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Safe Routes throughout New Jersey
December 2024



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

NJDOT Releases Updated Internal Complete Streets Policy



In December 2024, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) updated its internal **Complete Streets Policy**, demonstrating continued commitment to enhancing roadway safety, accessibility, and sustainability for New Jersey's transportation system. The policy is designed to "provide safe access for all users by integrating Complete Streets into the planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of all new, rehabilitated, and retrofitted transportation facilities, public highways, and public transportation projects" that are funded or administered by NJDOT. This policy represents a significant evolution from NJDOT's landmark 2009 policy, reflecting over a decade of experience, feedback, and new priorities in transportation planning.

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Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Creating Target Zero Commission



Governor Phil Murphy has signed a new law creating the **Target Zero Commission** with the goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries in New Jersey by 2040.

This 13-member commission will bring together experts from the NJ Department of Transportation, State Police, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, and other key agencies to prioritize safety and protect the most vulnerable road users.

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Carteret Wins Competitive NJDOT Grant to Further Improvements

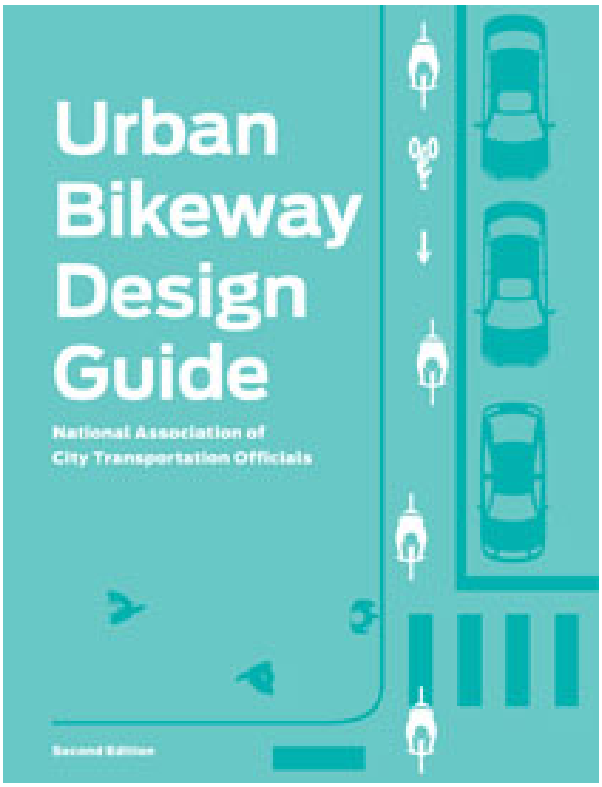


Carteret officials announced that the Borough has won a $2.38 million competitive grant from the state Department of Transportation through the Local Transportation Projects Fund.

The Honorable Mayor Daniel J. Reiman stated that the funds will be used to complete roadway, curb, and intersection improvements along Carteret Avenue from Carteret Park to Locust Street.

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NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide



The NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide is based on the experience of the best cycling cities in the world. The designs in this document were developed by cities for cities, since unique urban streets require innovative solutions.

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Hunterdon Central Student Uses 3D Models to Fill Potholes



During Hunterdon Central's recent board meeting, senior Paarth Jain shared his experience on developing a group research project that earned him an opportunity to present at a Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) conference.

Focused on detecting and filling potholes in urban environments, Jain's research was conducted during his time at The Governor's School of New Jersey in Engineering & Technology.

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Bridges and Tunnels, Biking in New Jersey Overview, Traveler Info



If bicyclists wish to cross the Delaware River into Pennsylvania and the Hudson River into New York City, they will need to know the restrictions.

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The New Jersey Student Climate Challenge is open to New Jersey public school students in grades 6 to 12

The New Jersey Student Climate Challenge is open to New Jersey public school students in grades 6 to 12. It is an innovative way for teachers to motivate their students to learn about climate change through a fun place-based project that aligns with the new Climate Change Education Student Learning Standards. Students work in small groups to complete a school or community project that address a cause or impact of climate change and then share what they accomplished in a short digital story.

Student Entries Due April 9

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Crossing guard hit by car in Fair Lawn while helping child cross street



A 71-year-old crossing guard was injured when he was hit by a car in Fair Lawn on Wednesday morning, borough police said.

Officers responded to the intersection of Hopper Avenue and Arnold Street after multiple 911 calls at 8:40 a.m., according to a press release from the Fair Lawn Police Department. Upon arrival, officers found the crossing guard, who was not identified in the release, lying in the roadway with leg injuries.

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Statewide Trail Needs Assessment for Trail Planners and Managers



Do you help to plan, manage, or contribute to the development and maintenance of trails in New Jersey?

NJDEP and NJDOT are partnering to update statewide trail planning documents with the goal of providing guidebooks to assist in the development of a system of trails and greenways throughout the state. They have released a Statewide Trail Needs Assessment intended for those who work with trails to better understand the needs and priorities of communities throughout New Jersey, which will be used to inform the trail planning guidebooks and to influence statewide trail planning, funding, and policy decisions.

Learn More and Take the Survey

Join us at the next NJ BPAC meeting

Wednesday, March 5, 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.

Learn More about NJBPAC

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