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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
September 23, 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 all.

The main meeting will include a presentation on Autonomous Delivery Robots. Subcommittees will discuss updates to the NJ Bicycling Manual (Safety), Target Zero (Policy), and Active Transportation Plans (Design & Infrastructure). View **agenda (PDF)**.

Not familiar with Autonomous Delivery Robots? Check out our **recent blog article**.

To participate, **please register** using the link below.

Register Here.



SJTPO's New Complete Streets Demonstration Library

Communities across New Jersey are taking action to advance the concept of Complete Streets by implementing temporary, quick-build projects that test road safety improvements. Also known as temporary demonstration projects, these temporary improvements bring communities together to explore new possibilities and realize the potential of their roads.

SJTPO's Complete Streets Demonstration Library is available free of charge to support communities in southern New Jersey interested in undertaking demonstration projects and exploring a range of temporary street designs. Communities outside the SJTPO region will also be considered.

SJTPO Demonstration Library.

Complete Streets Trainings

SJTPO will be hosting two **free** Complete Streets trainings this fall! These trainings are open to anyone interested in learning about Complete Streets.

Practical Strategies for Implementing Complete Streets

Successful Complete Streets implementation in municipalities starts with understanding local context and community needs. This interactive workshop provides practical guidance on roadway design, safety countermeasures, and effective design treatments. Participants will also explore available technical assistance, policy resources, and funding opportunities to advance local projects.

Foundations: What are Complete Streets, and why do they matter?
Local Case Studies: Complete Streets in action across New Jersey
Implementation: Policy frameworks and roadway design guidance
Resources: Funding and technical assistance opportunities

AICP & PE CEUs available.



Register Here.

Thursday, October 22, 2026
Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Atlantic County Utilities Authority
Recycling Center/Building #2
Recycling Center Conference Room
6700 Delilah Road
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Complete Streets in Action: Policy Webinar

Discover how adopting a Complete Streets policy can enhance safety and transform mobility across your municipality or county. This webinar provides practical guidance on policy implementation, including access to customizable templates, real-world best practices, and actionable strategies. We will also highlight key emerging initiatives, such as NJ Target Zero and Local Safety Action Plans, to help you advance safety in your local community.

AICP & PE CEUs available.

December 9, 2026
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Zoom Webinar - Registration information will be shared in October.

Applications now being accepted for 2027 federally-funded Safe Routes to School grants

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) has announced the grant solicitation period for the 2027 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program is open, with applications being accepted through November 13, 2026. The program is administered by the NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development, in partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO).

SRTS grants are available for infrastructure projects that encourage and enable students to walk and bike safely to school. Proposed infrastructure improvements must be within a two-mile radius of a K-12 school. SRTS facilitates the planning, development and implementation of projects that improve safety and air quality, as well as reduce traffic and fuel consumption, around schools.

Mandatory One-on-One Application Meetings will be held from August 17 through October 16, 2026 to provide direct assistance to applicants in developing better and stronger applications. Meetings **must be scheduled by October 9, 2026** through the **NJDOT Local Hub**.

Interested applicants may also attend free online webinars that will provide information about applying for Safe Routes to School grants in New Jersey. These webinars will be held:

Wednesday, September 9, 2026, from 10am to 11:30am — **Register here**!
Thursday, September 24, 2026, from 10am to 11:30am — **Register here**!
Thursday, October 8, 2026, from 1pm to 2:30pm — **Register here**!

Safe Routes to School Grant Information.



Vibrant Places Program now accepting applications for projects to start later this year

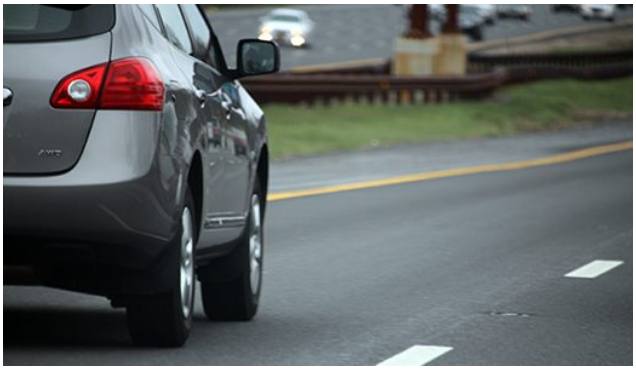
Offered by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the Vibrant Places Program provides technical support for community-driven placemaking projects that help lay the groundwork for future place-based and economic development efforts. Selected projects receive technical assistance from specialists at Rutgers University's Voorhees Transportation Center.

Eligible applicants include municipal and county governments as well as non-profit, community-based, or non-governmental organizations. Applicants must be located within the 13-county NJTPA region.

Applicants must submit a letter of interest that reflects thoughtful, community-centered design and a commitment to enhancing the quality and vibrancy of public spaces. All projects must conclude by June 1, 2027. For additional information, including previous projects and instructions on submitting a Letter of Interest, visit the **Vibrant Places Program page**.

The application deadline is September 30, 2026. For more information, please contact Miriam Salerno at **miriam.salerno@ejb.rutgers.edu**.

Vibrant Places Information.



Target Zero Commission reports progress toward eliminating traffic deaths

Join the Target Zero Commission for its next public hearing

Monday, October 5, 2026

by 2040

(WRNJ)

The New Jersey Target Zero Commission recently provided updates at a public hearing, on progress made in implementing the Target Zero Action Plan. New interactive tools and various street safety improvement projects were discussed. State officials will continue to track project status and present findings, with the next public hearing on October 5th.

Continue reading the article.

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Rowan University
Chamberlain Student Center
201 Mullica Hill Rd Glassboro, NJ, 08028

Watch the meeting live on YouTube at the scheduled date and time.

Target Zero Website.



How to Give Traffic Deaths the Attention They Deserve

(Planning Magazine)

At a time when much of the developed world has reversed the trend of growing roadway fatalities, the U.S. transportation system remains deadlier than ever. When 40,000 people are dying every year on our nation's roadways — around the population of Concord, New Hampshire — with millions more injured, why isn't this treated as an emergency that has to be solved quickly?

All too frequently, decision-makers hesitate to depart from official manuals and guidebooks about how to design and operate roadways. But what if there was a way to designate fatal crashes as emergencies, prompting swift deployment of traffic-calming measures like bollards, speed bumps, and signage?

Read more here.





Hunterdon County Invites Residents to Review Countywide Bicycle Plan at September Public Meetings

(TAPinto North Hunterdon)

County officials held two public hearings on September 9th & 14th to discuss the draft County Bicycle Plan.

The Plan's documents will include graphic layouts and information regarding accessibility, public health, and other economic impacts.

Learn more here.

Harrison Street Improvements Scaled Back, But Walk Bike Princeton Speaks Up for New Bike Lanes and Proposed Roundabout

(TAPinto Princeton)

Residents and advocates are in prolonged discussions with Princeton officials over modifications to previously approved cycling improvements.

Council members expressed concerns over different features of the project, including remarks from Mayor Freda.

Learn more here.



Morristown Launches ‘Safety Sticks’ Pilot to Monitor No-Parking Zones

(TAPinto Morristown)

Morristown Police officials recently introduced a 'Safety Sticks' pilot program to target repeat illegal parking incidents.

The initiative will enhance enforcement pressure, with the aim to address other issues beyond parking.



Ship Bottom Bike Path Plan Hits a Roadblock with Residents

(The SandPaper)

Local residents are in active discussions surrounding new cycling improvements along East Bay Terrace. Borough officials are working with regional partners to implement these changes and are accepting public comment through October 15th.

Learn more here.

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N.J. e-bike law flaw forced teens to choose between 2 permits — now it's fixed

(NJ.com)

Teens can now apply for driver's and e-bike permits simultaneously after the Motor Vehicle Commission lifted a prohibition on holding both permits.

Under New Jersey's new e-bike law that took effect on July 19, riders must be at least 15 years old and have either an e-bike license or a valid driver's license to operate a pedal-assisted e-bike that reaches a maximum speed of 20 mph.

An e-bike permit requires riders to pass a written knowledge test and a vision test. After completing those steps, a rider must pass a road test — administered between 20 and 45 days after receiving the permit — to earn a license.

Learn more here.

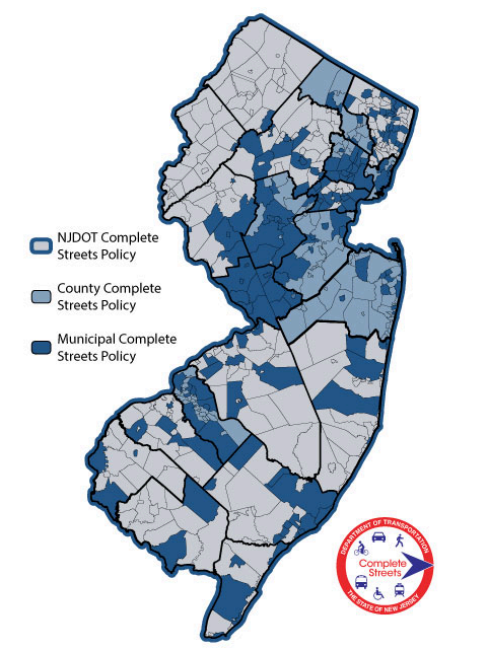
Toll Of Commuting: Some Passaic crossing guards can now write parking tickets

(News 12 New Jersey)

Parking patrol in Passaic has some new faces authorized to hand out tickets - city crossing guards trained as parking enforcement officers. It is part of a new program that began this school year.

"That crossing guard has control of that intersection," said Passaic Police Captain Patrick Burnett. "That is as much authority as a police officer has. Please, for the safety of our children, our crossing guards, and the motoring public, please respect that stop sign."

Learn more here.



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

There are currently **186** 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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