



NJ BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN RESOURCE CENTER

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Dear Readers,

Welcome to this issue of the NJ Walks and Bikes Newsletter funded by the NJ Department of Transportation. If you would like to learn more about the NJDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center, please visit us [here](#).

Join the next BPAC Meeting on December 3, 2025

General Meeting, 9:30 am – 11:30 am
coffee chat begins at 9:15 am

The New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council (BPAC) is coordinated by the Voorhees Transportation Center on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Transportation. BPAC is open to everyone.

To participate, please register using the following link:

[Join the next meeting.](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information on how to join the meeting.

To learn more about BPAC, please visit the [website here](#).
You can also contact James Sinclair at james.sinclair@ejb.rutgers.edu.

Free Complete Streets Technical Assistance



Applications now being accepted for NJTPA's Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program

To date, nearly 30 communities have participated in the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) [Complete Streets Technical Assistance \(CSTA\) Program](https://www.njtpa.org/completestreets). Will yours be next? Through the CSTA, municipalities in the NJTPA region gain practical help to create safe, accessible, and welcoming streets for everyone—whether you walk, bike, or drive. The application period is September 29 – November 7, 2025.

Get the details at: <https://www.njtpa.org/completestreets>.

Join NJTPA on **Wednesday, October 8 at 1:00 p.m.** for a webinar to learn how to apply for this free technical assistance. You'll also learn how other communities have successfully advanced local roadway improvements through this program.

[Register for the webinar](#)

From our friends at the NJDOT Safe Routes to School Resource Center



Back to School, Back to Safety: Let's Keep the Roads Safe for Everyone

As flip-flops are traded for sneakers, neighborhoods across New Jersey shift gears for the return to school. It's not just kids who are adjusting to new routines, it's drivers too. Drivers must reacquaint themselves with slower speeds, busier crosswalks, and the morning buzz of students moving through their communities. With the school year underway, mornings

and afternoons see a surge not only in vehicle traffic, but also increases in foot traffic, bicycles, buses, and more families on the move.

[Learn more here.](#)



Gottheimer Announces New E-Bike Safety Plan to Protect Children from Rise in E-Bike Crashes

U.S. Congressman Josh Gottheimer announced new federal action to protect children from the alarming rise in e-bike crashes, joined by local officials and first responders at Hackensack High School. Gottheimer unveiled his E-Bike Safety Plan, which includes new legislation to increase federal investments for states to create e-bike safety plans and increase public awareness around safe riding practices.

[Learn more here.](#)



More localities look at speed from a pedestrian's point of view

What do you consider the right speed for traffic on a neighborhood street? Your answer may depend on whether it's in your neighborhood or someone else's. Read on for insights from a Senior Research Transportation Engineer at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS)

Learn more here.



Exploring the Power of E-Bikes: Share Your Voice!

Rutgers researchers are studying how e-bike rebate programs could impact both current riders and potential new users. They are looking at:

- E-bike users: How does access to an e-bike affect your daily life and well-being?
- Non-users: Would a rebate make you more likely to get an e-bike? What's holding you back?

Your input will help shape future transportation policy and make e-bikes more accessible for everyone.

Take the survey!

**VTC Distinguished Lecture featuring
Dr. Erick Guerra**



VTC Distinguished Lecture


October 29, 2025

Author of *Overbuilt: The High Costs and Low Rewards of US Highway Construction*

Erick Guerra, PhD

Professor of City and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania

4:30 pm: Reception with light refreshments
5:00-6:00 pm: Lecture

 Gov. James J. Florio Special Events Forum at the Bloustein School Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Dr. Erick Guerra will explore how America's infrastructure legacy continues to shape our transportation future. Drawing from his new book, *Overbuilt: The High Costs and Low Rewards of US Highway Construction*.

[RSVP here](#)



Seaside Heights' Central Avenue Streetscape, Bike Lane Project Aims for 2027 Construction

A project discussed for years in Seaside Heights – the development of eye-pleasing streetscapes, safer traffic flow and bike lanes on Central Avenue – is “looking like a 2027 project,” Borough Administrator Christopher Vaz told Shorebeat.

The ambitious project was first discussed in 2022, when the borough's Central Avenue Improvement Plan was part of a \$2.9 million aid package made available to Seaside Heights to fund a number of initiatives to spur development and restore aging buildings and infrastructure in town

[Learn more here.](#)

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Improving Bike Safety in Hackensack, NJ: Have your Voice Heard

HACKENSACK, NJ – After seeing an increase in **e-bike crashes involving children**, Hackensack's Comprehensive Bicycle Safety Plan outlines the City's current bicycle infrastructure, noting at the last Mayor & City Council Meeting what measures are being put in place to keep cyclists safe.

[Learn more here.](#)



Cyclists Ask Westfield Council to Promote Awareness of NJ Safe Passing Law

WESTFIELD, NJ — If you didn't know that drivers are required to provide 4 feet of clearance when passing a cyclist or pedestrian in New Jersey, there was a large coalition of cycling clubs and community activists at Tuesday's town council meeting who came to raise awareness.

Westfield business owner and president of All On Cycling Club John Piszko led the discussion with a clear definition of the problem.

[Learn more here.](#)



Summit Council Approves New Sidewalks, Safety Features

SUMMIT, NJ — Members of the Summit Common Council approved new sidewalks and other safety features for Canoe Brook Parkway at Tuesday night's meeting.

Upgraded draining structures, inspection and repairs of sewers, a four-way stop, curb repairs, ADA sidewalk ramps, and crosswalk installations are all included in the plan. The construction is being funded through a project fund from a New Jersey Department of Transportation grant of \$1 million, along with other capital money.

[Learn more here.](#)



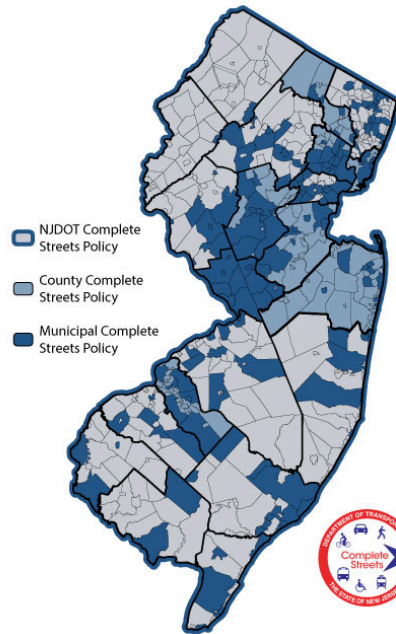
Reconstructed Wiltshire Park Pedestrian Bridge Reopens In East Windsor

EAST WINDSOR, NJ – Local leaders recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the newly reconstructed replacement for the Pedestrian Bridge, linking Wiltshire Park to Hickory Corner Road. The prior pedestrian bridge had to be closed for safety concerns and was no longer usable.

The project was funded by a \$1.3 state grant for park and recreation improvements, obtained by Mironov and Council Members with the support of 14th District legislators.

[Learn more here.](#)

Congratulations to Highland Park for updating their Complete Streets policy!



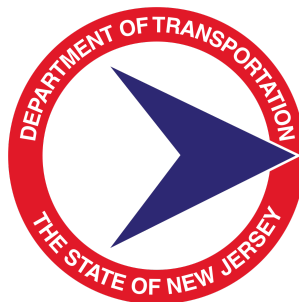
An up-to-date list of Complete Streets policies in New Jersey

There are currently **183** municipalities and **8** counties with Complete Streets policies in New Jersey.

This brings the total New Jersey population living in municipalities with Complete Streets policies to over 4 million people, or 46% of the population.

To access the most up-to-date list of Complete Streets policies adopted in the state, click the button!

[Click here for the complete list of policies.](#)



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