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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.

#### 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-andgreen-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.

All are welcome to join us at the open house for any length of time between 3:00pm and 5:00pm. You do not need to have attended the September 17 webinar to participate.

#### Register for the Virtual Open House.

To help us prepare for this live Q&A session on October 30th from 3pm to 5pm —including having the right staff on hand to answer your questions—please complete this short questionnaire.

Answer the questionnaire.

## **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.



## Safety Action Plans: Get Involved and Learn More about Projects in your County!

Since the rollout of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program in 2022, municipalities, counties, and regional agencies across New Jersey have been awarded millions of federal dollars to produce comprehensive safety action plans, with the goal of winning implementation grants to build the projects identified in those plans. For the first time, all counties in New Jersey will have countywide action plans to guide local, state, and federal investments in roadway safety.

Read the full article.

## **Upcoming Public Meetings in South Jersey**

SJTPO is hosting four public meetings (listed below) about their Local Safety Action Plans in October. The public will have an opportunity to learn about the plans and provide comments before they are finalized. Atlantic County October 23, 2024, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the **Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center** in Egg Harbor

Cape May County October 30, 2024, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at <u>Cape May County Administrative Offices</u> in Cape May Court House

Cumberland County October 29, 2024, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at <u>Millville City Hall</u> in Millville

Salem County October 28, 2024, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at **Salem County Agriculture Building** in Woodstown

#### Join us for the next BPAC Meeting on December 4, 2024

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

The New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council <u>(BPAC)</u> 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.

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?

Our September 2024 meeting included presentations about the 2025 Federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Funds, bicycle and pedestrian initiatives at the NJ Department of Consumer Affairs, and much more. Presentations are available on the BPAC Agenda and Notes page.

See the slides from presentations at our recent meetings.

From our Friends at the Safe Routes to School Resource Center





# Safer Crossings for Age-Friendly Communities

Everyone has a right to travel safely, regardless of age, ability, or fitness level. The most vulnerable pedestrian populations include both the young and the elderly. Read the full article to see how age friendly design choices can help pave the way for a future where mobility is accessible and enjoyable for people of all ages and abilities, making our communities more livable, welcoming, and connected.



# 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.



# Mayor, county leaders discuss safety improvements for dangerous stretch of New Jersey's White Horse Pike

Officials in South Jersey are working to make a busy stretch of the White Horse Pike safer for drivers, bikers and pedestrians. They focused on what they call one of the most dangerous stretches, from North Newton Lake Drive to Collings Avenue in Collingswood.

Read more at CBS News.



# New Jersey officials demand stricter regulations on e-bikes and scooters

Lawmakers in Paterson, N.J., are demanding stricter regulations on e-bikes and scooters. New Jersey law prohibits riding a motorized scooter on public streets, highways, or sidewalks. However, local officials in Paterson say police officers are not allowed to enforce these rules. The only one who can change this is the State Attorney General.

Read the full article at MSN.



# Town Tests Ways to Slow Linden Avenue Traffic

Verona is testing ways to slow cars on the middle section of Linden Avenue and make the road safer for drivers, bikers and walkers.

Linden is becoming a cut-through as more drivers look to get from east to west faster. But while Bloomfield, Fairview and Lakeside avenues are Essex County roads, Linden is a municipal street. So the



# Township of Verona Announces Community Workshop

The Township is hosting a walkable community workshop on October 24 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. starting a the Verona Municipal Building located at 600 Bloomfield Avenue.

The Township says this workshop is designed to bring together residents, township employees, and businesses in a town government can test new traffic strategies without waiting for county approval.

Read the full article at MyVeronaNJ.

discussion about walking and biking.

Read the full article at TapInto Verona/Cedar Grove.



# Food delivery riders crowding out bike commuters at Newark Penn Station

Food delivery riders say they leave the bikes locked up on the racks at night before taking the PATH train back to New York. In the mornings, critics say the racks are filled with food delivery bikes, leaving no room for conventional bike commuters to park theirs.

Read the full article at Mosaic NJ.



## Hudson County will spend \$3M to improve North Hudson bike lanes on River Road

Hudson County will spend \$2,962,647.94 resurface and improve the bike lane on River Road located in the West New York, Guttenberg, and North Bergen following approval from the board of commissioners last week.

Read more at Hudson County View.

## **Notable Tweets**



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We are doing a large bike share expansion early next year (23 new docking locations) all located on the south side of #JerseyCity . We are finalizing details now but I'll share





ICYMI: The City installed 18 new bike parking spaces on Newark Street between River & Hudson Streets to help increase bicycle parking near Hoboken Terminal. There are now over 250 bike parking spaces in the area.

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10:57 PM · Oct 15, 2024



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 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-todate list of Complete Streets policies adopted in the state, click the button!



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