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 Us at the Next BPAC Meeting on June 3, 2026

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**.

2026 NJDOT Complete Streets Summit Recap



On Tuesday, April 21, 2026, the NJDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center hosted the eighth New Jersey Complete Streets Summit. This year's event, centered on the theme "Every Journey Safer," was a resounding success, bringing together more than 250 planners, engineers, students, municipal leaders, and advocates from across the state.



Attendees gathered to share ideas, exchange best practices, and explore how they can work collaboratively to support safer travel for all road users throughout New Jersey. Summit highlights included sessions on modern approaches to advancing Complete Streets, Safety Action Plans, Transit-Oriented Development, inclusive mobility, and connected greenway networks.

Learn more about the Summit here.

New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill Proclaims May 2026 as Bike Month and New Jersey Walk and Bike to School Month



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation; and

WHEREAS, millions of New Jerseyans will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through educational programs, races, commuting events, trail workdays, helmet promotions, charity events, or just leisurely rides with friends and family; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's numerous bike routes attract thousands of bicyclists each year, providing economic, health, and scenic benefits to residents of New Jersey and beyond; and

WHEREAS, these bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on New Jersey's economy and tourism industry and to stimulate economic development by making the state attractive to businesses and residents who enjoy and value the outdoors and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve residents' safety, health, well-being, and quality of life, boost community spirit, improve traffic flow, and reduce pollution; and

WHEREAS, educating bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of their vehicles is paramount to ensuring the safety and comfort of all roadway users; and

WHEREAS, Bike Month events provide an opportunity to remind everyone traveling on New Jersey roadways of the State's Safe Passing Law that requires drivers to use "due caution" wherever they encounter vulnerable road users, including people walking and bicycling, and moving over a lane or provide a distance of at least four feet and, if not possible, slow to 25 mph to safely pass; and

WHEREAS, the League of American Bicyclists, the New Jersey Bike and Walk Coalition, New Jersey's eight Transportation Management Associations, bicycle clubs, schools, parks, recreation departments, police departments, hospitals, companies, and civic groups throughout New Jersey will be promoting bicycling as a leisure activity and a commuting option as well as an environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile during the month of May; and

WHEREAS, these groups are also promoting greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education during Bike Month and year-round in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries and fatalities, and improve health and safety for everyone on the road; and

WHEREAS, National Ride a Bike Day is Sunday, May 3, 2026, National Bike & Roll to School Day is Wednesday, May 6, 2026, and National Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 15, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mikie Sherrill, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 2026
AS
BIKE MONTH

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twentieth day of April in the year two thousand twenty-six, the two hundred fiftieth year of the Independence of the United States.

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Bike Month and New Jersey Walk and Bike to School Month

Governor Mikie Sherrill has officially proclaimed May as Bike Month, as well as New Jersey Walk and Bike to School Month. During this time, schools, municipalities, and community organizations statewide will organize activities that encourage walking and biking. Bike to Work Week in 2026 is scheduled for May 11–17, with Bike to Work Day taking place on Friday, May 15. Although National Bike & Roll to School Day falls on May 6, many New Jersey communities will hold their celebrations on various days throughout the month to best fit local schedules.

Learn more here.



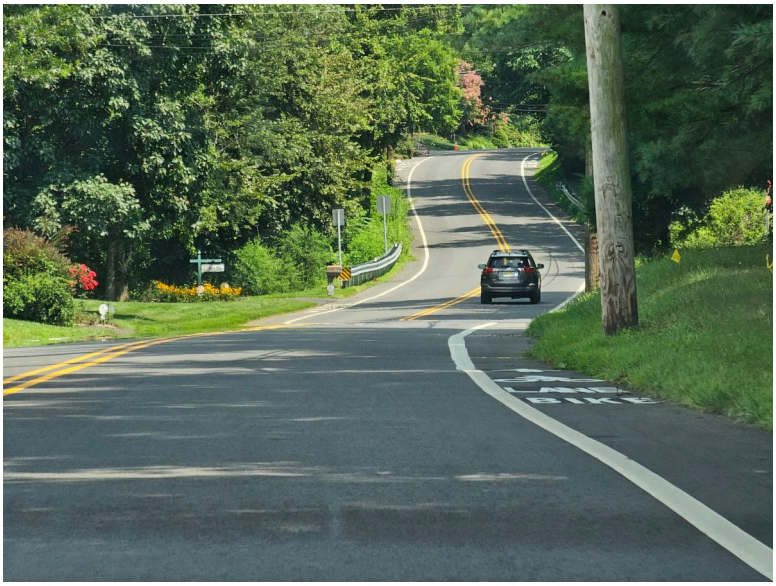
Municipal Aid applications being accepted for $165 million in FY27 grants

Transit Village, Bikeways, and Safe Streets to Transit applications also being accepted

The Sherrill Administration announced the grant solicitation period for NJDOT's Fiscal Year 2027 State Aid programs is now open. Starting Monday, April 20, applications will be accepted for Municipal Aid, Transit Village, Bikeway, and Safe Streets to Transit programs through July 1, 2026.

Municipal Aid is being increased by $15 million in Fiscal Year 2027. On March 26, 2024, legislation was signed to renew the State's Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) for five more years. With the renewal of the TTF, the funding for Local Aid programs to counties and municipalities will increase by $15 million for the Municipal Aid program for this fiscal year.

Learn more here.



Deadline: Safe Streets and Roads for All Grants

Planning & Demonstration and Implementation

In March, the USDOT announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY 2026 program. There are two grant types available: **Planning & Demonstration** and **Implementation**. The deadline to apply is May 26 at 5 p.m. Three webinars were scheduled covering Implementation Grants on April 7, Action Plans on April 9 and Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Activities on April 14. Additional details are available on the calendar and **webinar recordings are available here**.

Learn more here.



Will Construction of Long Awaited Pedestrian Bridge Start This Summer?

(TAPinto Bayonne)

A proposed pedestrian bridge over Route 440 will move forward, as the Bayonne City Council is expected to officially move forward with approval. Once completed, the bridge will connect pedestrians and cyclists between the recently developed Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor (PABH) and the 34th Street Hudson Bergen Light Rail (HBLR) station on the Route 440's west side.

Learn more here.



Earth Day Bike Drive Set To Help People In Need In Somerville ***(Patch)***

RideWise hosted a free Earth Day bike drive, partnering with Pops Bike Shop and the Bridgewater Woman's Club. The April 23 event was held in front of Pops Bike Shop in downtown Somerville, and allowed the public to donate gently used bicycles for people in need of transportation for work and everyday travel.

Learn more here.



Hoboken & Jersey City roll out first-in-the region overflow parking pilot for Citi Bike as annual ridership approaches 1 million

(hobokennj.gov)

Local officials from Jersey City and Hoboken are teaming up with Citibike to implement a parking pilot program.

Under the new program, riders can park Citibikes at designated overflow sites to address capacity concerns.

Learn more here.



Bike Lanes Proposed for Maplewood's Prospect Street, With Repaving & Traffic Calming

(Village Green)

Maplewood Township is hosting two upcoming public information sessions on proposed bike lanes through Prospect Street, detailed in a new concept plan.

Local officials targeted the area for improvements following the deaths of two middle school girls who were crossing Prospect in 2024.

Learn more here.

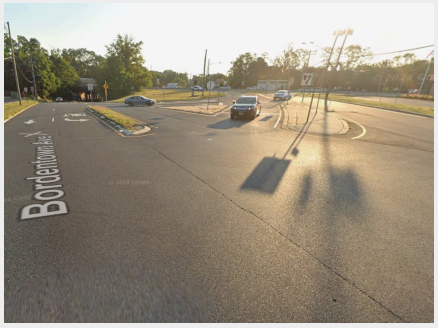
From our friends at the NJDOT Safe Routes to School Resource Center



Close, But No Concrete: Why High School Safe Routes To School Needs More Than Just Education – Part 1

Abdullah Elzawawy, Senior at River Dell High School in Oradell, NJ, has been completing an internship with the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers. As part of his internship, Abdullah has prepared an article outlining his thoughts about the role of high school students in Safe Routes to School Programs and Projects and how the program can best grow and expand to accommodate high school students.

Learn more here.



'Confusing, Difficult' NJDOT plans to redevelop notorious Sayreville intersection

(News 12 New Jersey)

Following driver complaints, the New Jersey Department of Transportation will target safety improvements at



$5.2M In Infrastructure Improvements Coming To Marlboro Township

(Patch)

Marlboro Township is planning to increase sidewalk connectivity and curb installations along School Road East.

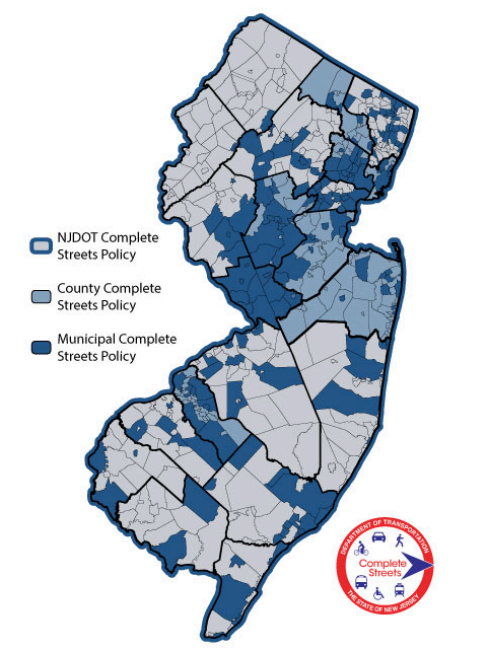
the intersection of Route 9, Bordentown Avenue, Burlew Place and Eugene Boulevard.

The new design is expected to simplify Sayreville's street layout, and install new signage to guide drivers.

Learn more here.

Officials hope that these interventions will make local corridors more bike and pedestrian-friendly.

Learn more here.



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

There are currently **185** 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.

Click here for the complete list of policies.

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

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