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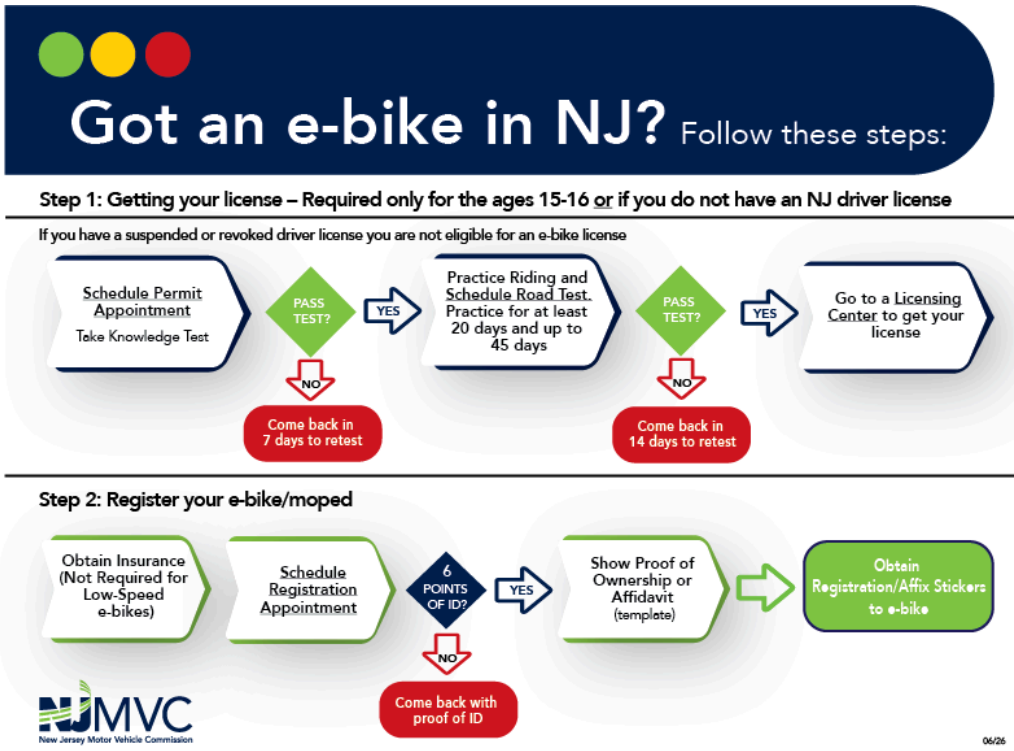
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Mini-Grant Application Open: 2026 Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

The Safe Routes Partnership has begun accepting submissions for the annual Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day, held on November 14th. Every year, this event brings students, families, and educators together to walk in Ruby's footsteps and uplift the values of anti-racism, friendship, and community connection. These events allow students to explore how Ruby's experiences can inform local community issues.

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New E-bike Requirements Effective July 2026

The NJ Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) has released a webpage outlining the new definitions and usage requirements for e-bikes, licensing and registration processes, and information for retailers and commercial renters.

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Applications open for third round of electric school bus grant funding

NJDEP is currently accepting applications to fund the Electric School Bus Grant



Menendez, Pou, and Guy Announce $3 Million in Federal Funding for Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Improvements

A multi-level legislative effort secured grant funding for new streetscape improvements in East Newark, Harrison, and Kearny.

Program.

Grant awards span over three years and include funding for additional items.

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This award is part of a larger funding package to deliver further community improvements.

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Brick Road Safety Grants Put On Hold After Council Raises Questions

Brick Township Council tabled two resolutions during a session on July 9th.

Despite disagreements, the Council passed both measures on July 14th.

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Bike Bus in Montclair transforms school commute as hundreds ride together each week

A parent-led bike bus program has become popular with Montclair families.

Organizers plan to go beyond group rides and advocate in different ways.

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Middlesex County Wins Nearly $1.5M for Oak Tree Road Pedestrian Safety

Middlesex County is getting nearly $1.5 million to make one of its busiest corridors safer for people on foot. The county was awarded $1,499,000 through New Jersey's Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside program for pedestrian-safety improvements along Oak Tree Road and County Road 604, spanning Edison and Woodbridge — the latest piece of the county's Vision Zero push to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries.

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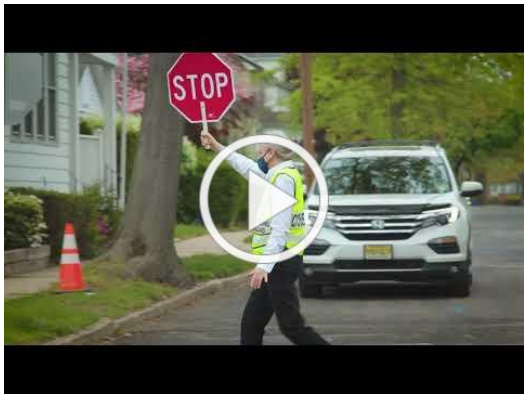
Safe Routes throughout New Jersey July 2026



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.

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