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Safe Routes throughout New Jersey
March 2025



Safe Routes Regional Coordinators from eight Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) throughout New Jersey are ready, willing, and able to offer FREE technical assistance in Safe Routes programs in communities from all 21 counties. Find your local Safe Routes Coordinator here.

Check out what New Jersey's TMAs have been doing so far this past month!

Read the SCOOP

How Can We Better Evaluate Traffic Safety of Children in School Zones?



The NJDOT Safe Routes to School Resource Center has released a new report, **"How Can We Better Evaluate Traffic Safety of Children in School Zones?"** This report examines traditional methods of evaluating school zone infrastructure projects and explores ways to improve safety assessments through speed studies and the Safe System Approach.

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Read The Full Report

Celebrate Bike Month and New Jersey Walk and Bike to School Month this May



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, state and local governments, schools, and school districts encourage and promote safe, healthy and active lifestyles for students and residents of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS all stakeholders in the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Program are committed to enabling children to walk and bike to school safely; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Walk and Bike to School Month offers students and their families the opportunity to walk and bike safely to and from school and throughout their community, focusing on infrastructure improvements, safety education and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, inadequate physical activity is a major contributor to chronic health conditions, and providing students with the opportunity to walk or bike to school safely helps incorporate physical activity into their daily routines; and

WHEREAS, Walk and Bike to School events provide an opportunity to remind everyone traveling on New Jersey roadways of the State's Safe Passing Law that requires drivers to use "due caution" wherever they encounter vulnerable road users, including children walking and bicycling to school, and move over a lane or provide a distance of at least 4 feet and, if not possible, slow to 25 mph to safely pass; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2025, a bill was signed into law creating the Target Zero Commission to coordinate safety initiatives across ten key state agencies and New Jersey's three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), with the goal of improving safety for road users of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers, and eliminating all traffic deaths and serious injuries by the year 2040; and

WHEREAS, National Bike and Roll to School Day is Wednesday, May 7, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 2025
AS
WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOL MONTH

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this sixteenth day of April in the year two thousand twenty-five, the two hundred forty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States.

Lt. GOVERNOR

GOVERNOR

Governor Phil Murphy has proclaimed May as Bike Month and New Jersey Walk and Bike to School Month. Go outside to get some exercise and enjoy the beautiful weather! Celebrate Walk and Bike to School Month by leaving the car at home and walking or bicycling with your children to school, to a park, or anywhere for some exercise!

Read More and View the Proclamations Here

From Policy to Pavement: A Recap of the 2025 Safe Routes Academy



The 2025 New Jersey Bike & Walk Summit hosted by the NJ Bike and Walk Coalition was a resounding success, uniting nearly 300 attendees from across the state who are passionate about enhancing bicycle and pedestrian safety. This diverse gathering of elected officials, urban planners, community advocates, and researchers converged to explore innovative strategies aimed at creating more walkable and secure environments. Central to the Summit is the NJDOT Safe Routes Academy, which attracts a diverse audience eager to empower their communities through practical workshops on Safe Routes to School topics held throughout the day.

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Safe Streets and Roads for All 2025: Grant Applications Now Being Accepted



The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the 2025 fiscal year Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) funding has been posted. Published by USDOT, the NOFO outlines necessary information and instructions regarding the application process, including definitions, eligibility requirements, program descriptions, federal award notices, and post-award requirements.

Learn More Here

The E-Bike Boom: What It Means for New Jersey's Streets and Transportation Future



In 2022 alone, over one million e-bikes were sold in the U.S.—a 269% increase from 2019. As e-bikes become a more mainstream mode of transportation, what does this mean for New Jersey?

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Join us at the next NJ BPAC meeting

Thursday, May 15, 2025

The New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council (NJ BPAC) is coordinated by the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Upcoming BPAC meetings:
Thursday, May 15, 2025
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
Wednesday, December 3, 2025

BPAC is open to everyone.
To participate, please register using the following link:

njbikeped.org/join-the-next-meeting/

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Learn More about NJBPAC

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