



BPAC Safety Subcommittee Meeting
June 3, 2026, 10:30 am to 11:10 am
Online Zoom Meeting

Attendance (in chat):

Peter Bilton, NJTPA (Chair)

Sean Meehan, Rutgers-VTC
Hannah Younes, Rutgers-VTC
Noah Bendell, Rutgers-VTC
Jeremy Badach, St. Joseph's UMC
Elise Bremer-Nei, NJDOT
Laura Cerutti, NJDHTS
Tamira Chambliss, NJDHTS
Delmy Cruz, BIANJ
Luis Delgado, Hudson TMA
Maureen Donnelly, Safe Kids Southern NJ
Kathleen Ebert, GMTMA

Jen Farris, DVRPC
Christopher Gonda, KMM TMA
Keith Hamas, Jacobs Engineering Group
Cory Hopwood, Cambridge
Andrew Lappitt, Michael Baker
Jenna Monaghan, SJTPO
Jacquelline Moskowitz, NJ Division of Disability
Services
Linda Rapacki, NJTIP
Noelle Santos, BIANJ
Tanner Thul, Hudson County
John Wheeler

Topics on the Agenda

- **County Safety Action Plan Discussion**
- **Demonstration Project Evaluation Metrics**

Meeting Notes:

- **Peter Bilton** welcomed everyone and began the discussion by inviting questions on the presentations made by SJTPO and Hudson County on their safety action plans and asked the presenters if there was anything else they wanted to say that was not in the presentations.
- **SJTPO** discussed how their safety planning process had to consider county resource constraints and sources of funding. New Target Zero commission and high-injury network guidelines are changing how funding is being distributed.

- **Jacobs Engineering Group** discussed how they had previously worked on safety action plans and had some difficulty with early implementation steps. They then asked **SJTPO** and **Hudson County** about best practices for tracking safety action plan implementation. They note that it can be difficult to get infrastructure projects off the ground.
 - **Hudson County** responded that because projects are federally funded, they have very long delivery horizons. They recommended incorporating Vision Zero principals into ongoing projects. As an example, are there any easy safety improvements that can be included in a road resurfacing project?
 - **SJTPO** stated that they try to encourage counties and municipalities to include safety ideas in everyday projects. They also recommended having a standard list of questions to ask for any given project. They then emphasized better communication across departments and agencies to keep track of what safety programs are already going on, e.g., police departments doing safety trainings at local high schools. They said that their counties have agreed to regular meetings to better coordinate with partners.
- **NJTPA** discussed how tracking safety routinely comes up a lot in Complete Streets planning. Not all road projects fall under Complete Streets, so it is often hard to track whether they are conforming to best safety practices.
 - **Hudson County** has been working on adapting their standard checklist for Complete Streets projects to be used for all other Hudson County road projects.
- **DVRPC** talked about how they have been helping Trenton with SS4A planning and are encountering similar issues with initiating and tracking projects. They asked **SJTPO** if they have noticed patterns in where municipalities are getting stuck.
 - **SJTPO** answered that when you don't have money to give/offer counties and municipalities, it is harder to ask them to do the work of tracking minor safety improvements.
 - **Hudson County** added that one of their biggest successes has been finding someone who is well connected with relevant agencies and partners and can help coordinate efforts. They cited Hudson TMA as good example.
 - **Hudson TMA** noted that many partners organizations are just not aware of Vision Zero and Complete Streets and other safety policies and priorities.
 - **DVRPC** confirmed that **GMTMA** has been very helpful with Mercer County's action plan.
- **St. Joseph's Health (Paterson)** noted that many trauma centers are well connected with their communities and are eager to help with safety education and outreach programs. They also reported that they recently held a statewide meeting to discuss trauma and injury prevention and that similar meetings are held frequently. They said that existing trauma data is currently being underutilized and they are interested in making it more accessible.
 - **VTC** asked what happened to the New Jersey Safety and Health Outcomes (NJ-SHO) Center for Integrated Data. **St Joseph's** answered that New Jersey's injury data system is

currently in transition as it had previously been stored by CHOP, but may be stored by Rutgers in the future, and that they were not aware of anyone accessing data for research.

- **DHTS** added that the system is currently being reworked and the state's data warehouse has not been updated recently. They said they are very interested in incorporating post-accident care data into triennial Highway Safety Plan.
- **NJTPA** noted that the level of required anonymization required can make medical data difficult to use for research on smaller geographies.
- **NJTPA** brought up the goal of developing common performance and evaluation metrics for demonstration projects in county action plans.
 - **NJDOT** invited input on evaluation metrics noting that their current default metrics were those from the Bloomberg website.
 - **Jacobs Engineering Group** suggested that demonstration projects should be included in early action plan tracking steps.
 - **NJTPA** suggested using the Jersey City traffic calming toolkit which also includes public space and community benefits and stronger safety emphasis.
 - **Hudson County** submitted an application for SS4A funding and left out demonstration projects because new federal guidelines may require full environmental review for them.
 - **Jacobs Engineering Group** suggested public engagement and public perception as important metrics, as they are often the primary purpose of demonstration projects. They also suggested government capacity building metrics.
 - **NJTPA** discussed how it is important to consider the level of effort and time required to collect data for what are supposed to be quick, low-cost demonstration projects. It is difficult to show crash reduction after a week or a month.
 - **KMM TMA** offered to reach out to other TMAs for their recommendations on evaluation metrics.
- **VTC** shared a presentation from the NJ Bike Walk coalition on crash data and links to the NJ SAFE Network May 2026 Webinar.
- **NJDOT** noted a well-written article about crossing guards who had recently been killed in New Jersey and the efforts to address the issue.