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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 next BPAC Meeting on July 26, 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.

This week's BPAC meeting will include a presentation with information on using SS4A and PROTECT grants for Complete and Green Streets.

BPAC is open to everyone.

To participate, please register using the following link:

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



2023 New Jersey Complete Streets Summit

The 2023 New Jersey Complete Streets Summit, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, will be held on November 1, 2023. The full-day event will be held in-person at the College Avenue Campus Student Center at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, and is free to attend.

Complete Streets are streets designed for all road users based on the specific context and needs of your community. This biennial Summit brings together planners, engineers, public officials, health professionals, advocates, and others involved with shaping communities throughout New Jersey. Summit session topics will include institutionalizing Complete and Green Streets policies, lessons learned from implementation, and what is in store for the Complete Streets movement.

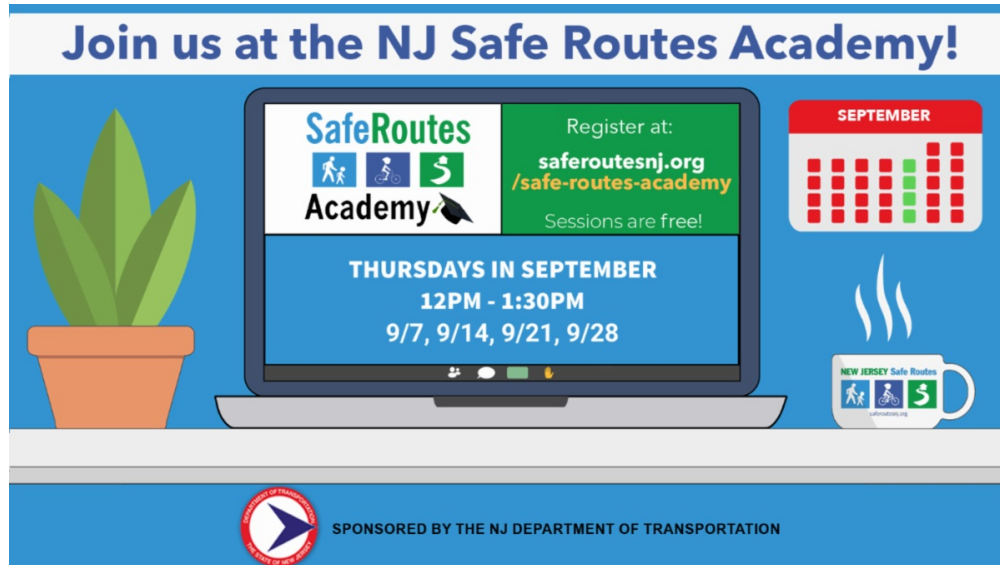
Stay tuned for registration information.

[Check out the 2021 Complete Streets Summit Sessions here.](#)



The Money Trail: A Comprehensive List of Funding Resources for Active Transportation in New Jersey

Implementing active transportation projects can be costly, and securing funding can be challenging. This article discusses some common funding resources available to New Jersey communities to advance Complete Streets initiatives, including infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects and programs to increase walking and biking.



Save the dates for 2023 NJ Safe Routes Academy

Join us for our “lunch and learn” Annual Safe Routes Academy sessions! It is free to join and will take place online on September 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 12- 1:30 pm.

The NJ Safe Routes Academy, sponsored by the NJ Department of Transportation, features free online sessions to help participants make their communities more walk- and bike-friendly for all users of all abilities. The Safe Routes Academy is designed for parents, teachers, students, municipal leaders, local volunteers, and anyone else interested in improving conditions for walking and bicycling. Learn about the best practices and resources that you can use to increase safety and accessibility in your community.

[Register for the Safe Routes Academy here.](#)

[Check out the previous Safe Routes Academy Sessions here.](#)

Biden-Harris Administration Announces Funding for 162 Community-Led Infrastructure Projects as Part of the Investing in America Agenda

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg will join Assistant Democratic Leader Jim Clyburn and others in South Carolina to announce that the Biden-Harris Administration has awarded more than \$2.2 billion from the RAISE discretionary grant program to 162 different infrastructure projects across the country. Funding includes **three projects in New Jersey.**

1. [Gateway tunnel project gets \\$25M to kick-start construction on NJ side](#)
2. [Camden County gets \\$19M toward building 34-mile trail starting at Ben Franklin Bridge](#)
3. [Manville Receives \\$48,000 Federal Grant to Improve Railroad Crossings](#)

[Click here to read more about RAISE awards on the USDOT website.](#)



Medford Receives \$1.4M Grant To Make Improvements To Main Street

A \$1.4 million New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Alternative Program (TAP) grant has been awarded to Medford Township to “make improvements to Main Street,” Township Manager Kathy Burger announced during a June 7 Medford Township Council meeting. The grant funds, she said, are to be used for the “Main Street – North/South Bike and/or Pedestrian Connector” which passes through portions of Church Road, Wilkins Station Road, Route 70, and Main Street.

[Click here to learn more on the Pine Barrens Tribune website.](#)



Union County to Convert Unused Rails to Trails With \$1.5M From NJDOT

The county’s efforts to convert unused train lines into trails is taking shape in Roselle Park and Kenilworth with a project that connects to existing greenways and parks, branching into the Watchung Reservation.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation awarded \$1.5 million in funding this month to the Rahway Valley Rails-to-Trails project, which will create multi-use trails from the abandoned Rahway Valley Railroad section through Kenilworth and Roselle Park, as part of its Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program.

[Click here to learn more on the TAPinto Westfield website.](#)



Mercer County receives \$175,000 grant to study Johnson Trolley Trail Corridor

Mercer County has received a \$175,000 grant for a feasibility study of the Johnson Trolley Trail Corridor to develop a pedestrian and bicycle route that would connect the Municipality of Princeton and the City of Trenton.

The \$175,000 grant was awarded to Mercer County by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). It is being funded through the DVRPC's Community Development Initiative grant program.

[Click to read more on CentralJersey.com](#)

American Academy of Pediatrics Lays Out Steps for Improving Child Pedestrian Safety

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), in its first policy statement on child pedestrian safety since 2009, calls for communities to adopt and promote policies, programs and legislation that result in a safer environment for pedestrians. The policy statement, "Child Pedestrian Safety," and an accompanying technical report, "Epidemiology and Prevention of Child Pedestrian Injury," will be published in the July 2023 Pediatrics (published online June 20).

[Click here to learn more at the AAP website.](#)



2023's Best Places to Bike

An overview of this year's U.S. City Ratings data, including top performers, biggest improvements, and more. The top 10 medium-sized cities include two New Jersey cities—Hoboken and Plainfield!

[Click here to read the article at People For Bikes.](#)

Pedestrian Fatalities Reach Record High

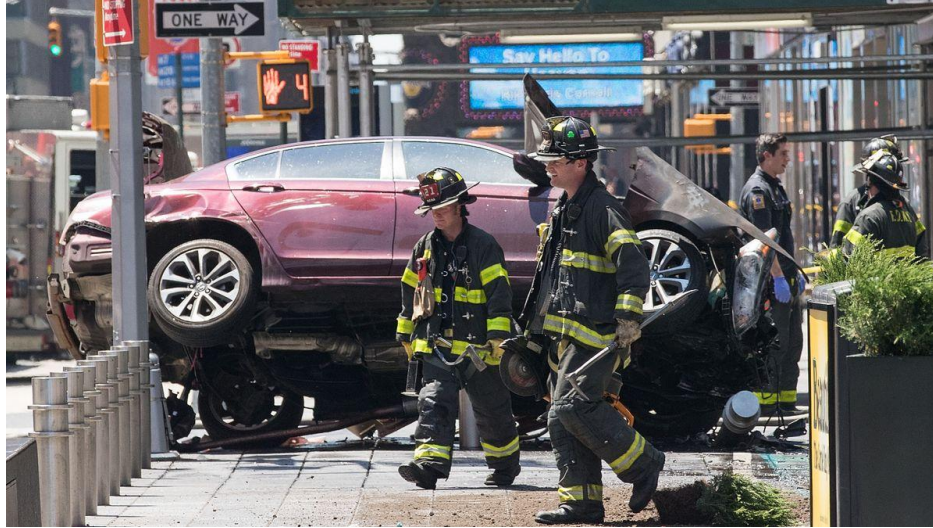
More than 7,500 people were killed last year, the highest number of fatalities in 40 years. The epidemic of deaths has been blamed on bad driving behavior, oversized vehicles and flaws in the design of highways and roads.

[Click here to learn more at Governing.com.](#)

Amtrak Bike Task Force Seeks Input

With the East Coast Greenway Alliance playing a key role, the Amtrak Bike Task Force aims "to make travel by train with a bike more seamless than ever" - the task force seeks input on where Amtrak needs improvement!

[Click here to learn more and take the survey.](#)



Getting to zero traffic fatalities will take more than infrastructure funds, experts say

Vehicle speed and size, alcohol use, time of day and like of pedestrian infrastructure contribute to the ongoing increase in fatalities, traffic safety experts said.

[Click here to learn more on the Smart Cities Dive website.](#)



Shared micromobility companies recommended model regulations. Here's what they didn't mention.

Bird, Lime, Spin and Superpedestrian's recommendations largely leave out safety, infrastructure and community engagement concerns, researchers and micromobility consultants said.

[Click here to learn more on the Smart Cities Dive website.](#)

**Learn About NJDOT's Bikeways Grant Program (featuring
Gibbsboro Mayor Ed Campbell)**



[Click here to view the video on YouTube.](#)

[Click here to check out the NJDOT YouTube page.](#)



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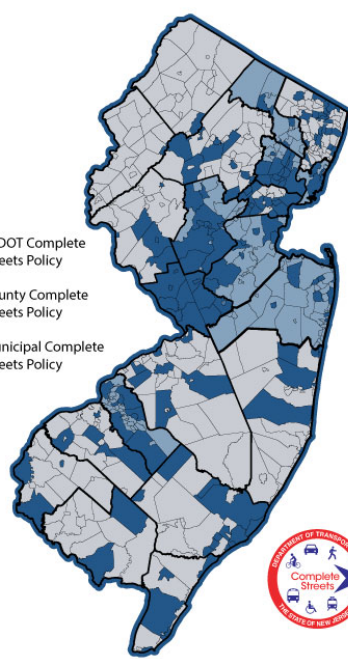
An up-to-date list of Complete Streets policies in New Jersey

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 population.

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

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



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

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