



# 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.

See the July 2024 meeting agenda [here](#). This meeting will include an update from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on trails and the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), as well as a presentation on bicycle parking at NJ TRANSIT Stations.

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 Samuel Rosenthal at [samuel.rosenthal@ejb.rutgers.edu](mailto:samuel.rosenthal@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.

REGISTER NOW!

WEBINAR

# Crafting an Effective Complete and Green Streets Policy

Learn how to create and adopt your own custom municipal Complete & Green Streets Policy

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17 | 12PM-1PM



## 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

[Register here.](#)

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

### NEW JERSEY Safe Routes to School



[www.saferoutesnj.org](http://www.saferoutesnj.org)

## Murphy Administration Announces \$21.1 Million in Federal Grants for the Safe Routes to School Program

On July 10th, The Murphy Administration announced \$21.1 million for 23 grants under the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program. Infrastructure improvement projects to be funded through this program include sidewalk improvements; pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements; and on street bicycle facilities.

“The Murphy Administration is committed improving safety by providing resources to improve sidewalks and bike paths near schools,” NJDOT Commissioner Fran O’Connor said. “The Safe Routes to School program encourages children to stay active by walking and biking to school, and is a great example of how NJDOT, working with the state’s three regional planning authorities, helps utilize federal funding to support communities through local transportation projects.”

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

[View the full list of 2024 awards here.](#)

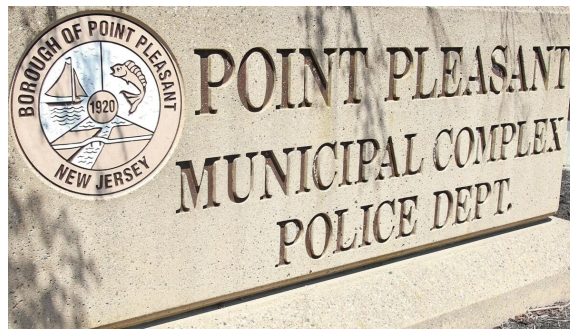
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## NJDOT Congratulates the 2024 Award Winners of the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Recognition Program

New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Commissioner Fran O’Connor, the New Jersey Safe Routes Resource Center, and New Jersey’s eight Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) are pleased to announce the 2024 recipients of the NJ Safe Routes to School Recognition Program. This year, 354 school and municipal winners are being recognized for their commitment and support of the Safe Routes to School program (SRTS) by enabling and encouraging walking and bicycling in their communities. Visit the NJ Safe Routes Resource Center website for a full list of all current winners.

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





## Point Pleasant: Boro Plans Massive Pedestrian, Cyclist Safety Initiative

Safer roads for both pedestrians and cyclists are coming to Point Pleasant, as the mayor and council revealed a massive plan to add sidewalks, enhance pedestrian safety and make roads safer for all. A massive \$5,000,000 plan was unveiled at the borough council meeting on July 15, with all funds supplied by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), according to Borough Administrator Frank Pannucci. The NJDOT supplies these funds via its Municipal Aid Grants and Local Transportation Project Fund Grants.

[Read more at Star News Group.](#)



## Belleville Awarded Nearly \$1 Million to Make Roads Near Schools Safer

State transportation officials announced Thursday, July 18 that Belleville has been awarded \$962,000 through the state's Safe Routes to School Program. In addition, Belleville Middle School is being recognized for again earning a gold-level recognition award.

[Read more at Belleville Times.](#)



## West Orange Nets Largest 'Safe Routes To School' Grant In County

Safety improvements in West Orange will include sidewalks, high-visibility crosswalks, ADA curb ramps and LED stop signs, officials said.

West Orange received \$966,000, which was the largest grant awarded under the SRTS in Essex County.

[Read more on Patch.](#)





## Red Bank: Council Hatches Bike/Pedestrian Policy

A month after a public forum at which residents expressed fears and frustrations about bike and pedestrian safety, borough officials are poised to create a new committee and a new law aimed at creating "complete and green" streets that will be safer for humans and the environment. The borough council will consider the introduction of an ordinance at Thursday's meeting to both create the committee and add a chapter to borough ordinances pertaining to streets and sidewalks.

Read more at Red Bank Green.



## New Jersey's E-Bike & E-Scooter Law

VEHICLE TYPES	PROPULSION METHOD	POWER SOURCE	MAX ASSISTED SPEED (MPH)	LICENSE & REGISTRATION	HELMET	PARK ON THE SIDEWALK?	TAKE ON TRANSIT?
LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTER 	Kickstart and throttle	Electric	19mph	No	Under 17 years old	If not blocking access	Yes*
LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLE 	Pedal and optional throttle	Electric (<750W)	20mph	No	Under 17 years old	If not blocking access	Yes*
MOTORIZED BICYCLE 	Pedal and optional throttle	Gas or Electric (<50cc/<1.5BHP)	28mph	Required	Required	No	No

<http://njbikeped.org/new-law-legalized-e-bikes-and-e-scooters-in-new-jersey/>

\* Restrictions may vary by agency. PATH and NJT restrict non-collapsible vehicles during peak travel times. Bus racks have limited availability and may not fit all bikes.

### E-mobility devices make it easier to:

- Save on gas, parking, and rideshare costs.
- Access destinations without needing to walk or drive.
- Reduce carbon emissions.
- Make "first-mile" and "last-mile" connections for bus and train trips.
- Climb hills and keep up with traffic without getting sweaty.
- Help people with limitations due to age, physical fitness levels, or disabilities.

### Low-speed e-bikes and e-scooters are regulated like bicycles. Drivers of low-speed e-bikes and e-scooters:

- Must ride in the same direction as traffic and obey all traffic lights, signs, and signals.
- Are advised to wear helmets to minimize potential head injury. Helmets are required in NJ for youth under age 17.
- Must park devices without blocking pedestrian and/or wheelchair access.
- Should not ride on sidewalks. Off-road trails generally do not allow motorized bicycles, but may allow e-bikes and e-scooters. Regulations vary by municipality and county. Check all local ordinances and policies. Ride slowly in areas with pedestrians.



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**NEW JERSEY  
Safe Routes**

For more information, visit the NJ Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center at [njbikeped.org](http://njbikeped.org) or the NJ Safe Routes Resource Center at [saferoutesnj.org](http://saferoutesnj.org), 01.13.22

## Attention E-Bike and E-Scooter Drivers: Laws in Effect!

According to New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center, low-speed e-bikes and e-scooters are regulated and drivers of the e-scooters/bikes must adhere to the following:

- ride in the same direction as traffic and obey all lights, signs and signals
- advised to wear helmets as adults and required to wear helmets under the age of 17
- must park without blocking pedestrian or wheelchair access



- should not ride on sidewalks, and check local rules regarding off-road trails- these may vary by municipality
- ride slowly and exercise extreme caution in pedestrian areas

[Read more at TapInto Neptune City.](#)

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## USDOT Releases FY2024 Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program NOFO

The US Department of Transportation has released the **2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program Fiscal Years (FY) 2024 – 2026 funding.

The BIL established the **Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP)** Grant Program to help reconnect communities previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. The goal of the program is to advance community-centered transportation connection projects that improve access to daily needs such as jobs, education, healthcare, food, nature, and recreation, and foster equitable development and restoration.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law authorized \$1 billion in grant funding from FY 2022-26 for planning, construction and technical assistance. **\$607 million is remaining, all of which will be awarded under this NOFO.**

**Applications for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program are due by September 30, 2024**

[Learn about Reconnecting Communities at USDOT.](#)

The New Jersey Department of Transportation Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center has discussed the Reconnecting Communities Pilot during previous rounds. Read our past blog articles here:

**Reconnecting Communities Grants Have Returned—Here's What is New this Year**

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

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## Congratulations to Fort Lee for Updating their Complete Streets Policy!

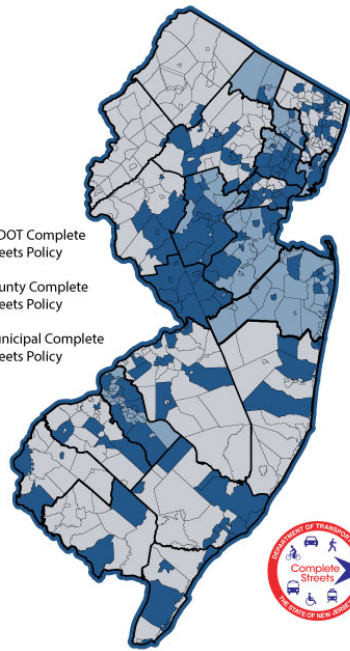
The Borough of Fort Lee in Bergen County passed a resolution to update their Complete Streets Policy, which was last updated in 2012.

### Complete Streets in New Jersey

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

There are currently **180** municipalities and **8**

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

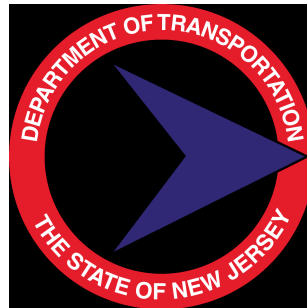


counties with Complete Streets policies in New Jersey.

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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