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Welcome to this issue of the NJ Safe Routes News funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

To learn more about the NJ Safe Routes to School Program, please visit **saferoutesnj.org** or follow the NJ Safe Routes Resource Center on social media. Please also encourage your friends and colleagues to **subscribe to our newsletter**!

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Safe Routes throughout New Jersey June 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!



JOIN OUR TEAM!

The Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center, a unit of the Bloustein School of Public Planning and Policy, seeks a Research Project Coordinator II to support the NJ Safe Routes to School Resource Center.

Candidates should possess experience and knowledge specifically related to:
Transportation policy and planning (general),
Safe Routes to School, bicycle and pedestrian planning, metropolitan and regional planning, public and stakeholder engagement, and training.

Learn more here **Apply Here**



NJDOT congratulates the 2025 award winners of the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Recognition Program

New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Commissioner Fran O'Connor, the New Jersey Safe Routes Resources Center, and New Jersey's eight Transportation Management Associations (TMA) are pleased to announce the 2025 recipients of the NJ Safe Routes to School Recognition Program.

This year, 357 school and municipal winners are being recognized for their commitment and support of the Safe Routes to School program (SRTS) by enabling and encouraging walking and bicycling in their communities.

Schools and municipalities apply for recognition at one of four levels: First Step, Bronze, Silver, or Gold, depending on their progress in implementing and sustaining SRTS programs. Recognition is valid for three years, after which applicants must reapply to maintain their status.

To learn more about NJDOT's Safe Routes to School program, find your TMA SRTS Coordinator, and discover how your school or municipality can make your community more walkable and bikeable, please visit www.saferoutesnj.org.

Read the NJDOT Press Release

List of Current NJ SRTS Recognition Program Winners



Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day Mini-Grants

The Safe Routes Partnership will offer mini grants of $500 and $1,000 for the 2025 Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day on November 14!

This powerful day honors 6-year-old Ruby Bridges, who bravely integrated her elementary school in 1960. Every year, students, families, and schools walk together to celebrate Ruby's courage and spark conversations about anti-racism, kindness, and making positive change in our communities.

The official application will open August 4 and close August 22, but you can start planning now.

Learn More

Join the Safe Routes Partnership for a webinar all about celebrating Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day! We will share activities and best practices from last year's celebrations and details about our mini-grant program. Let's make Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day 2025 one to remember!

Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 · Time: 3 p.m.–4 p.m. ET

Register For The Webinar Here



Help Shape New Jersey's Target Zero Action Plan

You are invited to contribute to the development of the New Jersey Target Zero Commission's statewide Action Plan by submitting ideas through the **NJ Target Zero Action Plan Input Form**. We're looking for actionable policies and strategies that support the statewide goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2040, guided by **FHWA's Safe System Approach**.

This form is for broad, statewide solutions rather than location-specific fixes. You may submit multiple ideas—just one per entry—and are encouraged to share the form with colleagues and partners.

📬 Questions? Contact targetzero@rutgers.edu

Submit your ideas here



Advancing Complete Streets for Neurodivergent Individuals: A Primer (2025)

The NJDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center released a primer highlighting transportation challenges faced by people with autism and other developmental disabilities and offers strategies for inclusive infrastructure and partnerships.

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Pedaling Toward Access: How E-Bikes Could Bridge the Healthcare Gap

Imagine needing medical care but being sidelined by the simple fact that you can't get to your provider. In New Jersey, and across the U.S., accessing healthcare and wellness support is anything but simple, especially for those without a car or those who need travel to facilities that are not accessible by public transit.

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Diegnan Bill Requiring Driver Education of Safe Passing Laws Passed by Senate

TRENTON – Aiming to promote street safety and ensure knowledge of a driver's responsibilities, the Senate passed legislation that would require the inclusion of information pertaining to safe passing in the examination for a driving permit, the curriculum in driving courses, and in the provision of an informational brochure to the parents and guardians of new drivers.

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Living in a walkable, bikeable area where kids have freedom makes them happier

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For better mental health, researchers recommend walking and biking

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Given all the tasks society assigns to mothers, cities should be designed for them.

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8 Steps of the Crossing Guard Procedure



NJ's Safe Passing Law



Join us at the next NJ BPAC meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 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.

Upcoming BPAC meetings:
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
Wednesday, December 3, 2025

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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