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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](#).

Join us for the BPAC Meeting on December 7, 2022
General Meeting 9:30am – 11:30am

Join early at 9:15am for a virtual coffee chat (BYOC- Bring Your Own Coffee)

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:

[**njbikeped.org/join-the-next-meeting/**](https://njbikeped.org/join-the-next-meeting/)

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

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



NJDOT's Complete Streets Training Materials Now Online

The New Jersey Department of Transportation offered virtual Complete Streets training in October. The three-hour online training consisted of three modules, covering all the basics from the benefits to the planning and design elements needed to implement Complete Streets. The design module involved an interactive exercise where participants in breakout groups engaged in a guided discussion on proposed Complete Streets changes to real examples from New Jersey. Each of the three trainings focused on a different region of the state, and design exercise examples were drawn from North, Central, and South Jersey.

A total of 317 people registered from across the state, including state, county, and municipal planners and engineers, police officers, university students, and community advocates. Complete Streets training materials are available online including training slides and a handout with links to Complete Streets resources covered in the training. A report summarizing the training and next steps is forthcoming.

[Learn more about Complete Streets Training](#)



Safe Passing Law Bus Wraps Roll Out on NJ Transit

A DVRPC-funded bus wrap campaign on New Jersey's Safe Passing Law rolled out on Monday, November 14. The wraps will cover NJ Transit buses in the four-county DVRPC region (Mercer, Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester). This initiative, sponsored by the Tri-State Transportation Campaign (TSTC), working with NJ Transit, will raise awareness of the new Safe Passing Law via an outreach campaign to educate drivers and all people using the roads. TSTC is looking into similar funding for the buses in the NJTPA region.

[Click here to learn about Safe Passing Law](#)

Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities through USDOT Programs

FHWA has prepared a table on potential eligibility for pedestrian and bicycle activities and projects under U.S. Department of Transportation surface transportation funding programs. Activities and projects listed in the document must meet program eligibility requirements.

Although the primary focus of this table is stand-alone activities and projects, programs also fund pedestrian and bicycle facilities as part of larger projects. Project sponsors are strongly encouraged to consider Complete Streets and Networks that routinely integrate the safety, accessibility, equity, and convenience of walking and bicycling into surface transportation projects.

[Click here to learn about the funding opportunities](#)



Beyond the Half-Mile Circle: Expanding First-Mile, Last-Mile Access to Transit

(Cross-posted from [NJTOD.org](https://www.njtod.org/) "[New Jersey's Transit Friendly Planning Newsletter](#)")

First-mile, last-mile travel (FMLM), the beginning and final stretches of any transit journey, is overwhelmingly made by "active transportation modes" and is frequently set as a half-mile for pedestrians. However, the standard of half-miles as the appropriate limit for transit users to walk to stations does not reflect the influences of engaging factors and features: appealing storefronts, shade, foliage, inclines, perceptions of safety, levels of noise, sidewalk widths, public art, street furniture, and drainage, among a long list of other considerations. What makes for a "good" walk—an enriching, attractive walk—should be a greater concern for transit planners when tackling first-mile and last-mile travel.

In many ways, the clear answer is convenient transit-oriented development (TOD) that would make these walks more pleasant. By increasing the scope of transit-friendly planning to better integrate longer stretches of active transportation, a wider geographic reach of residents will have comfortable access to a TOD's transit networks.

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



Feedback Sought for “Keep Somerset Moving” Transportation Plan 2045

The Somerset County Planning Board is encouraging residents to provide feedback for the new “Keep Somerset Moving: Transportation Plan 2045.” The new plan will replace the award-winning 2011 County Circulation Plan: Making Connections. The county Office of Planning, Policy and Economic Development is guiding the development of the new transportation plan, which will be included as part of the County Master Plan.

The updated plan will seek to improve mobility and travel throughout the county. Public input is needed to identify the issues and opportunities that impact Somerset County’s transportation system.

“We encourage residents to take our survey and add comments to the online map, because we need your input to form our next Transportation Plan,” said County Commissioner Deputy Director Melonie Marano, Public Works liaison. “Having a plan that is as inclusive as possible is important, so the more people who participate, the better.”

To learn more ways to get involved and submit your input, visit: [Keep Somerset Moving: Transportation Plan 2045 | Somerset County](#)



Share Your Input about Biking and Traffic Safety in Trenton

Do you ride a bike in the City of Trenton? Do you wish you could ride your bike but choose not to due to safety or other concerns? Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) and the City of Trenton want to hear from you!

DVRPC and the City of Trenton are developing a bike plan for the City. As part of the work, the Regional Planning Commission is currently conducting an "Our Streets: A Trenton Bike

Plan for All" survey to better understand how people are biking in the city and how the roadways can be made safer. People who live, work, or go to school in Trenton are encouraged to share their feedback. The survey will be followed by open houses in the spring.

[Click here to complete the "Our Streets: A Trenton Bike Plan for All" survey](#)

USDOT Announces New Guidance to Improve Safety for Vulnerable Road Users under Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

As part of its ongoing efforts through the National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS) to prioritize safety and meet milestones laid out in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced new guidance to help states address the crisis of roadway deaths across our nation. Vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians, cyclists, and people who use wheelchairs or micromobility devices, accounted for approximately 20% of the 42,915 people who were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2021, according to the National Highway Safety Administration, an increase of 13% over 2020.

The guidance will provide additional clarity for states as they develop their Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessments, part of a new approach established under President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to assess the safety performance of individual states, identify areas of high risk to vulnerable road users, and determine what safety improvements will mitigate these safety risks.

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

BIKE/PED NEWS FEED



**Mayors Announce
New Bike Lane from
Jersey City to
Hoboken**



**Sea Isle City could
be Latest to Drop
Top Speed in Cape**

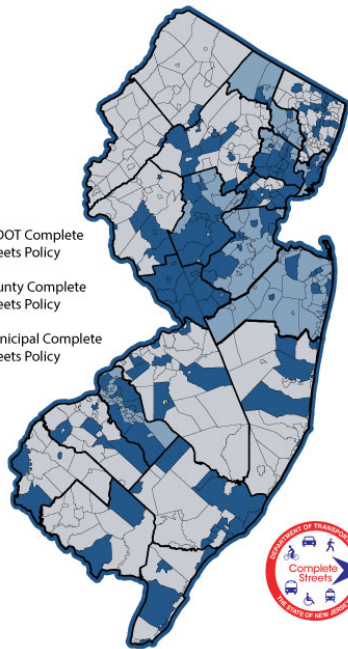


**It's Been 100 Years
Since Cars Drove
Pedestrians Off the
Roads**

Complete Streets in New Jersey

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

-  NJDOT Complete Streets Policy
-  County Complete Streets Policy
-  Municipal Complete Streets Policy



There are currently **174** 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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