



# NJ BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN RESOURCE CENTER

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## Dear Readers,

Welcome to this issue of the NJ Walks and Bikes Newsletter funded by the NJ Department of Transportation. If you would like to learn more about the NJDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center, please visit us [here](#).

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

**General Meeting, 9:30 am – 11:30 am**  
*coffee chat begins at 9:15 am*

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 on how to join the meeting.

**DATE CHANGE: The July BPAC meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, July 31.** If you previously registered, your information does carry over to the new date, and no further action is required.

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)

## *Missed the last meeting?*

In our May 2024 meeting, **Elise Bremer-Nei, AICP, PP**, the New Jersey Department of Transportation Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, led a presentation on the NJDOT Local Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Assistance Program. A recording of

the presentation is available on our [YouTube channel](#).

**Watch the webinar on the NJDOT Local Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Assistance Program.**



## **Sign of the Times: The 'Four Foot Minimum Clearance to Pass' Sign and its Benefits**

This past December, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released the 11th edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways ([MUTCD](#)). The MUTCD consists of national standards for traffic control devices, including street signage.

Aside from some minor revisions, 14 years had passed since the last MUTCD was published.

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

## **Burlington County Awarded SS4A Grant**

On May 17, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) awarded \$400,000 to Burlington County through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grants program. The County received this grant for the "Burlington County Complete Network Plan" as part of this year's first round of SS4A. The funding will be used to conduct

demonstration projects or other supplemental planning activities.

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



## Webinar: Crafting an Effective Complete and Green Streets Policy

Learn how to create and adopt your own custom municipal Complete & Green Streets Policy. If you already have a policy, learn how to upgrade with **NJDOT's Complete & Green Streets for All: Model Policy & Guide**. This free one-hour webinar for municipal officials, staff, or consultant representatives is sponsored by the NJDOT Bureau of Safety, Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and organized by Sustainable Jersey.

**Webinar 1:** Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 12:00 to 1:00pm [Register here!](#)

**Webinar 2:** Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 3:00 to 5:00pm (virtual open house Q&A—come with questions!) – Registration coming soon

## From our Friends at the Safe Routes to School Resource Center



## Inspiring Change: Highlights from the 2024 NJ Safe Routes Academy

This past May, the New Jersey Department of Transportation's (NJDOT) New Jersey Safe Routes Academy took place during the 2024 New Jersey Bike and Walk Summit at Middlesex College. Sessions were developed and organized in coordination with staff from the New Jersey Safe Routes Resource Center and New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center, both funded and supported by NJDOT. The May Safe Routes Academy featured four sessions addressing topics such as designing for safety, working with local governments and transforming ideas into reality.



[Read the full article at NJ Safe Routes.](#)

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## Safe Routes throughout New Jersey: NJ Walk and Bike to School Month 2024

Governor Phil Murphy declared May as New Jersey Walk and Bike to School Month 2024! New Jersey's eight Transportation Management Associations (TMA) got into the spirit by working with schools and municipalities from throughout their service areas to plan events that celebrate Walk and Bike to School Month by encouraging students and parents to leave the car at home and walk or bicycle to school, to a park, or anywhere for some fun and exercise!

[Read the full article at NJ Safe Routes.](#)

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### Public Comments Open on Somerset County Project

Somerset County held its first Public Information Center (PIC) on June 17, 2024 for the Easton Avenue Corridor Improvements Project in the Township of Franklin. The primary goal of this Local Concept Development (LCD) project is to recommend improvements within the project limits that will increase safety for all roadway users (pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles).

Public comments are open through Friday, July 19, 2024.

[Learn more and submit comments here.](#)

### Survey Open for the Jersey City Protected Bike Lane Project

BikeJC and Hudson County Complete Streets, in coordination with the City of Jersey City, installed a temporary two-way protected bike lane along Franklin Street and Manhattan Avenue in the Heights neighborhood of Jersey City. Jersey City has released a survey to collect community feedback.

The survey is open until July 8, so the City can analyze the results before the end of the official pilot period.

[Take the survey here.](#)

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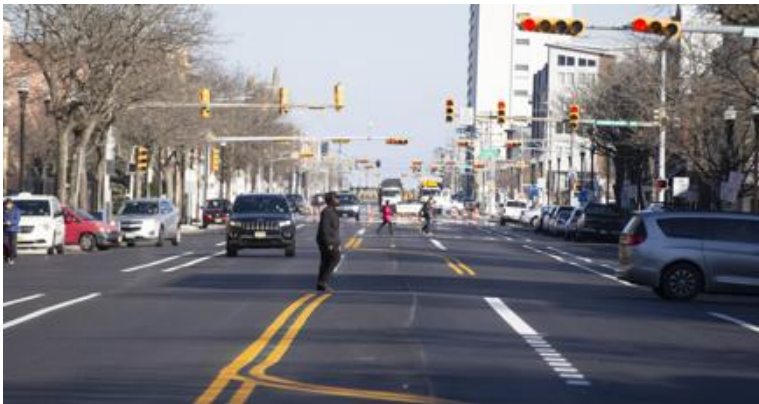


## Survey Says: American Walking Data Is Getting Worse

The National Household Travel Survey has never given a full picture of how often Americans get around on foot. But a recent change in methodology may have made matters worse.

[Read more at Streetsblog USA.](#)

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## CRDA Set to Reject Atlantic Avenue Road Diet

The Casino Reinvestment Development Authority appears set to say no to a city plan for a second phase of work reducing the lanes on Atlantic Avenue from four to two.

[Read more at Press of Atlantic City.](#)

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## **New tool tracks infrastructure law dollars at work in NJ**

The Murphy administration announced last week a new, interactive website to track the billions of dollars flowing via the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

New Jersey is the fifth state to launch such an online tracking tool. Officials say the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Formula Funding Tracker will provide insight into the utilization of federal BIL funds and state matching dollars statewide. Meanwhile, it will also measure the progress and impact of these BIL-funded projects.

[Read more at NJBiz.](#)

## **Rutgers Bicycle and Pedestrian Research in the News**



### **Traffic Speeds Decrease When Bike Lane is Present**

Rutgers University–New Brunswick researchers conducting a study at a high-traffic intersection in a Jersey Shore town have found that the installation of a bike lane along the road approaching the convergence reduced driving speeds.

[Read more at Rutgers.edu](#)

### **New Study Says Traffic is Slower Near Bike Lanes**

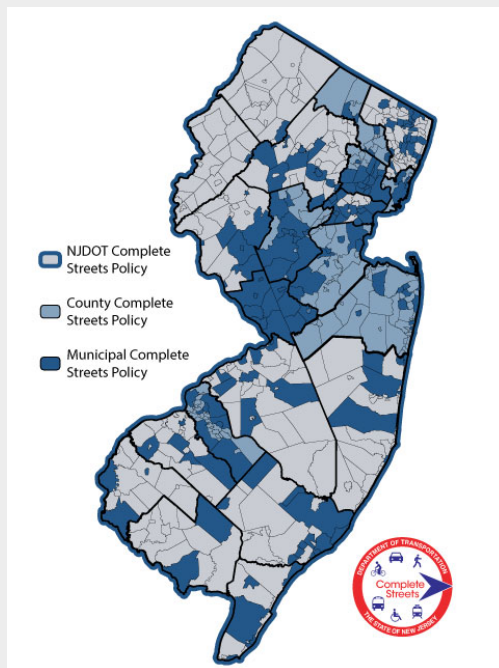
Researchers analyzed traffic at a busy New Jersey intersection and then created a bike lane to see what would happen.

[See more on  
Weather.com](#)

## **Congratulations to the Teaneck, East Windsor, Asbury Park, and Bernardsville for Updating their Complete Streets Policies!**

The Township of Teaneck in Bergen County passed a resolution to adopt a new Complete

Streets Policy. East Windsor, Asbury Park, and Bernardsville passed resolutions to amend their existing policies to include updated best practices and strategies.



## Complete Streets in New Jersey

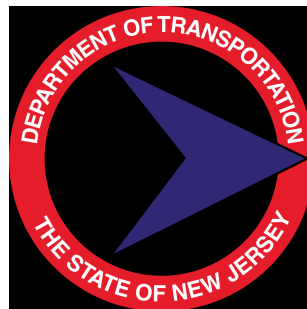
*An up-to-date list of Complete Streets policies in New Jersey*

There are currently **180** 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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