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The New Jersey Safe Routes to School Recognition Program is Now Accepting Applications

The New Jersey Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Recognition Program is now accepting nominations for the 2026 awards cycle. The deadline to apply is January 31st, 2026. Applications can be submitted by the school or municipality, with assistance available from a Safe Routes to School Regional Coordinator.

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New Jersey Target Zero Commission Adopts Action Plan

On Monday, December 15, 2025, the New Jersey Target Zero Commission officially adopted the first New Jersey Target Zero Action Plan, reaching a major milestone in the State's goal to eliminate all roadway fatalities and serious injuries in the state by 2040. The New Jersey Target Zero Action Plan is now publicly accessible via the New Jersey Department of Transportation's **Target Zero Webpage.**

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New Jersey Bike & Walk Summit

Save the date for 2026 New Jersey Bike & Walk Summit .The New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition is now welcoming session and workshop proposals for the 2026 New Jersey Bike & Walk Summit. They're looking for voices, ideas, and stories that advance safer streets, stronger communities, and a more connected New Jersey. Please submit your proposal by 5 PM on December 30, 2025.

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The NJ Safe Routes Academy, sponsored by the NJ Department of Transportation, focuses on sessions that allow participants to make their communities more walk- and bike-friendly for all users of all abilities. The next Safe Routes Academy will take place in-coordination with the 2026 New Jersey Bike & Walk Summit on Saturday, March 7th, at Crowne Plaza Princeton - Conference Center. Tap the button below to learn more about the last Safe Routes Academy, held in March 2025.

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2026 Complete Streets Summit

The 2026 New Jersey Complete Streets Summit is set to take place on April 21st at the Rutgers University College Avenue Student Center in New Brunswick. This all-day event, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, will be FREE to attend. Save the date for now; registration will open later this year. Tap the button below to learn more about the most recent Summit in 2023.

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Last Call

We need your help to identify Complete Streets Champions, Complete Streets Excellence awardees, and a keynote speaker for the 2026 Complete Streets Summit. To nominate an individual, project, or municipality, please click on the link below. Nominations will be open until **Monday, December 22, 2025**. We thank you for your input!

Nominate Awardees



NJ Safe Routes to School 2025 Year in Review

The New Jersey Safe Routes Resource Center (NJSRRC), funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) with support from the Federal Highway Administration, achieved numerous successes in 2025. Notably, the center held the annual New Jersey Safe Routes Academy during the NJ Bike & Walk Summit on Saturday, March 29th, at Princeton University in Princeton, NJ. The Center also continued its statewide training efforts through the NJ Crossing Guard Training and Resources program, a collaboration between NJDOT and the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety. Additionally, the Safe Routes Resource Center's partnership with NJ's Regional Safe Routes to School Coordinators, based at all eight Transportation Management Associations (TMAs), continued to thrive.

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School Crossing Guards Face Life-Threatening Dangers on the Job

Anthony Taylor will never forget the look of horror on the student's face. The school crossing guard was walking into the crosswalk in front of Washington Township High School in Indianapolis when a car with a young boy and his mom, who was dropping him off at school, suddenly appeared. The mom's eyes grew wide, and the boy began vigorously hitting on his mother's chest.

"Next thing, it was boom, lights out. That's all I remember," Taylor said. He woke up in the hospital hours after undergoing surgery for a fractured pelvis and other broken bones.

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Governor Murphy Announces Grants to Make New Jersey Bicyclists and Pedestrians Safer

Governor Phil Murphy has announced grants aimed at improving safety and accessibility for bicyclists and pedestrians across New Jersey. Nearly $3.3 million in Bikeway Grants, $7.5 million in Fiscal Year 2026 Safe Streets to Transit grants, and $47.4 million through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program will support communities statewide. Together, these investments advance active transportation, improve access to transit, and create safer, more walkable and bikeable streets.

$3.3 Million in Fiscal Year 2026 Bikeway Grants

Governor Phil Murphy announced five Bikeway **Grants totaling nearly $3.3 million (PDF)** to help advance local Bikeway projects in four counties.

“Strengthening our transportation infrastructure requires more than investing in roads and bridges,” Governor Phil Murphy said. “We remain committed to active transportation alternatives that reduce our reliance on cars, increase safety, and benefit our communities. These bikeway grants will create more walkable and bikeable options for New Jerseyans while bringing us a step closer to increasing pedestrian and bicyclist safety while reducing emissions.”

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$7.5 Million in Fiscal Year 2026 Safe Streets to Transit Program Grants to Improve Pedestrian Safety

Governor Phil Murphy today announced nearly $7.5 million in **Fiscal Year 2026 Safe Streets to Transit Program (SSTT) grants (PDF)** for 12 projects in seven counties.

“The Safe Streets to Transit Program provides communities with the funds to make infrastructure improvements that make it easier and safer for our residents to get to and from transit facilities,” Governor Phil Murphy said. “New Jersey relies on mass transit to move millions of residents and visitors efficiently throughout our state and region, and it is critical that we prioritize pedestrian safety near bus stops and rail stations.”

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$47.4 Million in Fiscal Year 2026 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Grants

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), in partnership with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) and the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO), today announced 43 grants totaling $47.4 million as part of the **2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA Set-Aside) (PDF).**

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$1.7 Million in Fiscal Year 2026 Transit Village Grants to Revitalize Areas Around Transit Facilities

Governor Phil Murphy today announced **$1.7 million in FY2026 Transit Village grants (PDF)** to assist six municipalities in advancing development projects that will improve the quality-of-life in five counties.

The Transit Village Program is a multi-agency smart growth initiative, in which municipalities that have transit facilities within their borders can seek to be designated as a Transit Village by developing plans for dense, mixed-use redevelopment that includes housing near their transit facility. The facility can service commuter rail, bus, ferry, or light rail. The initiative creates incentives to revitalize areas around transit stations to create attractive, vibrant, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods where people can live, shop, work and play without relying on automobiles.

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Safe Routes throughout New Jersey December 2025



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!



Respect the Vest: The Hand Off



Respect the Vest: Talking Dog

Join us at the next NJ BPAC meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 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.

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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