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Close, But No Concrete: Why High School Safe Routes To School Needs More Than Just Education – Part 1

Abdullah Elzawawy, Senior at River Dell High School in Oradell, NJ, has been completing an internship with the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers. As part of his internship, Abdullah has prepared an article outlining his thoughts about the role of high school students in Safe Routes to School Programs and Projects and how the program can best grow and expand to accommodate high school students.

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NJDOT Holds 2026 Complete Streets Summit

The New Jersey Department of Transportation Complete Streets Summit was held on April 21, 2026 at the College Avenue Campus Student Center at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. It was incredible to see so many like-minded, passionate people come together to discuss complete streets policies and implementation and to recognize the 2026 NJ Complete Streets Summit Award Winners.

2026 NJ Complete Streets Summit Award Winners



Municipal Aid applications being accepted for $165 million in FY27 grants

The Sherrill Administration has announced the grant solicitation period for NJDOT's Fiscal Year 2027 State Aid programs is now open. Starting today, Monday, April 20, applications will be accepted for Municipal Aid, Transit Village, Bikeway, and Safe Streets to Transit programs through July 1, 2026

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NJDOT Press Release



Asbury Park Advances Major Transportation Improvements Across City Streets and Transit Hubs

City officials recently announced multiple projects underway, aimed at improving conditions for pedestrians,



Intersection Near Roosevelt School Dangerous, Resident Warns Council

A Westfield resident has alerted town officials to traffic safety issues at the intersection of Clark Street and Dudley Avenue.

cyclists, and drivers alike.

The City's Transportation Department also modernized yellow signals to improve safety for students walking to Thurgood Marshall School.

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These calls for safety improvements stretch back years, particularly from local crossing guards.

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‘Crossing guard diva’ with remarkable past is a social media star in her 80s

In Livingston, Paulette Dorflaufer gained recognition for her longstanding role as a crossing guard, along with her signature fur coat and hat. The 80-year old employee went viral, receiving praise for her service and impact to local schoolchildren.

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Winners of South Plainfield's 'Design a Sign' Contest Recognized

Four South Plainfield students were recognized at an April 21 council meeting, showcasing their handmade signs that promote safe speeds for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

The Design a Sign Contest received funding from the state's Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

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Bordentown Regional High’s PSA on pedestrian safety to air nationally

In March, students from Bordentown Regional High School (BRHS) were selected to have their Public Service Announcement (PSA) safe drive videos broadcast nationally this year on the syndicated TV show Teen Kids News.

BRHS is one of two high schools from New Jersey to receive this distinction.

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Princeton Council Hears Urgent Plea Over Crash-Prone Intersection

Local residents voiced concerns at a March 23 council hearing over the crash-prone intersection of Hamilton Avenue and Linden Lane.

Residents note that several groups of middle and high school students travel daily across this high-risk crossing.



Frost Elementary Parking Lot Expansion Plan Highlights Safety Issues, Traffic Flow, and Neighborhood Impact

East Brunswick officials are considering a proposed parking lot expansion project, to address ongoing traffic and safety challenges during school arrival and dismissal.

Administrators cited concerns that buses, parents, staff vehicles, and students all

navigating the same limited space.

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Safe Routes throughout New Jersey April 2026



Safe Routes to School 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 Safe Routes to School Coordinator **here**

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

Read the SCOOP!



Bound Brook Youth Engagement



Children and Driveway Safety

Join us at the next NJ BPAC meeting

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.

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.

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