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Safe Routes throughout New Jersey
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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

Join us at New Jersey's Safe Routes Academy at the NJ Bike & Walk Summit



Interested in improving conditions for walking and bicycling in your community? Join us at New Jersey's Safe Routes Academy, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. This year's event will take place on Saturday, March 29, 2025, as part of the NJ Bike & Walk Summit.

Register now to learn about the best practices and resources that you can use to increase safety and accessibility in your community.

Learn More

NJ Bike & Walk Summit Hub

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Target Zero Commission Kicks Off



In a bold step to tackle the rising number of traffic fatalities in New Jersey, Governor Murphy signed Assembly Bill 1476 on January 13th, which establishes the Target Zero Commission. Working toward a statewide goal of eliminating all traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2040, the Commission will coordinate safety efforts across ten key state agencies and New Jersey's three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). The Commission includes members with expertise in transportation planning and engineering, public safety and health, and advocacy, and will be led by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT). New Jersey is one of the first states in the nation to adopt this strategy, reinforcing its commitment to improving safety for all road users.

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Crash Data Availability and Best Practices across the United States



Read this NJ State Policy Lab blog article highlighting a research study that included a survey of all states to analyze practices surrounding crash data availability and reporting, as well as interviews with subject matter experts, transportation advocates, public health professionals, and university researchers. This blog post provides an overview of other key takeaways from the study, summarizing findings from subject matter expert interviews, the value of non-fatal crash data, and policy recommendations for New Jersey.

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New Jersey Trail User Survey

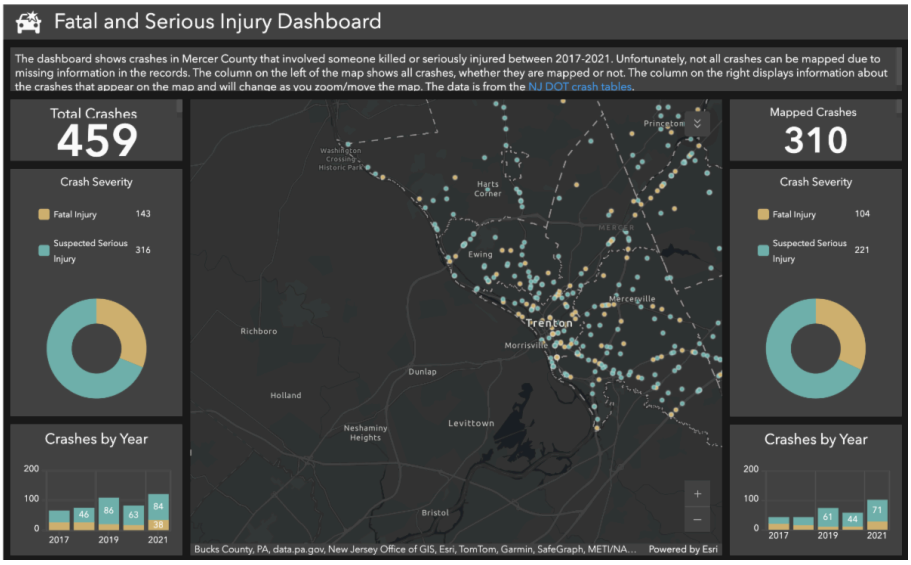


NJDEP and NJDOT have recently launched the second large-scale public outreach effort as part of an initiative to develop statewide trail planning guidance documents, entitled the New Jersey Trails Playbook, to establish a framework for the future of New Jersey's trails. The New Jersey Trail User Survey is intended for all New Jersey residents and trail users, with the goal of helping us better

understand the needs, priorities, and economic impact of New Jersey's existing and potential trail users. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete.

Take the survey!

Mercer County Vision Zero



Mercer County is creating a plan to reach the goal of zero fatal and serious injuries on the roadways.

Traffic violence is responsible for one death every 12 days in Mercer County, which is nearly a transit bus full of people each year. Additionally, someone is seriously injured every 3 days. Most concerning is that the number of fatalities and serious injuries has been increasing.

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Trees for Schools:
Tree-planting Grants for New Jersey Public Schools, Colleges, and Universities



The Trees for Schools program is offering a new cycle of $4.5 million in grants to New Jersey public school districts, county colleges, and state colleges and universities to fund the planting of trees on campuses across the state. Competitive grants of $10,000 to $250,000 will fund costs associated with planning, site preparation, trees, planting, and two years of maintenance.

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