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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 first BPAC Meeting of 2023 on January 25 (Virtual)

General Meeting, 9:30am – 11:30am

Join early at 9:15 am 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. This first meeting of the new year will kick off initiatives for 2023.

At this BPAC meeting, Dr. Hannah Younes, Post Doctoral Research Associate in the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University, will be presenting on ***Factors Influencing the Fatality of Pedestrian and Bicyclist Involved Crashes in New Jersey.***

[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

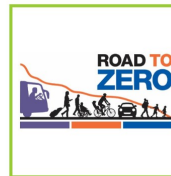
New Resources from NJ BPRC on Zero Death Initiatives and Safe System Approach

Zero Deaths Initiatives and the Safe System Approach

NJ BPRC reviewed three major Zero Deaths Initiatives that are active in the United States (Vision Zero, Toward Zero Deaths, and Road to Zero 2050) to identify their key similarities and differences. While the three initiatives differ in their origins and the makeup of their executive committees, each underscores a commitment to the SSA and support for the implementation of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) proven safety countermeasures. In

addition, all three initiatives commit to an ultimate goal of reaching zero fatalities and serious injuries on roadways in the United States.

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VISIONZERO



[Click here to read the full report.](#)

Addressing Fatal & Serious Injuries through the Safe System Approach: A Literature Review, Case Studies & Findings

This report examines how the Safe System Approach (SSA) aims to reduce fatal and serious injuries in the USA and globally. The report provides an overview of the principles and elements of the SSA. Further, it discusses the national FSI trends and zero-death principles in Strategic Highway Safety Plans. Furthermore, the report sheds light on how this approach benefits pedestrians and bicyclists and ensures transportation equity across the system.



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[Click here to read the full report.](#)



How Jersey City Got to Zero Traffic Deaths on Its Streets

In 2018, Jersey City, the booming mini-metropolis across the river from New York City, made headlines for being the first city in New Jersey to adopt Vision Zero, the international traffic safety framework that established the goal of zero traffic fatalities. Several other cities across the US did so as well. But Jersey City has succeeded where many have fallen short, going a full year without a single traffic fatality on its roads.

To explain how they managed to pull off a remarkable road safety reversal, Jersey City policymakers, advocates, community members and planners zeroed in on several key ingredients. It's a formula that could serve as a model for other municipalities as the US stares down a deadly crisis on its streets.

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

\$1.5 Billion Available through the 2023 RAISE Grant Program, Now Accepting Applications!

The U.S. Department of Transportation has published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$1.5 billion in grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program for 2023. The program helps communities around the country carry out projects with significant local or regional impact. RAISE discretionary grants help project sponsors at the State and local levels, including municipalities, Tribal governments, counties, and others complete critical freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects.

For the FY 2023 RAISE Discretionary Grants, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) is offering a series of webinars that delve into various aspects of the RAISE application process. These webinars will be announced in the coming weeks, please periodically check this webpage.

The NOFO is available [here](#) and you can learn how to apply [here](#). The deadline for applications is 11:59 PM EST on February 28, 2023.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



Feedback sought for “Keep Somerset Moving” Transportation Plan 2045

Have ideas for improving Somerset County's transportation system? Join Somerset County on February 1 from 6-8 pm to share your thoughts as they develop Keep Somerset Moving: Transportation Plan 2045!

The plan will identify and select priority transportation projects to improve mobility and travel throughout the County. The study is funded through the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority.

[Click here to learn more and register for public meeting.](#)



Another Pedestrian Hit in Montclair Neighborhood Where Residents Urge Drivers To Slow Down

A Montclair neighborhood is doing all it can to get drivers to slow down and watch for pedestrians on a stretch of Upper Mountain Avenue that has had several incidents, most recently a pedestrian hit by a car on 1/9/2023.

Drive along Upper Mountain Avenue between Mount Hebron Road and Normal Avenue and you'll see eye-catching signs with different messages, all urging drivers to slow down

and drive safely. The signs are the result of a neighborhood response to a pedestrian incident in November when a fellow neighbor, crossing Upper Mountain Avenue with her three-year-old son, was struck by a vehicle in the crosswalk. The residents of Montclair want to see more done, especially after learning that another pedestrian was struck on 1/9/2023. That incident, at 1:06 p.m., was again at the intersection of Upper Mountain Avenue and Normal Avenue.

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

Webinar: Advancing New Jersey's Climate Goals with Transportation Infrastructure Investments

Presented by Rutgers NJ Climate Change Resource Center.

Event date: January 20, 2023, 12pm–1:30pm

This virtual event is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

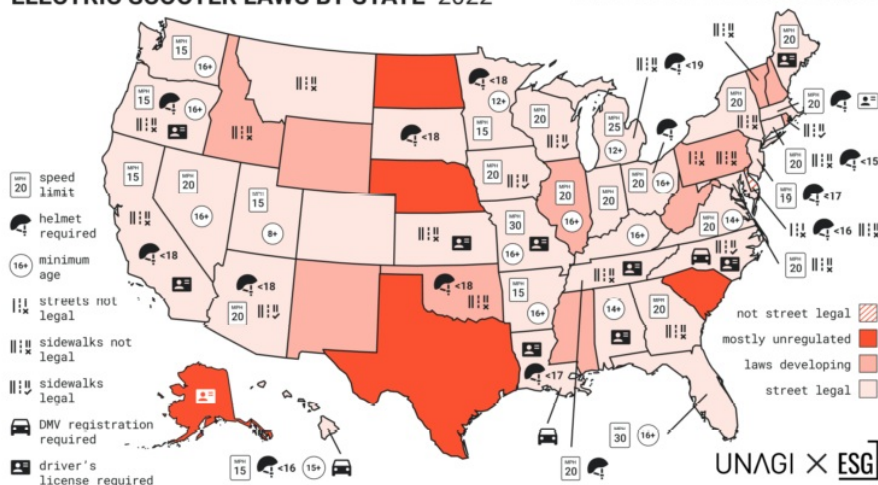
The transportation sector is responsible for roughly a third of the U.S.'s carbon dioxide pollution, with about 80 percent coming from cars and trucks on the nation's roadways. With its authorization of \$1 trillion over five years, the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) represents a historic investment in the country's transportation systems and infrastructure. Those investments have the potential to contribute significantly to the nation's efforts to achieve major reductions in the emissions and pollution that contribute to climate change.

Join for this virtual Climate Academy to learn how different scenarios of federal transportation investments may contribute to New Jersey's efforts to achieve its statewide 2030 and 2050 greenhouse gas emissions limits.

[Click here to register for the webinar.](#)

ELECTRIC SCOOTER LAWS BY STATE 2022

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The 2022 Comprehensive Guide to Electric Scooter Laws (ESG + Unagi Collab.)

Electric scooters are an essential part of micromobility, one of the fastest growing and most exciting industries in the world, and they have become hugely popular personal electric vehicles for students, commuters, and thrill seekers worldwide. Scooters and other personal electric vehicles promise a cleaner planet, more commuting satisfaction, more

social mobility, and an abundance of savings in time and money.

With the pace of innovation, however, comes the struggle for regulation to keep up. The rapid adoption of scooters, especially in the United States, has made it difficult for riders to understand the legal landscape. The Unagi X ESG 2022 Law Comprehensive Guide to riding electric scooters in the U.S. was created to address this growing problem. You can find the full guide linked [here](#), with information about pending legislation and a more thorough explanation of the regulations below at the state level.

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



Micromobility's rocky 2022 recovery

Micromobility's growth in the U.S. started strong in 2022 before sputtering in the face of economic headwinds. With shared micromobility ridership almost doubling in 2021, recovering to near pre-pandemic levels, Bird, Lime, Lyft and other companies in the space grew their operations and expanded to new markets earlier this year. The U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics reported that the number of shared scooter and bike services increased from 392 in 2021 to 406 in July. Some of these shared bike and scooter operators reversed course by the fall, however, exiting certain markets and laying off workers.

[Click here to read more.](#)



Shared Micromobility Ridership Nearly Doubled in 2021: Report

Shared micromobility ridership in the U.S. nearly recovered to pre-pandemic levels in 2021, according to a report last week by the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO).

People using station-based bikes, dockless bikes and dockless e-scooters in the U.S. last year took about 112 million trips, nearly doubling 2020's ridership of 65 million trips. Shared micromobility ridership was about 136 million trips in 2019.

Shared micromobility's ongoing recovery and growth are signs that people have permanently adjusted their travel behavior, according to NACTO Executive Director Corinne Kisner. "Shared bikes and e-scooters are embedded within the day-to-day lives of millions of people," Kisner said in a statement.

[Read the full article here.](#)

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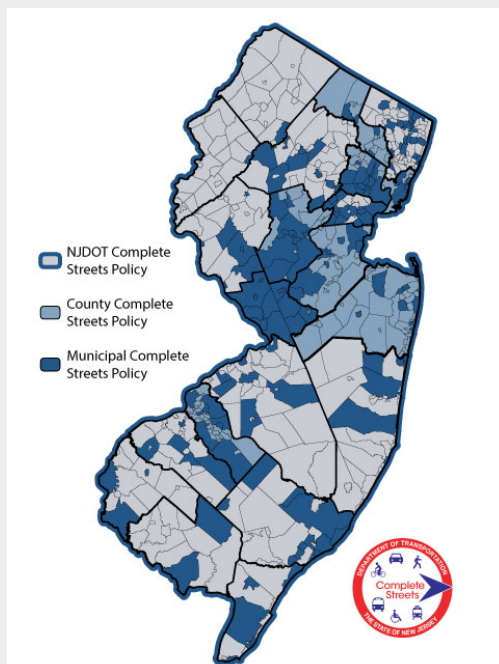
Traffic deaths on N.J. roads reach a 15-year high



\$190M light rail plan proposed to replace Dinky rail line



Complete streets projects in New York get a boost



Complete Streets in New Jersey

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

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

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population.

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

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