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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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Submit Nomination



New Jersey Bike & Walk Summit

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. **Registration is now open**. Tap the button below to learn more about the Summit.

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Why Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Matters for Pedestrian Safety

Recent winter weather in New Jersey offers a timely reminder of how essential proper sidewalk maintenance is for pedestrian safety. While snow can transform our communities into picturesque winter scenes, it can also make basic tasks, like walking down the street, difficult and dangerous. Students walking to school, crossing guards, older adults, and people with disabilities are especially vulnerable when sidewalks become impassable due to snow and ice.

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Watch Our Video

From our friends at the NJDOT Bike & Pedestrian Resource Center



Railway Crossing Safety: What You Need to Know as a Cyclist or Pedestrian

There are over 3,400 miles of railroad tracks in New Jersey, and almost 44% of schools in the state are located within a half-mile of an active freight or passenger rail. Given that nationally, 34% of railroad incidents over the past ten years have occurred at highway-rail grade crossings, it is important to improve safety at existing crossings and to raise awareness on best practices for using and designing them.

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N.J. weighs return of traffic cameras, targeting school bus violations first

State lawmakers are considering whether to bring back traffic cameras in New Jersey to catch drivers who blow past stopped school buses, as officials in two cities push for automated enforcement to curb dangerous driving.

During a debate in Jersey City's hotly contested mayor's race this fall, the majority of the seven candidates said they favored installing speed and red-light cameras on city streets.

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2025 State Development and Redevelopment Plan

The New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan (SDRP or State Plan) was adopted on December 17, 2025. The State Plan reflects current planning principles and best practices in the areas of land use, transportation, housing, environmental protection and enhancement, economic development, provision of public infrastructure, historic preservation, social justice, and adaptation to global climate change.

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Safe Routes throughout New Jersey January 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!



Snow removal for safer school routes



Respect the Vest: Endgame

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.

Learn More about NJ BPAC

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