



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 September 25, 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.

The September BPAC meeting will include an update on bicycle- and pedestrian-related initiatives coming from the NJ Department of Community Affairs, as well as a presentation about the upcoming New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan update.

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.

To learn more about BPAC, please visit the website [here](#).

You can also contact Samuel Rosenthal at samuel.rosenthal@ejb.rutgers.edu

Missed the last meeting?

In our July 2024 meeting, Fred Storey of NJ TRANSIT and Paul Mickiewicz of the NJ Bike & Walk Coalition presented on secure bicycle parking options at NJ TRANSIT stations. A recording of the presentation is available on our [YouTube channel](#).

Watch the presentation on Secure Bike Parking at NJ TRANSIT Stations.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Crafting an Effective Complete and Green Streets Policy

Live Q&A: policy adoption & implementation. Ask questions, share ideas, and learn from the community.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30 | 3PM-5PM
LOG IN AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

REGISTER HERE:

<https://njbikeped.org/complete-and-green-streets-policy-webinar/>



Virtual Open House: Crafting an Effective Complete and Green Streets Policy

Learn how to create and adopt your own custom municipal Complete & Green Streets Policy. Join us for a live Q&A session on policy adoption and implementation. Ask questions, share ideas, and learn from the community. This free virtual open house is designed for municipal officials, staff, and consultant representatives. It is sponsored by the NJDOT Bureau of Safety, Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs, and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, and organized by Sustainable Jersey.

Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 3:00 to 5:00pm (virtual open house Q&A—come with questions!)

Register here.

Missed the September 17 Webinar?

View the webinar recording and access the slides on our website. You can also find other Complete Streets resources for New Jersey communities.

Visit our Complete and Green Streets Policy Webinar page.

From our Friends at the Safe Routes to School Resource Center





October is Walk, Bike, & Roll to School Month!

Join communities across the U.S. this October in biking, walking & rolling to celebrate the benefits of active transportation & promote the importance of having safe spaces for all active trips. Learn more about how you can get involved and register below!

[Learn more.](#)

[Register here.](#)



Safe Passing Law Video: Now Available in Spanish

The video explaining New Jersey's Safe Passing Law is now available in Spanish! Spread the word and ensure everyone in our community understands their rights and responsibilities on the road.

[Spanish Version](#)

How does the NJ Safe Passing Law work?

Drivers are required to use “due caution” whenever they encounter vulnerable people, like pedestrians and bicyclists, on the road. This means:

- Drivers must move over a lane (if there’s one to move into) while following all current no-passing and no speeding laws.
- On a single-lane road, drivers must provide a distance of at least 4 feet to safely pass a vulnerable road user.
- If 4 feet is not possible, drivers must slow to 25 mph and be prepared to stop until they can pass safely without endangering those sharing the road.

[Learn more on our Safe Passing Law page.](#)



Vibrant Communities Program Applications Due September 30th

NJTPA's Vibrant Places Program provides technical support for a variety of creative placemaking efforts that enable future place-based investments in step with other local economic development initiatives. Applications are due Sept. 30.

[Learn more and apply at NJTPA.](#)



DOT REPORT TO CONGRESS: DECARBONIZING U.S. TRANSPORTATION

July 2024



DOT Report to Congress: Decarbonizing U.S. Transportation

The transportation sector accounts for about one-third of U.S. greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, more than any other individual sector of the economy. Decarbonizing transportation is critical to addressing the climate crisis and meeting the national goal of net-zero GHG emissions by 2050 and the interim target of 50-52 percent below 2005 levels by 2030.

[Read the full PDF report.](#)



On a Roll: Feds Inch Closer to Finally Achieving Key Goal of Americans With Disabilities Act

The 34-year-old Americans With Disabilities Act may soon — finally — give pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or parents pushing strollers true equality in the public right of way.

Late last month, the U.S. Department of Transportation signaled that it would adopt a bureaucratic mouthful: Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way (also known as PROWAG) that were proposed a full year ago by the U.S. Access Board.

If finalized, this proposed adoption will improve accessibility for pedestrians in the public right-of-way — a goal of the ADA, which was signed into law in 1990.

[Read the full article at STREETS BLOG USA.](#)

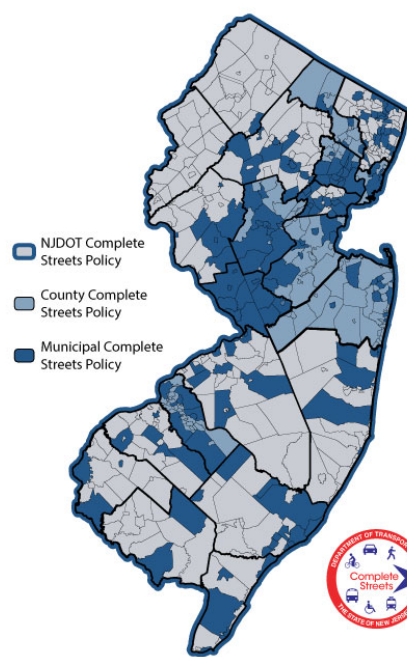
[Watch the recent BPAC presentation on updates to the PROWAG.](#)

Complete Streets in New Jersey

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

There are currently **181** municipalities and **8** counties with Complete Streets policies in New

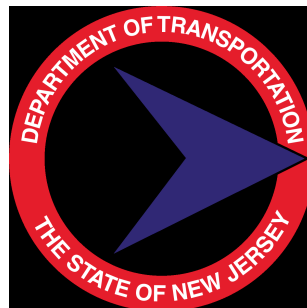
Jersey.



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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