



**BPAC Safety Subcommittee Meeting**  
**January 31, 2024 10:25 am to 11:10 am**  
**Online Zoom Meeting**

**Attendance:**

- Aimee Jefferson (chair), NJTPA
- Greg Woltman, Rutgers-VTC
- Andrea Lubin, Rutgers-VTC
- Hannah Younes, Rutgers-VTC
- Jon Dugan, Rutgers-VTC
- Andrew Lappitt, Middlesex County
- Charles Romanow, WSP
- Delfina Picchio, Keep Middlesex Moving TMA
- Kenneth Wedeen, Somerset County
- Linda Rapacki, Ridewise TMA
- Liza Betz, Union County
- Michael Rizol, NJ DHTS
- William Yarzab, NJTPA
- Paul Mickiewicz, NJBWC
- Syd Chan, Enovate
- Noelle Santos, BIANJ
- Ward Kradjel

**1. Topic Discussions**

**a. Group Consensus on 2024 Subcommittee Goals**

- i. See below for updated list of 2024 subcommittee goals, including new numbering.
- ii. New goal (1a) was moved under the broader SHSP goal. NJBWC followed up asking for the results of the prior survey on top priority bus stops and if it would be possible to access the data for the Coalition's work.
- iii. Goals (1b-c) were moved under the broader SHSP goal. In 2023, these goals were below the former heading for SHSP Action Team goals.
- iv. The subcommittee has removed "Identify ways to create a unified State, county, and local road safety and maintenance reporting system" due to low priority in the coming year.
- v. Goal (2) is to be kept on as a continued goal.
- vi. The subcommittee has accomplished and removed the goal "Collaborate with the BPAC Design and Infrastructure Subcommittee to extend goal 3 above to incorporate bike-and-pedestrian-friendly designs into upcoming resurfacing

projects. An example program is being developed by DVRPC in its [Bike-Friendly Resurfacing Program](#).”

- vii. The subcommittee has removed the goal “Engage in additional follow-up with Civic Eye Collaborative on PSEE and BSEE for revisions and recommendations to update the programs. Updates for recent innovations in technology, new discussions and attitudes toward equity, and the new Safe Passing Law.” The subcommittee will follow up with Civic Eye Collaborative as necessary as the action is finalized.
  - viii. Goal (4) is organized as a broad discussion topics and presentations goal with subordinate items. These goals outline prospective topics for more research and collaborative knowledge sharing in 2024.
  - ix. Goal (4b) will require significant research before this topic can be discussed. It will require methods for evaluations and projection of pedestrian needs at intersections. Prospective research will benefit from coordination with municipal and county stakeholders who have made recent pedestrian phase changes, including “all pedestrian” phases.
  - x. Goal (4d) should include best practice and state of the art across the United States, and a status update on Automated Speed Enforcement in New Jersey. Additionally, see [Automated Speed Enforcement, The State of Knowledge and Implications for Transportation Planning \(NJ Safe Routes Resource Center\)](#). Goal (4d) led to a discussion between NJTPA and multiple counties more broadly on Automated Speed Enforcement cameras and School Bus cameras.
  - xi. Goal (4e) may begin moving forward once the Trail Crossing Guide work begins to move forward at NJDOT.
- b. [NJTPA Vulnerable User \(VU\) and Vehicle Traffic Counts Viewer](#)**
- i. This tool provides vehicle counts for many types of traffic data in the NJTPA region. Separate datasets are available as different map layers on the Viewer.
  - ii. Note that consistency is a bit of an issue because some of the historical data has variations in time of day and other attributes. Going forward, the data collection standards have become standardized based on minimum timeframes for data collection and standardization of data collection times to during peak periods at a minimum.
  - iii. Traffic count points are recorded and viewable for available modes on the viewer, as well as in a PDF and in a table format.
  - iv. Resource constraints precluded NJTPA from collecting 24-hour data, and additional funding in the future could allow NJTPA to expand resources.

## **2. Announcements**

- a. Next New Jersey Bike Walk Coalition SAFE Network Webinar will be Wednesday, February, 28th. Topic Organizing Learn to Ride and Bike Education programs in your community!
- b. The Rutgers Micromobility 2.0 Workshop will be held in-person on Friday, March 22, 2024 at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy in New Brunswick,

New Jersey. Registration is free, but seats are limited! Sign up here!  
<https://go.rutgers.edu/2024-micromobility-workshop>

### **2024 Safety Subcommittee Goals**

*The following goals are to be continued from the previous year, see [BPAC 2022 Year-in-Review Report for 2023](#):*

1. Determine action items that can support Strategic Highway Safety Plan actions.
  - a. Coordinate with New Jersey Transit on bicycle and pedestrian integration and bus stop safety.
  - b. Review existing school zone speed enforcement programs and develop recommendations for New Jersey - led by Mike Morris, NJDHTS
  - c. Develop guidance for the implementation of a comprehensive traffic safety curriculum in NJ elementary schools - led by Tara Shepherd, goHunterdon
2. Identify ways to create a unified State, county, and local road safety and maintenance reporting system.
3. Determine how best to support Zero Deaths Initiatives throughout the state.

*The following are new goals to be initiated by the Safety Subcommittee in 2024*

4. Host discussions or presentations on the following topics during BPAC subcommittee meetings or as general meeting topics, when appropriate:
  - a. Connections between bike lanes and other facilities across jurisdictional boundaries.
  - b. Left and right turning phases through crosswalks during a pedestrian phase, and the use of leading pedestrian intervals (LPIs) and other countermeasures to increase safety at intersections, in coordination with the other BPAC subcommittees.
  - c. Best practices for e-bikes and e-scooters and what challenges to consider, in particular e-micromobility battery fires and methods for prevention, in coordination with the Policy Subcommittee.
  - d. Automated Speed Enforcement or Right on Red Restrictions, in coordination with the Policy Subcommittee.
  - e. Trail crossing design guidelines.
5. Facilitate coordination between counties and municipalities in the state as they develop their Comprehensive Safety Action Plans through various programs.
6. Provide updates and challenges to education campaigns in the state.
7. Provide updates on different safety programs and projects in South Jersey.