (TASA funds), **Ryder's Lane Pedestrian and Safety Enhancements** (BUILD Grant-application pending), and the **Vision Zero Action Plan Update** (SS4A Grant-application pending).
- The **DataCity Autonomous & Smart Mobility Initiative** was also highlighted. As of April 2025, there are **14 DataCity TestBed sites** in New Brunswick. The **DataCity Control Center** (currently in Piscataway, future home will be the HELIX in New Brunswick) is the control center for the initiative. The DataCity Initiative will be expanded to other points in Middlesex County, becoming a central component to every new intersection reconstruction project in the county.
- Middlesex County is also introducing pilot programs focused on improving roadway safety. The **School Zone Pedestrian Safety Pilot** and the **Jersey Ave at Hale Street Intersection Pilot** were highlighted.

Following the presentation, **Leigh Ann Von Hagen (Rutgers-VTC)** gave a brief overview of the subcommittee agendas. Attendees were sent to subcommittee rooms at 10:30am.

(See subcommittee notes for additional information).

Subcommittee participants returned to the general meeting at 11:15 am.

Michael Dannemiller (NJ TRANSIT) reported back that the Design Subcommittee had a show-and-tell of participants' favorite designs. Examples included Pompton Valley Trail that provides transit access to Mountain View station, the Pink Path in Auckland, New Zealand, lighting in Philadelphia at Race Street Pier and 6th Street underpass under I-95, the Scudder Falls Bridge, and a forest trail with tactile elements demonstrating accessible design. A crushed stone trail surface can be ADA compliant; you do not need concrete. Raised relief can be an interpretive design feature. South Korea, in Seoul, was also brought up as an example from a highway being converted to a bike/ped path with provisions for pedestrians to get off the path in the event of flooding.

Peter Bilton (NJTPA) reported that the Safety Subcommittee continued the County Action Safety Plan discussion with a Q&A. The subcommittee discussed the challenges in tracking performance measures for Safety Action Plans and safety efforts, with participants raising the question of how to effectively track the inclusion of safety measures in ongoing projects. Next, participants discussed the challenges of maintaining and supporting implementation committees, with TMAs and advocates highlighted as key partners in this effort. Trauma centers and their outreach programs were highlighted as a potential partner in safety information and education outreach, as they are required to outreach to schools and communities. Trauma centers also collect and provide data nationally and to the state, with CHOP in Philadelphia previously having had a big role in processing and making the data available. **Hannah Younes (Rutgers-VTC)** shared some of her research and recent work on the subject. The discussion concluded with demonstration project metrics, specifically on what metrics currently exist and the importance of including metrics that are practical and fit a projects' scope.

Lyndsey Scofield (Jersey City) reported that the Policy Subcommittee started with a brief discussion on the School Zone Automated Enforcement and Safety Act, a pilot program for automated enforcement in school zones. A large amount of the Policy Subcommittee was spent discussing E-bike legislation, noting that there is still a lack of clarity on what is enforceable, especially with the different classes of e-bikes. The subcommittee also talked through the new Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill at the federal level about what will and will not be included in the bill. The subcommittee ended with a conversation about the challenges coming from the federal level. It is important to be creative with local

funding sources, like Local Aid through NJDOT for multimodal projects and some potential collaboration on resources or webinars to help municipalities and counties navigate funding issues.

Elise Bremer-Nei (NJDOT) provided closing remarks, thanked everyone for participating, and highlighted the importance of BPAC with the role it plays in providing better bicycle and pedestrian systems in the state. Again, there was a request to submit photos for the bicycle manual update.

Leigh Ann Von Hagen (Rutgers-VTC) gave a reminder to register for September and December BPAC meetings and adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

Attendees (59):

- Leigh Ann Von Hagen, Rutgers-VTC
- Elise Bremer-Nei, NJDOT
- Lauren Barnett, Rutgers-VTC
- Noah Bendell, Rutgers-VTC
- Isha Gupte, Rutgers-VTC
- Bobby Johnson, Rutgers-VTC
- Sean Meehan, Rutgers-VTC
- James Sinclair, Rutgers-VTC
- Samuel Rosenthal, Rutgers-VTC
- Gregory Woltman, Rutgers-VTC
- Hannah Younes, Rutgers-VTC
- Hailey Anilonis, NJDOT
- Felix Ban, NJDOT
- Liza Betz
- Vibhuti Bhimani, McCormick Taylor, Inc.
- Peter Bilton, NJTPA
- John Boyle, Bike Coalition of Greater Philadelphia
- Elliott Carlson, Michael Baker International
- Laura Cerutti, NJ DHTS
- Tamira Chambliss, NJ DHTS
- Syd Chan, City of Newark
- Delmy Cruz, Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey
- Mike Dannemiller, NJTRANSIT
- Erik DeLine, Borough of Glen Ridge
- Thomas DiBase, Michael Baker International
- Maureen Donnelly, Southern NJ Safe Kids
- Kathleen Ebert, Greater Mercer TMA
- Bill England, Camden County
- Tim Evans, New Jersey Future
- Jen Farris, DVRPC
- Michele Geiger, Cross County Connection TMA
- Christopher Gonda, Keep Middlesex Moving TMA
- Keith Hamas, Jacobs Engineering
- Meghna Hari, Middlesex County
- Anne Heasley, Sustainable Jersey
- Cory Hopwood, Cambridge Systematics
- Jessica Johnson, Avenues in Motion TMA
- Gary Kahn, NJMVC
- Andrew Lappitt, Michael Baker International
- Jelena Lasko, NJDOT
- Lisa Lee, EZ Ride TMA
- Reese Lewin, RideWise TMA
- Evan Mabin, NJDOT
- Kristen McLaughlin, Cross County Connections TMA
- Paul Mickiewicz, NJBWC
- Jenna Monaghan, SJPTO
- Jacqui Moskowitz, NJDHS
- Kate O'Connor, Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey
- Mackenzie Piggott, NJDEP
- Vijayant Rajvanshi, Middlesex County
- Linda Rapacki, NJTIP
- William Riviere, NJDOT
- Tiffany Robinson, NJBWC
- Noelle Santos, Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey
- Polli Schildge, Asbury Park Complete Streets Coalition

- Lyndsey Scofield, Jersey City
- Tanner Thul, Hudson County
- Mike Viscardi, NJTRANSIT

- John Wheeler
- Bettina Zimmy, NV5