



# 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](#).

## Join us for the next BPAC Meeting on January 31, 2024

### 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:

### 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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## NJ Bicycle & Pedestrian Resource Center: 2023 Year in Review

The NJ Bicycle & Pedestrian Resource Center (BPRC) experienced a dynamic and eventful year in 2023. Supported by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) with funds from the Federal Highway Administration, NJBPRC engaged in a variety of activities and initiatives over the past year which ranged from providing technical support, the

publication of articles on the NJ Walks and Bikes blog, to researching significant subjects such as Complete Streets and their impact on individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD).

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

## From our Friends at the NJ Safe Routes Resource Center



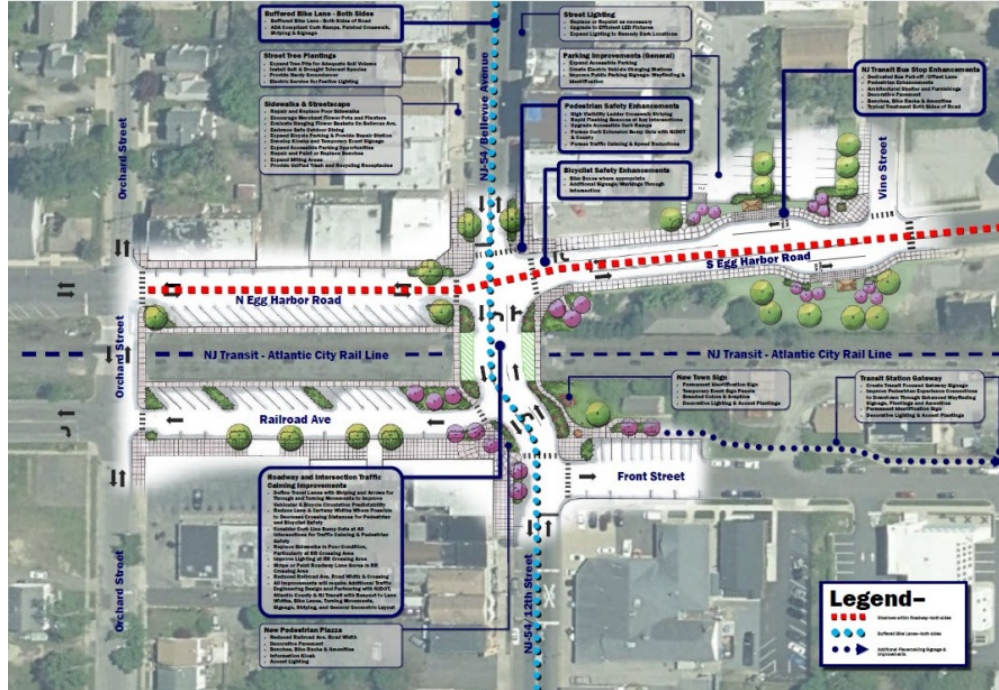
### Out Now on YouTube: Children and Driveway Safety

Have you ever thought about how safe or unsafe your driveway is? It's easy to assume that a driveway is safer than a street. In this new video, the importance of being cautious while pulling in and out of driveways is highlighted, ensuring the safety of people walking, especially children, who are most vulnerable in these areas.

This video was developed by the New Jersey Safe Routes Resource Center at Rutgers University, on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Transportation and New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety/New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety with funds from the Federal Highway Administration.

[Read the full blog article on the Safe Routes Scoop.](#)

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## USDOT Awards 23 More SS4A Grants in New Jersey

The United States Department of Transportation announced on December 13 its full list of grant awardees for the fiscal year 2023 round of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) competitive grant program. Among the 620 communities across the United States to receive funding are 23 New Jersey communities, including one Implementation Grant awardee.

New Jersey communities received a total of \$21.1 million in federal funding in this round. Between the awards from 2022 and 2023, a total of \$46.2 million have been awarded to New Jersey communities. While last year's funding total was larger at \$25.1 million, this year's funding will be distributed to many more applicants.

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



## 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.

[View the December 5 Webinar recording here.](#)

[Learn more and apply at Sustainable Jersey.](#)



### **TNJ Institute: e-Bike Incentives**

On Thursday December 14, 2023, Together North Jersey and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority held a webinar that explores programs and incentives for e-bike micromobility.

Learn about e-bike regulations and explore incentive programs that support e-bikes as a viable transportation mode in the state. The event will include presentations from local and national experts followed by a panel discussion and Q&A.

[Learn more and watch the recording at Together North Jersey.](#)



## **Murphy Administration Announces \$13.6 Million in FY 2024 Safe Streets to Transit Program Grants to Improve Pedestrian Safety**

The Murphy Administration today announced \$13.6 million in Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Streets to Transit Program (SSTT) grants for 29 projects in 12 counties. This year's grants represent the largest amount of funds provided in a single year for the Safe Streets to Transit Program.

"We must strive to reduce congestion on our roadways and encourage our residents to consider alternate forms of transportation," Governor Phil Murphy said. "I am committed to making New Jersey more fair and equitable, and the Safe Streets to Transit Program helps do that by providing communities the funds to improve infrastructure so residents may safely travel to and from transit facilities."

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

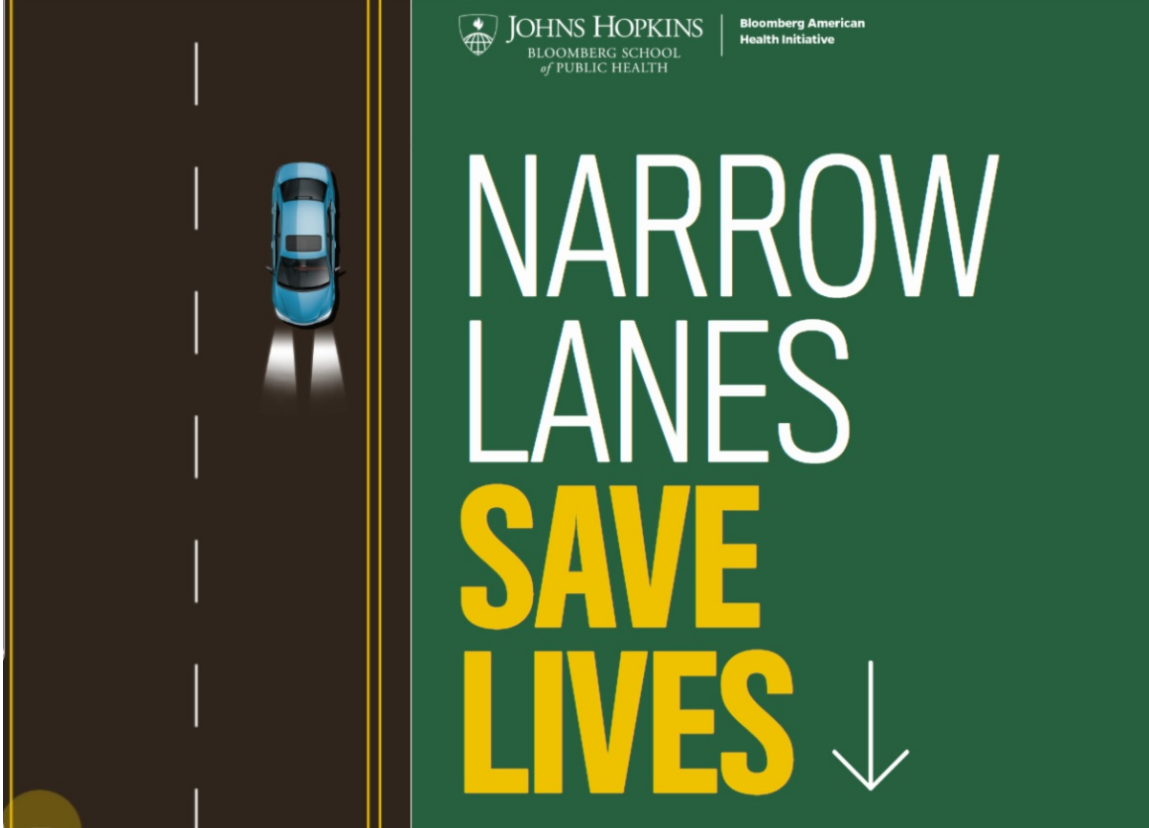


## **Murphy Administration Announces \$7.9 Million in FY 2024 Bikeway Grants to Fund Projects that Improve Quality of Life**

The Murphy Administration today announced 14 Bikeway Grants totaling \$7.9 million to help advance local Bikeway projects in eight counties.

"I'm committed to promoting active transportation alternatives that help achieve our climate change goals by reducing our reliance on cars, while encouraging residents to live a healthy lifestyle," Governor Phil Murphy said. "Investing in bikeways is a tangible step to create more walkable and bikeable options for our most vulnerable road users."

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

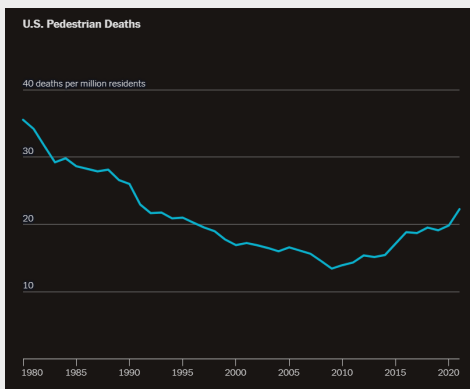


## Narrow Lanes Save Lives

Narrowing travel lanes is a solution to enhancing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and improving safety conditions. New national research including seven U.S. cities led by Dr. Shima Hamidi, PhD, a Bloomberg Assistant Professor of American Health and funded by the Bloomberg American Health Initiative examined national data to determine which types of roads should be targeted.

One major finding is that roads with 10–12-foot lanes at 30–35 mph speed limits have a significantly higher number of crashes compared to those with 9-foot lanes. Narrowing lane widths at these speeds provides city leaders with an opportunity to improve safety for all roadway users.

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



**Why Are So Many American Pedestrians**



**Margate Painting Bike Lanes Green to Prevent Drivers from Using Them**

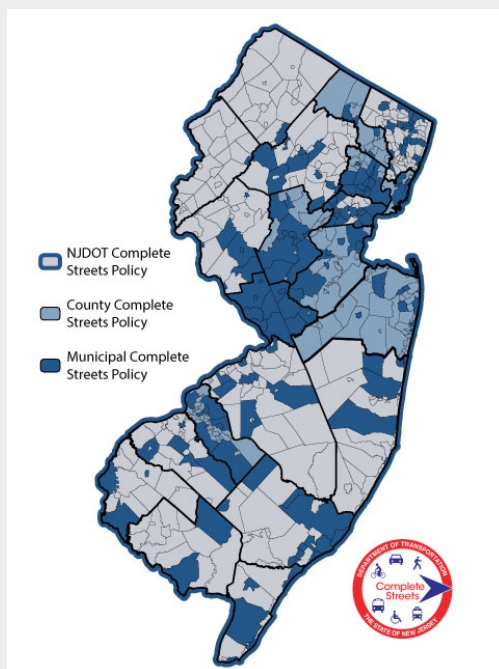
## Dying at Night?

The New York Times recently details a concerning trend on American roads since 2009: a rise in pedestrian fatalities, especially at night. Experts are confused because this phenomenon is absent in other similarly affluent nations like Canada and Australia. The numbers show that in these other countries, fewer people are getting hurt at night, while the overall numbers are actually decreasing. The article asks a simple question: Why are more people getting hurt in the United States, especially at night, compared to 15 years ago?

[Read the article here.](#)

Margate is embracing the Philadelphia Eagles' Kelly green trend by painting all of its bike lanes in a similar shade, inspired by the Eagles' throwback jerseys. The striping initiative, which began at Fredericksburg and Atlantic avenues and will extend to Huntington Avenue, aims to enhance visibility and distinguish bike lanes effectively. City officials express satisfaction with the positive traffic changes resulting from the road diet implemented over the past few years, transforming Atlantic Avenue into a one-lane road in each direction, reducing the speed limit to 25, and widening the bike lane path from five to ten feet.

[Click 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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