



# 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](#).



## NJDOT announces 2024 Complete Streets Policy update

New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Commissioner Fran O'Connor last week announced the adoption of the 2024 Complete Streets Policy update. The Complete Streets concept is composed of approaches to planning, designing, and operating roadways and rights-of-way with all road users in mind, making the transportation network safer and more efficient.

[Read the NJDOT press release \(PDF\).](#)

[Read the updated policy.](#)

[Read the updated checklists.](#)

[Read the NJDOT Complete Streets Handbook \(PDF\).](#)



## Preventing Lithium-Ion Battery Fires: Tips for Micromobility Safety

With the increasing use of electric bikes and scooters, it is important to understand the risk of lithium-ion battery fires. While e-bikes and e-scooters have revolutionized personal mobility, offering a sustainable and efficient alternative to traditional transportation methods, their popularity has brought to light incidents involving battery fires.

[Read the full article.](#)





# NJDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Resource Center: 2024 Year in Review

The New Jersey Department of Transportation's Bicycle & Pedestrian Resource Center (NJDOT BPRC) experienced a dynamic and eventful 2024. Supported by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) with funds from the Federal Highway Administration, NJDOT BPRC engaged in a variety of activities and initiatives over the past year which ranged from providing technical support to municipalities and publishing articles on the NJ Walks and Bikes blog, to researching significant subjects such as the traffic calming impacts of delineated bicycle lanes and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on walking and bicycling.

[Check out our highlights from the year!](#)



## SJTPO Trainings: Implementing Complete Streets at the Local Level

Complete Streets are designed for all users, all abilities, and all modes of transportation. They respond to local needs and context, such as roadway type, topography, natural features, density of development, adjacent land use, and street connectivity.

SJTPO is sponsoring two interactive training sessions covering all aspects of Complete Streets. Professionals and members of the public are invited to register for and attend one or both trainings using the two separate links below.

### Register for Training 1: What are Complete Streets and How to Craft and Implement an Effective Municipal Policy

Thursday, January 23, 2025, Noon – 1:30pm on ZOOM

[Register here.](#)

### Register for Training 2: Complete Streets Design, Funding and Implementation

Thursday, January 30, 2025, 1:00pm-4:00pm  
at Rowan College of South Jersey – Cumberland County

[Register here.](#)

[Learn more about SJTPO Complete Streets.](#)



## Watch the Webinar from the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grant Training

Recently, NJDOT hosted free online webinars to help participants get a head start on their applications for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program grant. This grant is administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) in partnership with the State's Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

These webinars provided valuable information about the grant application process, including:

- Overview of Federal Aid programs and the TA Set-Aside Program
- Detailed review of the TA Set-Aside Application
- Grant application process
- Grant resources, tips, and strategies
- Q&A with NJDOT Local Aid Staff

The sessions were designed to help strengthen participants' grant applications and turn their project ideas into reality.

[Watch the webinar.](#)

[See more TA Set-Aside Grant resources.](#)

For more information on the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) program, and to schedule your Pre-Application Meeting, visit the NJDOT Local Aid resource Center website.

[Visit the NJDOT Local Aid Resource Center.](#)



# From our Friends at the NJDOT Safe Routes Resource Center



## Measuring What Matters: Rethinking School Zone Safety Metrics

Folks from NJ Safe Routes to School explore how to measure and rethink school safety measures by emphasizing the Safe System Approach—prioritizing reduced vehicle speeds and combining infrastructure upgrades, such as sidewalks, with traffic calming measures to create safer school zones.

[Read more here.](#)



# **SUSTAINABLE JERSEY** GRANTS PROGRAM

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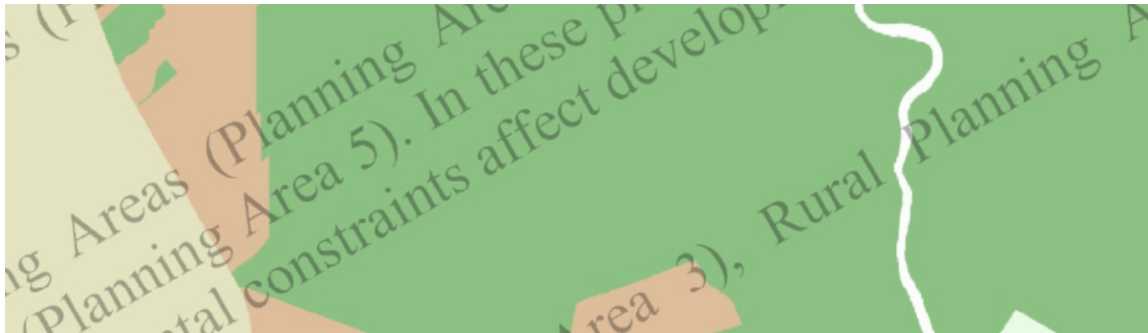
The Sustainable Jersey logo features a green circular seal with "SUSTAINABLE JERSEY" and "CERTIFIED" text, with a small plant growing from a glass jar filled with coins.

## Sustainable Jersey Grants Program Cycle

The 2025 Sustainable Jersey Grants Program is now open to municipalities seeking funding for sustainability projects! Partnerships with local organizations are encouraged.

[Learn more and register for the informational webinar here.](#)

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## Update to State Development and Redevelopment Plan

Exciting updates to the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan are underway! Check out the Preliminary State Plan, approved by the State Planning Commission.

[Learn more here.](#)

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## Statewide Trail Needs Assessment for Trail Planners & Managers



# DO YOU WORK WITH TRAILS?

*TAKE THE SURVEY TO HELP  
INFORM NJ'S TRAIL PLANNING,  
FUNDING, AND POLICY*



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## Statewide Trail Needs Assessment for Trail Planners and Managers

**Do you help to plan, manage, or contribute to the development and maintenance of trails in New Jersey?**

NJDEP and NJDOT are partnering to update statewide trail planning documents with the goal of providing guidebooks to assist in the development of a system of trails and greenways throughout the state. They have released a Statewide Trail Needs Assessment intended for those who work with trails to better understand the needs and priorities of communities throughout New Jersey, which will be used to inform the trail planning guidebooks and to influence statewide trail planning, funding, and policy decisions.

**Learn more and take the survey!**

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## **NJDOT and Local Officials to Announce Route 1&9 Intersection Safety Improvements in Elizabeth**

The New Jersey Department of Transportation says they recently installed Red-Light Extension and Passive Pedestrian Detection systems along Route 1&9 at the intersections of North Avenue, Fairmount Avenue, and East Jersey Street in Elizabeth. Red Light Extensions uses detection technology to identify pedestrians in the crosswalk and extend the timing of the red light to give pedestrians more time to safely cross.

[Read more here.](#)



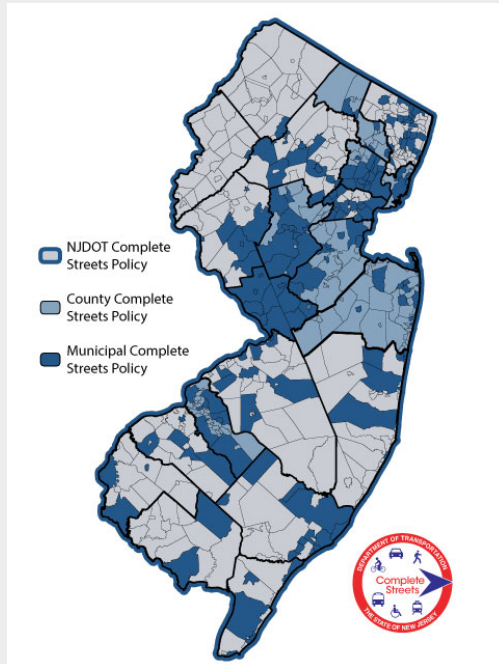
**Transportation Planning Careers with Cross County TMA**



Cross County Connection TMA is currently hiring for two open transportation planning positions:

- Sustainable Transportation Planner
- Transportation Planner

[Learn more and apply here.](#)



[Click here for the complete list of policies.](#)

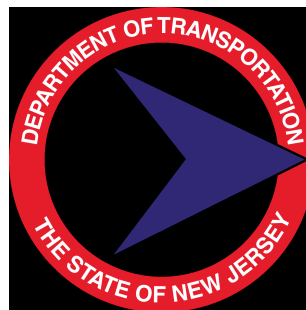
## Complete Streets in New Jersey

*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-to-date list of Complete Streets policies adopted in the state, click the button!



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