

2026 New Jersey Safe Routes Academy

March 7th, 2026



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Safe Routes Academy – Overview



The New Jersey Safe Routes Academy is designed for parents, teachers, students, municipal leaders, local volunteers, and anyone else interested in improving conditions for walking and bicycling. Participants are invited to learn about best practices and resources that they can use to increase safety and accessibility in their communities.



The 2026 New Jersey Safe Routes Academy was held in person during the New Jersey Bike & Walk Summit on Saturday, March 7th, at the Crowne Plaza Princeton Conference Center.



The 2026 Academy consisted of two 60-minute sessions during the morning block of the Summit.



2026 NJ Safe Routes Academy Sessions

Session 1
~ 45 Attendees

Session 2
~ 50 Attendees

**Start with the
School Zone**

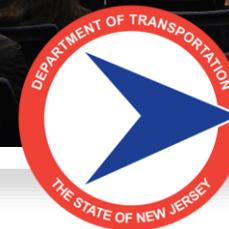
**Rethinking our
Roads with Youth
Leadership**



Start with the School Zone

In this engaging session, participants learned about key components for enhancing school zone safety, including the best practices for planning, infrastructure improvements, and available partners and resources to promote safety.

Presenters discussed best practices, lessons learned, and strategies from their experiences. Attendees left the session equipped with recommendations for creating safer, more effective school zones.



Start with the School Zone



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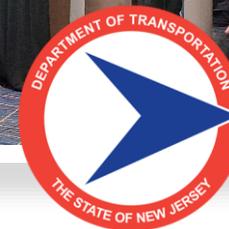


Rethinking our Roads with Youth Leadership

In this session, participants explored strategies for engaging youth so that they become true partners in transportation planning. A discussion on how equipping youth with the skills, tools, and platforms is necessary to create communities that work for everyone occurred.

Attendees had the opportunity to hear directly from students on the Youth Advisory Board in Dunellen. Students spoke about their experiences on the advisory board, and describe to participants what genuine involvement looks like.

Special thanks to Assistant Superintendent James Flynn from Burlington City for joining the session and sharing his experiences.



Rethinking our Roads with Youth Leadership



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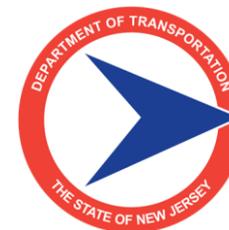
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Dunellen Youth Advisory Board Students



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#transportation #transport #publictransportation #publictransport #transit
#activetransportation



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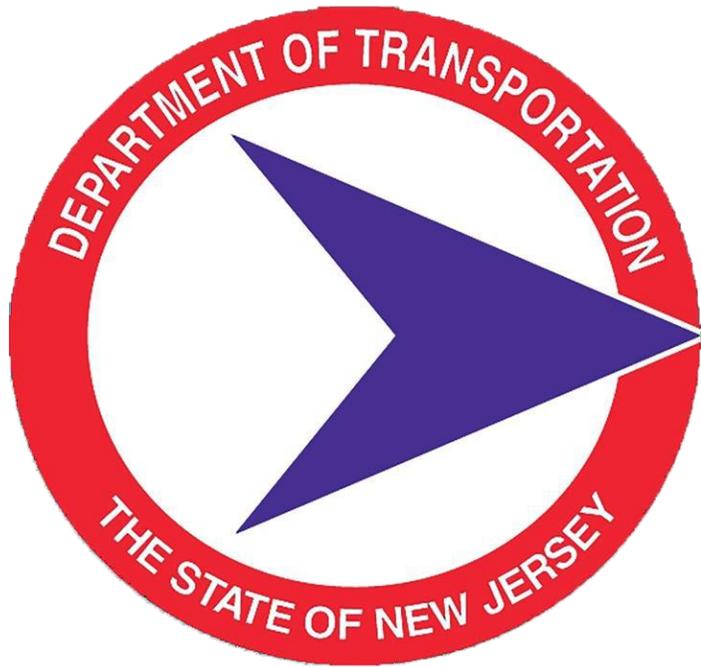
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