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Applications now being accepted for 2027 federally-funded Safe Routes to School grants

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) announced the grant solicitation period for the 2027 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program is open, with applications being accepted through November 13, 2026. The program is administered by the NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development, in partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO).

SRTS grants are available for infrastructure projects that encourage and enable students to walk and bike safely to school. Proposed infrastructure improvements must be within a two-mile radius of a K-12 school. SRTS facilitates the planning, development and implementation of projects that improve safety and air quality, as well as reduce traffic and fuel consumption around schools.

Mandatory One-on-One Application Meetings are being scheduled to provide direct assistance to applicants in developing better and stronger applications. Meetings will be held from August 17 – October 16, 2026. Meetings can be scheduled through the NJDOT Local Hub and must be scheduled by **October 9, 2026**.

Register for **free online sessions** which will provide participants with information about applying for Safe Routes to School grants, administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) in partnership with the State's Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Online webinars will be held:

Wednesday, **September 9, 202**6, from 10am to 11:30am — Register here!
Thursday, **September 24, 2026**, from 10am to 11:30am — Register here!

Thursday, **October 8, 2026**, from 1pm to 2:30pm — Register here!

SRTS Grant Resources



Back to School, Back to Safety: Let's Keep the Roads Safe for Everyone

As flip-flops are traded for sneakers, neighborhoods across New Jersey shift gears for the return to school. It's not just kids who are adjusting to new routines, it's drivers too. It's important to remember that "back-to-school season" isn't just a time for pencils and planners; it's a time to prioritize street safety for everyone, especially students traveling to and from school.

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Celebrate Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Month!

October is Walk, Bike & Roll to School Month! It's a time to celebrate the benefits of active transportation and highlight the importance of creating safe spaces for everyone who walks, bikes, or rolls.

Interested in participating? Reach out to your local Safe Routes to School Coordinator to learn how you can get involved!

Find your SRTS Coordinator

Register your Event



Branchburg Considering Ordinance Regarding Motorized Bikes and Scooters

The Township Committee recently discussed an ordinance targeting motorized bike and scooter users.

Local officials will utilize a two-pronged approach to limit their use, if passed by the Committee.

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Stafford Township Concludes Successful 2026 Youth Bike Camp

A recent Youth Bike Camp provided multiple students with hands-on safety training and classroom instruction.

The multi-day Camp included various games and prizes, with some provided by niche organizations.

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Woodland Park Residents Raise Traffic, Flooding



Concerns Over Proposed McBride Avenue Mini-Roundabout

Woodland Park residents are highlighting safety risks over a proposed roundabout design, especially for traveling students.

The Borough Council has since heard various design alternatives that prioritized flooding and children safety.

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Summit Council Supports State Bill to Give Communities More Speed-Limit Flexibility

The Summit Common Council has received local praise for supporting state legislation meant to equip local governments.

The measure will allow towns and counties to adjust speeds by specific margins and along select corridors.

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New Jersey police plan statewide pedestrian safety enforcement initiative Saturday

Law enforcement agencies across New Jersey conducted a high-visibility traffic enforcement initiative focused on pedestrian safety and unsafe driving, according to the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police. The Aug. 15 Goal Zero mid-summer saturation enforcement initiative is dedicated to the memory of Patti Smith Barrett, a 54-year-old Chatham resident who died after being struck by a vehicle earlier this year. The initiative focused on violations that endanger pedestrians and other roadway users, including distracted, inattentive and aggressive driving and excessive window tinting, according to the association.

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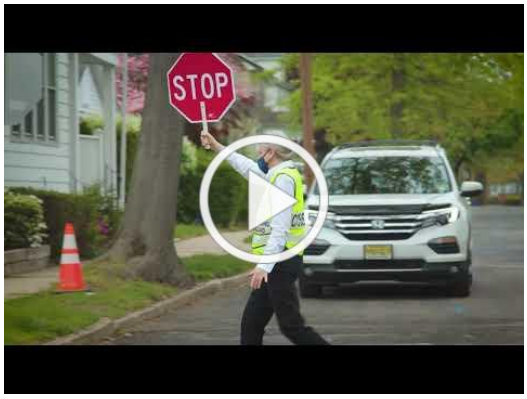
Safe Routes throughout New Jersey July 2026



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!



Use of the Stop Paddle



Is Zero Achievable?

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.

Learn More about NJ BPAC

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