



# NJ BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN RESOURCE CENTER

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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 next BPAC Meeting on March 22, 2023**

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

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.

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](mailto:james.sinclair@ejb.rutgers.edu)

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## **One year of safer streets, thanks to NJ's Safe Passing Law!**

March 1, 2023 will mark the one-year anniversary of New Jersey's Safe Passing Law. The law, which went into effect on March 1, 2022 (NJSA 39:4-92.4), provides clear rules of the road for all motorists when interacting with vulnerable road users, including people on foot, bicycle, scooter, in a wheelchair, or otherwise not in a car, bus, or truck.

Please help us commemorate the one-year anniversary of the Safe Passing Law by sharing this short [video](#) created through the [New Jersey Safe Routes Resource Center](#) on behalf of the [New Jersey Department of Transportation](#) with funds from the Federal Highway Administration.

For more information on the Safe Passing Law, check out the NJ Bike and Walk Coalition's [Safe Passing Law Resource Center](#), which provides details about the law, social media materials, and other educational resources.

[Click here to read more.](#)

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## **Gov. Murphy signs bill improving safety of roads and public transit for people with disabilities**

Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities may soon be able to enjoy safer, more mobility-friendly streets thanks to legislation sponsored by Senator Kristin Corrado and signed into law Monday by Governor Murphy.

Corrado's legislation, S-147, requires the New Jersey Department of Transportation to implement a complete streets policy that improves the safety and mobility options for all New Jersey residents, with a particular focus on individuals with autism spectrum disorders and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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

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Source: FHWA.

## New resources for your journey to ZERO!

With the release of the [National Roadway Safety Strategy](#) in 2022, the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) took the first step toward the goal of zero roadway fatalities.

USDOT believes that even one fatality or serious injury on the nation's roadways is unacceptable. This goal of zero roadway deaths was first adopted by Sweden in 1997, after which many countries across the world, including the Netherlands, Australia, and New Zealand, embraced it.

In 2022, the New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center (NJBPRC), funded by NJDOT, researched best practices for integrating the three major Zero Deaths initiatives (Vision Zero, Toward Zero Deaths, and Road to Zero 2050) and the Safe System Approach into statewide transportation planning. The review produced three deliverables: a table, a slide deck and a report summarizing the significant characteristics of the three Zero Deaths Initiatives and Safe System Approach.

The new resources will help advocates and professionals understand the differences and similarities between the various Zero Deaths initiatives and discover how other states are implementing these initiatives through their SHSPs. To reach the goals of Vision Zero, we will need to use all of the resources available to us and learn from places where the strategies have already been implemented. These new NJBPRC documents help to make the case that implementing a Safe System Approach or any other Zero Death initiative is achievable and will help us reach our safety goals.

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

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**Learn about a  
preliminary design for  
bicycle-friendly  
improvements to  
Hamilton Avenue and  
State Street in the City  
of Passaic**

Tuesday, February 28, 2023  
1:00 pm



To register for this meeting, visit:  
<https://go.rutgers.edu/Passaic>

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).

## VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, February 28, 2023  
1:00 pm

**Learn about a vision for a bicycle-friendly Hamilton Avenue and State Street!**

To register for this meeting, visit:  
<https://go.rutgers.edu/Passaic>

**The City of Passaic wants to make Hamilton Avenue and State Street safer!**

Join us on Tuesday, February 28, to learn about a preliminary design for bicycle and driver safety improvements to Hamilton Avenue and State Street. We want your input!

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 helps towns and cities imagine a safer, more functional, and more welcoming environment for everyone who uses the street.



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## The best new U.S. Bike Lanes

People For Bikes identified the top nine new bike lanes across the country. While numerous projects deserve recognition, they rounded up the top nine projects worth emulating. The list includes Marin Boulevard and Henderson Street bikeway in Hoboken and Jersey City, Green Lake Outer Loop in Seattle, Washington, Capital Crescent Surface Trail in Bethesda, Maryland and Bigelow Boulevard in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

[Click here to read more.](#)

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## **2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Awards announced**

On Feb. 1, 2023, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced \$800 million in grant awards for 510 communities through the first round of funding for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. These awards include 473 Action Plan Grants and 37 Implementation Grants.

In Action Plan Grants, New Jersey received a total of \$6.5 million in funding. The recipients of Action Plan Grants include the Borough of Dunellen, the City of Atlantic City, the City of Cape May, the City of Paterson, Essex County Department of Public Works, Hudson County, Monmouth County, New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, Township of Medford and Union County.

Under the Implementation Grant, the City of Vineland received a \$20 million award for Chestnut Avenue Safety Improvements and Rehabilitation project. This project will improve safety on a nearly 2.3-mile corridor of Chestnut Avenue between Delsea Drive and Main Road. The project will implement a road diet; convert the four-lane roadway to a three-lane section with a two-way left-turn lane; install lighting, ADA-compliant walkways, and bicycle lanes; enhance visibility at crosswalks; modernize traffic signals; and rehabilitate sidewalks.

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## **Federal Highway Administration announces new efforts to improve road safety, advance complete streets that serve all road users**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) today announced two new efforts that will help States, cities, and local governments improve road safety. This announcement is part of ongoing, coordinated work to improve quality of life and reduce unacceptably high rates of traffic deaths in the U.S. in accordance with the Department's National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS).

Included in the announcement is a new Request for Information (RFI) seeking input on ways to improve safety and design standards for roads to facilitate the development of Complete Streets that serve all road users and a new waiver ensuring States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) can afford certain Complete Streets activities by removing financial barriers.

FHWA's RFI, "Improving Road Safety for All Users on Federal-Aid Projects," seeks public comments from State, regional and local agencies on changes to the FHWA Design Standards regulation or other agency regulations that are needed to facilitate the development of Complete Streets and Complete Networks that serve all road users. Comments in response to the RFI can be submitted at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and must be received on or before March 20, 2023.

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

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## How tactical urbanism helped conquer the streets of Jersey City

Jersey City recently announced that no one died on its city streets in 2022, meeting its Vision Zero plan for the city. The milestone was the result of years of work by the city and its collaborator, Street Plans, a planning firm founded by Mike Lydon and Anthony Garcia. Lydon, co-author of the 2015 book *Tactical Urbanism* (currently being updated), began working with Jersey City on a whole raft of initiatives six years ago.

"Like any good tactical urbanism project, it's been an iterative process. It's also important to note from a mayoral leadership and staff perspective, there was strong alignment several years ago that led to a series of planning initiatives, policies, and infrastructure investments under the same leadership over successive terms." - Mike Lydon

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## DVRPC awarded \$1.47 Million for Regional Vision Zero 2050 Action Program

Under the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program, DVRPC received \$1.47 million for its Regional Vision Zero 2050 Action Program. This was a regional effort, with all nine counties in the DVRPC region included as subrecipients of the award.

DVRPC and its partners will create a safety action program to advance the Connections 2050 Long-Range Plan Regional Vision Zero 2050 goal with a process designed to strengthen ongoing regional collaboration

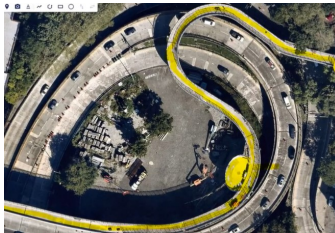


toward eliminating crash fatalities. In addition to required plan elements like a regional High Injury Network, DVRPC will review recently-completed and forthcoming county and local plans for inclusion in the regional plan—possibly qualifying them for future SS4A implementation grant rounds.



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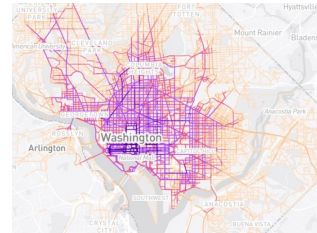
## BIKE/PED NEWS FEED



**North Sidewalk of George Washington Bridge Reopened**



**Billions of Dollars Are Available for Bike Projects**



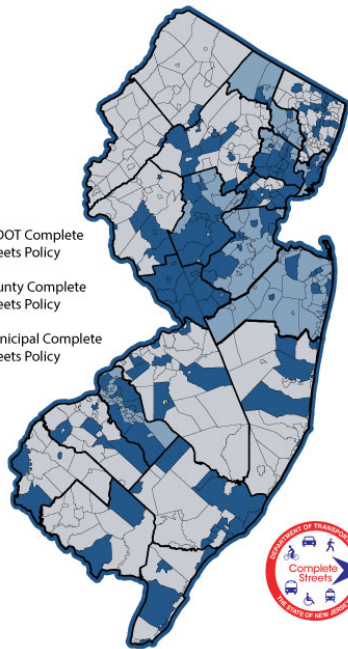
**DC launches public shared micromobility dashboard**

## 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.

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



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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