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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 September, 27th 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 month's BPAC meeting will include a presentation on bicycle and pedestrian program guidance from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). **For the full agenda, click here.**

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
November 1, 2023

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REGISTER TODAY!
CompleteStreets2023.com

Venue: Rutgers College Ave Student Center, New Brunswick, New Jersey
Sponsored by The New Jersey Department of Transportation

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 the 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 advancing Complete Streets through the Safe System Approach, sustainable transit-oriented development, and inclusive design for cognitive divergence.

[Register for the 2023 Complete Streets Summit here.](#)

[Check out the agenda here.](#)

Join us at the NJ Safe Routes Academy!

SafeRoutes Academy

Register at:
saferoutesnj.org/safe-routes-academy
Sessions are free!

THURSDAYS IN SEPTEMBER
12PM - 1:30PM
9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28

SEPTEMBER

NEW JERSEY Safe Routes

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Register for the 2023 New Jersey 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 New Jersey Safe Routes Academy, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, features free online sessions to help participants make their communities more walk- and bike-friendly, especially in the vicinity of schools. The Safe Routes Academy is designed for parents, teachers, students, municipal leaders, local volunteers, and anyone else interested in enabling and empowering students and their caregivers of all ages and abilities to walk, bike, and roll to and from campus. 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.](#)

Safety Summit 2023

Practical Collaboration: Uniting Efforts for Tangible Results

Save the Date: New Jersey Safety Summit 2023

The New Jersey Safety Summit will be held on Tuesday, October 24th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (registration begins at 8:30 am).

To successfully reach the goal of zero deaths on New Jersey's roadways, we must work together to brainstorm and implement effective strategies and policies. This year's theme is **Practical Collaboration: Uniting Efforts for Tangible Results**. The Safety Summit will highlight efforts across the 5E's of safety: Enforcement, Education, Emergency Response, Engineering, and Equity.

When: Tuesday, October 24th

Where: The College of New Jersey, Brower Student Center, 2000 Pennington Rd, Ewing Township, NJ 08618

Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (registration begins at 8:30 am)

[Click here to add this event to your calendar.](#)

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of Planning and Public Policy

Working from Home and Walking During and After Covid

Research conducted by the Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers University examines how pandemic-related work-from-home orders affected the propensity of walking. After controlling for socio-economic, demographic, and transportation factors, we found that working from home and having a high income are associated with a higher propensity of walking during and after the pandemic.

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



Reconnecting Communities Grants Have Returned - Here's What is New This Year

Applications are open for the U.S. Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) program due September 28, 2023. Ideal projects for the RCN program aim to improve access to daily needs for residents, including jobs, education, health care, food, nature, and recreation. This year, the combination of the RCP and NAE programs into a combined application provides new opportunities for communities to implement this funding.

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



NJDOT Officially Changes Terminology Regarding Traffic Collisions from "Accident" to "Crash"

On August 7, 2023 the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) announced a policy update that changes the terminology the Department uses regarding traffic collisions from "accident" to "crash." The new policy and procedure applies to the entire Department and has been established to reflect greater uniformity with USDOT's use of the term "crash" instead of "accident" in reference to vehicle collisions. This change reflects a philosophical approach to the perception of motor vehicle collisions and how NJDOT views them. This policy reinforces the philosophy that crashes do not just happen; they have causes and can be prevented.

This is a significant step in acknowledging the Department's pathology regarding vehicle safety and operator responsibility.

This policy will affect the following:

1. "Accident Records Information" will be renamed "Crash Records Information"
2. "Accident Data Form" will be renamed "Crash Data Form"
3. The NJDOT Safety Manual will be amended to change accident to crash when the accident in question refers to damage of state vehicles or includes vehicular collisions.
4. All correspondence with the public, publication of internal documents, and statements or speeches given on behalf of the Department will also reflect this policy's directive.



Where to Donate Used Bikes in New Jersey - 2023 Update

Do you have a bike that's no longer being used and would like to donate it? Are you looking for an affordable option to pick up a new bike? Are you interested in organizing a bike donation drive for your local community? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, read the full article to find out how.

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

Safe Routes to School Applications Now Being

Accepted for Federally-Funded 2024 Grants

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) announced the grant solicitation period for the 2024 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program is open, with applications being accepted through November 17, 2023. The program is administered by the NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development, in partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO).

SRTS grants are available for infrastructure projects that encourage and enable students to walk and bike safely to school. Through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the program has been [expanded to include high schools](#) for the first time. Proposed infrastructure improvements must be within a two-mile radius of a K-12 school. SRTS facilitates the planning, development and implementation of projects that improve safety and air quality, as well as reduce traffic and fuel consumption around schools.

[Read the full NJDOT press release here.](#)

[Register for SRTS Grant Training Webinars here.](#)

[See Safe Routes to School Grant resources here.](#)

Community Meeting

August 29, 2023

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Where:

Asbury Park City Hall
Council Chambers
One Municipal Plaza
Asbury Park, NJ 07712

When:

Tuesday, August 29, 2023
6:00 to 7:30 PM

Questions?

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Main Street Streetscape Improvements

Main Street (NJ Route 71) was recently reconstructed by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to implement a "road diet" in order to improve traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety through the City of Asbury Park. During construction of that project, most of the existing trees along Main Street were removed to accommodate utility relocations and sidewalk reconstruction.

As part of the on-going Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to provide streetscape improvements along Main Street and Deal Lake Drive, the City of Asbury Park is proposing to install more than 100 new street trees as well as new benches and decorative bicycle racks at various locations along Main Street to beautify the roadway. Preliminary design plans were presented to the community in June 2022.

This meeting is being held to present the final streetscape designs and construction plans. The community is invited to attend and review plans. Members of the Project Team and City staff will be on hand to answer questions. Following the meeting, the presentation will be available on the [City of Asbury Park website](#) until September 14, 2023 with the opportunity to provide feedback.



Asbury Park to Hold Community Meeting on Main Street Streetscape Improvements on August 29 at 6 p.m.

The City will hold a Main Street Streetscape Improvements community meeting on Tuesday, August 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Council Chambers, 1 Municipal Plaza. Route 71 was recently reconstructed by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to implement a "road diet" in order to improve traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety through the City of Asbury Park.

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



Route 29 Boulevard Project May Be Moving Forward

Trenton Mayor W. Reed Gusciora welcomed a \$1.016 million planning grant award to Mercer County to evaluate concepts for re-designing Route 29 in the Capital City. For several decades, community members have expressed and documented the desire to reconnect to the river, reestablish a riverfront community and park, and convert NJ Route 29 to a boulevard.

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



How to Safely Store e-Bikes & e-Scooters in Apartments

As e-bikes and e-scooters have proliferated, so have fires and explosions stemming from malfunctions in their lithium-ion batteries. Over 500 fires related to micromobility devices have been reported in New York City since 2020, prompting stricter safety measures on e-bikes and scooters for sale within city limits. Dan Colombini - principal and director of fire protection at engineering firm Goldman Copeland - offers his insight on how electric devices should be stored in high-density environments.



Sign up or Donate to the 13th Annual "STOP For Nikhil" Event

The STOP for Nikhil Run/Walk/Bike event will be held in person and virtually on Sunday 24th, 2023 at West Orange High School. This event raises funds and awareness for traffic safety initiatives and for nurturing the musical and academic talents of local children.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

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Mayor Fulop Launches First Free Public Bike Storage Network at Transit Hubs for Greater Expansion of Jersey City's Increasingly Robust Transportation Infrastructure

Mayor Steven M. Fulop and the Department of Infrastructure announced the activation of free, 24/7, secure, public bike storage as part of the administration's extensive mobility efforts to provide greener options for commuting and reducing vehicular traffic. The Brooklyn-based company, Oonee, will provide the new parking system, which will include parking for over 80 devices in phase one.

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

Sustainable Jersey is hiring a Program Coordinator

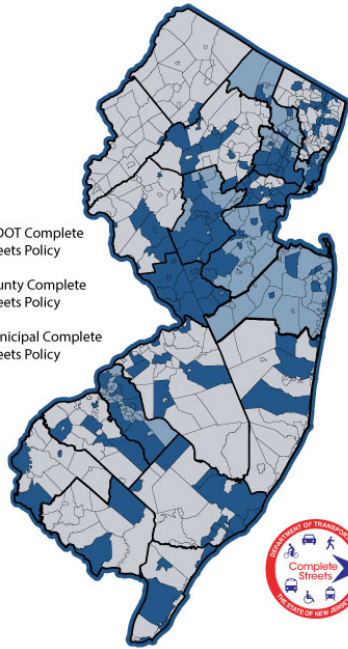
Sustainable Jersey, administered by The Sustainability Institute at the College of New Jersey, seeks an individual with a passion for sustainability, and interested in working with a dynamic team creating programs for communities across New Jersey. Working closely with the Manager of Policy and Planning the Program Coordinator is responsible for researching best practices related to sustainable development for municipalities and schools and supporting the implementation of them in the Sustainable Jersey programs with particular emphasis on local land-use planning and climate resilience.

[Learn more and apply here.](#)

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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