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**Dear Readers,**

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

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## **Join us for the BPAC Meeting on September 28, 2022**

### **General Meeting 9:30am – 11:30am**

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.

[Click here for the Agenda of the Meeting](#)

BPAC is open to everyone. To participate, please register using the following link:

<https://rutgers.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwuc-ihqDwsGtGxzVAD-bFDEhu3Ejy5uUXK>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

To learn more about BPAC, please visit the [webpage here](#).  
You can also contact [Leigh Ann Von Hagen](#) at [lavh@ejb.rutgers.edu](mailto:lavh@ejb.rutgers.edu).

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## A NJ road to get first-in-the-nation technology to protect pedestrians

The New Jersey Department of Transportation has launched a new project along a section of Route 129 in Trenton that will include the use of a first-in-the-nation system to regulate traffic lights to improve pedestrian safety. Plans call for a number of improvements to be made at three signalized intersections on Route 129 at Lalor Street, Cass Street and Hamilton Avenue, an area where a dozen pedestrians have been killed and many more injured since 2000.

According to DOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, a Red Clearance Traffic Signal Extension system is being implemented that will detect vehicles approaching a pedestrian crossing. Predictive technology detects the speed of a vehicle approaching an intersection and automatically adjusts traffic signal changes

[Click here to read the full article](#)

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## 2022 NJDOT Complete Streets Training

Registration is open for the 2022 New Jersey Complete Streets Training!

The FREE 3-hour online training, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, consists of three modules covering all the basics of Complete Streets from the benefits to the planning to the design elements needed to implement them in your community. This training is designed for planners, engineers, advocates, public health professionals, policymakers, elected officials, and anyone looking to learn more about Complete and Green Streets.

Sign up for one of three dates in October. Each online training will focus on a different region of the state, but all sessions will cover the same basic principles and are open to everyone:



If you have any questions, please contact: [bikeped@ejb.rutgers.edu](mailto:bikeped@ejb.rutgers.edu)

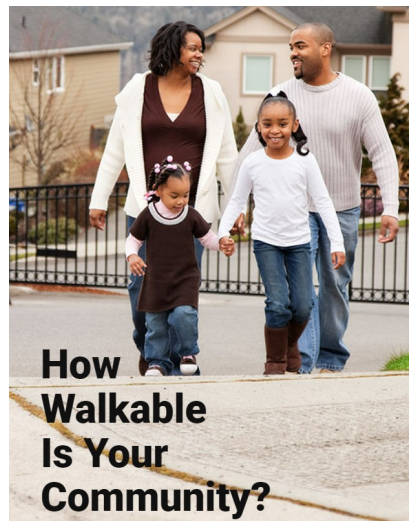


## Our newest YouTube video is now available!

Please watch and share our new video,  
**Demonstrating the Need: Installing Temporary Roadway Projects!**

Temporary demonstration projects, also known as “pop-up projects,” or “quick build projects,” are a community’s “try before you buy” opportunity to test small-scale solutions for reimagining roadways and other public spaces to improve safety and quality of life for all users using inexpensive materials. The video features examples of demonstration projects from around New Jersey including temporary bike lanes, pop-up parks and seating, curb extensions, street murals, decorative crosswalks, open street events, and other innovative ideas. This video was developed by the New Jersey Safe Routes Resource Center at Rutgers University, on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Transportation with funds from the Federal Highway Administration.

Please subscribe to the **New Jersey Safe Routes to School YouTube Channel** for videos of bicycle and pedestrian safety snippets, how-tos, and projects and programs from around the state.



## October is National Pedestrian Safety Month

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Federal Highway Administration are celebrating October as National Pedestrian Safety Month and strengthening their efforts to improve safety for vulnerable road users.

The goal: To increase awareness around pedestrian safety and remind drivers to watch for pedestrians each and every time they are behind the wheel.



Each week, NHTSA will focus on a theme, and share information about being a safe driver and keeping those who walk safely.

**Week 1: Everyone Is a Pedestrian**

**Week 2: Safe Speeds**

**Week 3: Safe Vehicles**

**Week 4: Safe Roads**

NHTSA encourages State and local leaders to use these themes to organize events, educational workshops, and media engagements that highlight these themes and engage a diverse and inclusive coalition to develop and demonstrate activities that encourage walking and rolling to create safer conditions for pedestrians in your local communities.

USDOT has produced a **suite of free resources** for use by partners, states, local communities, or any concerned members of the public.

[Click here for more information on pedestrian safety](#)

[Click here for National Pedestrian Safety Month 2021 Resource Guide \(PDF\)](#)

## Walkable Community Workshop - Bound Brook

Monday, October 3, 2022, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Recreation Center, 200 Thompson Ave., Bound Brook

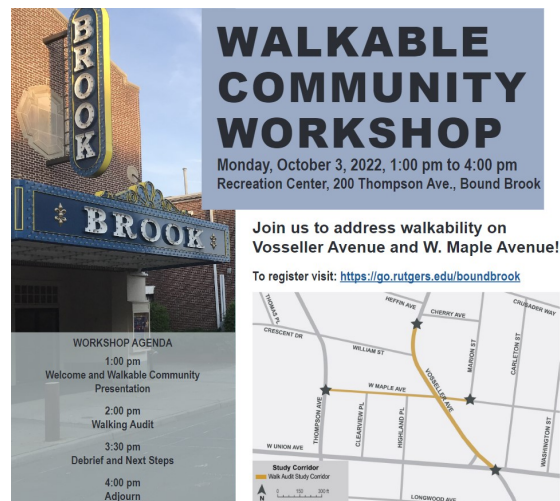
Attend the workshop to learn about Complete Streets and join the team as they audit existing conditions along Vosseller Avenue and West Maple Avenue.

This workshop is open to Bound Brook staff and local residents interested in improving walking and bicycling conditions on and around Vosseller Avenue.

To register for this workshop, visit:  
<https://go.rutgers.edu/boundbrook>

A Walkability Workshop engages borough employees, residents, and businesses on issues regarding walking and biking. After learning about what to look for, workshop participants will walk a half-mile corridor assessing their existing streets and sidewalks and identifying issues to overcome to ensure safer and more welcoming conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.

After the workshop, a report will be prepared with recommendations on improvements to address key locations and issues identified in the workshop.



**WALKABLE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP**  
Monday, October 3, 2022, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Recreation Center, 200 Thompson Ave., Bound Brook

Join us to address walkability on Vosseller Avenue and W. Maple Avenue!  
To register visit: <https://go.rutgers.edu/boundbrook>

**WORKSHOP AGENDA**  
1:00 pm  
Welcome and Walkable Community Presentation  
2:00 pm  
Walking Audit  
3:30 pm  
Debrief and Next Steps  
4:00 pm  
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**Study Corridor**  
Walk Audit Study Corridor

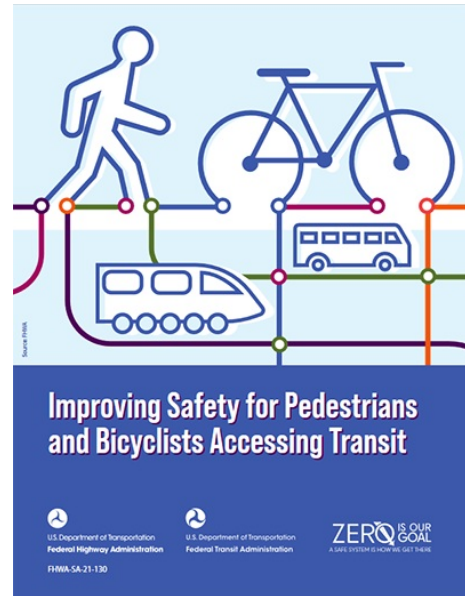
This effort is part of the Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program, a collaboration between Sustainable Jersey, the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers University, and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA). Funded by the NJTPA, the program is designed to support municipal government efforts to advance complete streets initiatives.

**Now Available: "Improving Safety for Pedestrians and Bicyclists"**

## Accessing Transit" Guide

In an effort to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists accessing transit, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have released a new guide, which includes a variety of approaches to address common safety issues that are likely to arise near transit stations, bus stops and other places where transit (bus or rail) is operated.

The new guide, **Improving Safety for Pedestrians and Bicyclists Accessing Transit**, provides agencies with a thorough look at pedestrian and bicyclist safety considerations in accessing and using transit. The guide can help transit agencies, state and local roadway owners, and regional organizations by providing a comprehensive understanding of how to address pedestrian and bicyclist safety concerns related to accessing transit.



### Help NJTPA in making walking and biking safer!

The **North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority** (NJTPA) is creating a **Regional Active Transportation Plan** (ATP) to guide the development of a safe and highly functional network of facilities for pedestrians, cyclists, and other non-motorists throughout the region. This plan also presents an opportunity for community members to share local knowledge to help identify active transportation challenges and opportunities.

The NJTPA invites you to **share your feedback** on this important topic by participating in both the online interactive webmap tool and the public survey. Your input can directly inform how the ATP addresses locations where pedestrians, cyclists and other non-motorized travelers encounter safety problems, missing connections or other travel barriers.

Please take a few minutes to share your perspectives about walking and biking in the region and extend this invitation to your network contacts so that any interested family members, friends and colleagues can do the same.

**Click here for the online interactive webmap tool and the public survey**





## Hudson County to develop “Vision Zero-style” improvements on county roads

Hudson County Executive Tom DeGise cheered the approval of a Board of Commissioners resolution on Thursday, September 8 authorizing the county to seek and employ a planning grant under the federal Department of Transportation’s “Safe Streets and Roads for All” program to increase road safety throughout the nation. The “Safe Streets and Roads for All” program is funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) that provides up to \$5 billion over the next five years to fund the planning and implementation to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries nationwide. Local government units will be awarded grants between \$200,000 and \$1 million to plan, develop and implement strategies to meet the program goals. Local government units are charged with developing a “Comprehensive Safety Action Plan” under the grant rules.

[Click here to read the full article](#)



## Gov. Murphy announces purchase of rail line for Essex-Hudson Greenway

Gov. Phil Murphy announced on Sept. 15 the acquisition of nine miles of abandoned rail lines formerly owned by the Norfolk Southern Railway Company to turn into what is dubbed **the Essex-Hudson Greenway**, which will stretch from Jersey City to Montclair. Murphy said that the corridor will include green space, recreation space for biking and walking, as well as multiple access points for NJ Transit’s light rail and buses. He continued that the greenway will improve access to open space, attract people across the state and across the region that will “unlock new opportunities for local economic growth,” and have environmental benefits such as reducing highway congestion and greenhouse emissions and improving air quality. The Greenway will go through Jersey City, Secaucus, Kearny, Newark, Belleville, Bloomfield, Glen Ridge, and Montclair.

[Click here to read the full article](#)

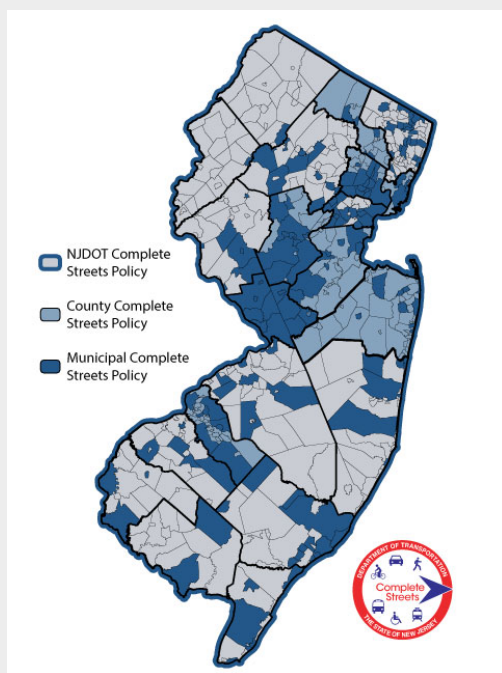
## Vision Zero Implementation Toolkit

Is your community ready to implement Vision Zero, a strategy to help eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, equitable mobility for all? ChangeLab Solutions is here to help.

ChangeLab Solutions has released a **new model policy and an implementation toolkit** to support local government staff and community advocates in achieving their Vision Zero goals. The process is defined by meaningful, ongoing community engagement and data-driven decision-making to ensure equity, transparency, and accountability in the policymaking process.

Are you applying for an SS4A grant? Don't miss out on funding opportunities for traffic safety; Their resources can help guide the development of your application as well as activities of funded proposals.

[Click here for more information](#)



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

### Complete Streets in New Jersey

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

There are currently **173** 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!

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