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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 December, 6th 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/

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



In-Review: 2023 NJ Complete Streets Summit Recap

On Wednesday, November 1, 2023, the New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center hosted the biennial New Jersey Complete Streets Summit, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. This was the seventh summit and by all measures, it was a major success, bringing together over 250 planners, engineers, students, municipal leaders, and advocates from across the state and region to share and learn how they can work together to bring Complete Streets to more of New Jersey.

[Read the full blog article here.](#)

[Access presentation slides from the Summit here.](#)



The Case for Complete Streets for Complete Communities

In the quest to create vibrant and livable communities, road design has a major impact on development, safety, and public health. How can allocating road space differently help make communities healthier? Complete streets are designed and operated to prioritize safety, accessibility, and convenience for all users, regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation, and they are an integral part of creating not just safer roadways, but thriving communities that cater to the diverse needs of all residents.

[Read the full blog article here.](#)



Check Out the New Jersey Bicycle Tour Guides

Over the past two decades, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) published bicycle touring guides featuring rides for cyclists of all ages and levels. These guides now have a new home on the New Jersey Bicycle & Pedestrian Resource Center website, which includes links to downloadable PDFs with maps and step-by-step directions for more than 25 bicycle touring routes throughout New Jersey, including the 238-mile High Point Cape May Bike Route and the East Coast Greenway Multi-Use Trail Guide.

[Find them on our website](#)



Attention North Jersey Municipalities: Free Complete Streets Technical Assistance Available

The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority's (NJTPA) [Complete Streets Technical Assistance Program](#) provides free technical assistance to municipalities to complete a specific task related to advancing a Complete Streets initiative in their community. Eligible applicants include municipal governments within the NJTPA's 13-county region comprised of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren counties. No direct funding to municipalities is provided.

Towns can apply to receive free technical assistance services focused on bicycle network planning or a corridor/neighborhood complete streets assessment to advance their Complete Streets initiatives. To implement the program, NJTPA partners with Sustainable Jersey and the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center (VTC) at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. The program is made possible through NJTPA's federal funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Register for an informational webinar on December 5, 2023.

Learn more and apply here.

SafeRoutes Academy

Register at:
[saferoutesnj.org /safe-routes-academy](https://saferoutesnj.org/safe-routes-academy)
Sessions are free!

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

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NEW JERSEY Safe Routes

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View the 2023 NJ Safe Routes Academy Recordings

The NJ Safe Routes Academy, sponsored by NJDOT, featured free online sessions to help participants make their communities more walk- and bike-friendly for all users of all

abilities. The NJ 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 the safety and accessibility of walking and bicycling in your community.

[View Recordings](#)

[Answer the Academy Questionnaire](#)



Jersey City Receives NJDOT Award for Significant Street Safety Improvements & Successful Vision Zero Action Plan

Mayor Steven M. Fulop joins Jersey City's Transportation Division in accepting the 2023 Complete Streets Excellence and Champion Award – an accolade from the Department of Transportation (NJDOT) in honor of the Fulop Administration's successful Vision Zero Action Plan implementation, yielding life-saving and injury-preventing results on Jersey City roadways.

[Read the press release here.](#)



Montclair Pitches New Speed Limit Proposal To Essex County

The Montclair Town Council is trying to get Essex County to set new speed limits on county roads in the name of traffic safety.

The council voted to approve Ordinance O-23-37 on first reading at their Monday meeting. The ordinance would amend Chapter 327 of the code of the Township of Montclair to establish school zone speed limits around schools on Essex County roadways.

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



Paths to Biking, Walking Improvements Supported by Wealth of Research

The amount of federal funds available for pedestrian and bicycle projects has grown steadily since 1992 under programs implemented as part of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act. TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) summarizes state department of transportation (DOT) practices for selecting pedestrian and bicycle projects in [Practices for Selecting Pedestrian and Bicycle Projects](#). As the United States explores improvements to infrastructure, these sometimes overlooked modes are important to consider.

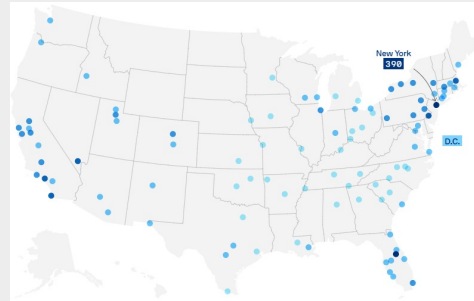
[Click here to read the full article.](#)



Traffic Study: If You Use Easton Avenue and Have Something to Say Now is the Time

If you live in Central New Jersey and walk, bike or drive on Easton Avenue, now is your chance to share your thoughts on how to improve travel and safety on the roadway. Residents of Franklin and beyond are encouraged to participate in the Local Concept Development (LCD) Study for the Easton Avenue Corridor in Franklin Township.

[Read the article here.](#)



Walking has plummeted across America

There's been a staggering decline in the number of trips Americans take by putting one foot in front of the other, per a new report.

Why it matters: Walking is good for us.

That's true both on an individual level (thanks to the many health benefits it confers) and in the big-picture climate change sense (given that it's the OG form of zero-emissions travel).

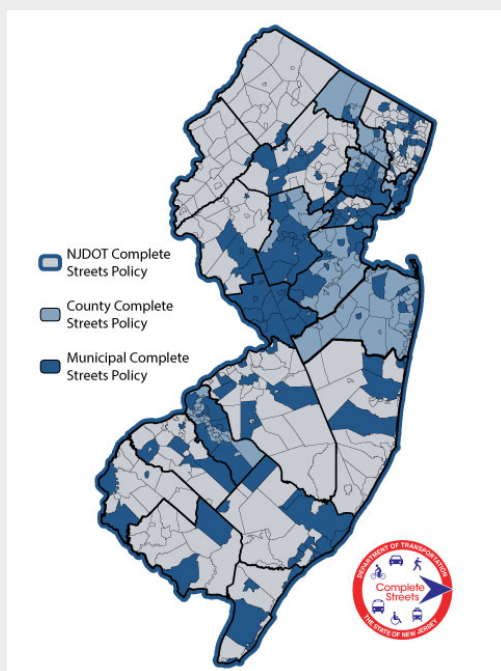
[Click to read more.](#)



'Deadliest road' to become pedestrian, bicycle friendly

To improve safety on what is called one of the state's deadliest roads for pedestrians over the past 40 years, county commissioners have announced a major project through Delran, Riverside, Edgewater Park and Willingboro. The work will extend the Rancocas Greenway Trail and construct a safe pedestrian and bicycle crossing on Route 130 in Edgewater Park, work that will also improve the pedestrian walkway on the Route 130 Bridge over the Rancocas Creek.

[Click here to read more.](#)



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

Complete Streets in New Jersey

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

There are currently **175** 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!

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