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Close, But No Concrete: Why High School Safe Routes To School Needs More Than Just Education – Part 2

In a follow up article, River Dell High Senior Abdullah Elzawawy explores how Safe Routes to School Programs can use innovative tools to engage high school students. In continuation of his earlier piece, Abdullah discusses the role of short-form and digital content to increase safety awareness and more directly reach young audiences.

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New Jersey Governor Mikie Sherrill Proclaims May 2026 as Bike Month and New Jersey Walk and Bike to School Month

Governor Mikie Sherrill has officially proclaimed May as Bike Month, as well as New Jersey Walk and Bike to School Month. During this time, schools, municipalities, and community organizations statewide will organize activities that encourage walking and biking.

Communities interested in participating in Bike Month or Walk and Bike to School Month are encouraged to connect with their local Transportation Management Association (TMA) to plan events or learn about existing activities nearby.

Read More and view the Proclamations



2026 NJDOT Complete Streets Summit Recap

On Tuesday, April 21, 2026, the NJDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center hosted the eighth New Jersey Complete Streets Summit. This year's event, centered on the theme "Every Journey Safer," was a resounding success, bringing together more than 250 planners, engineers, students, municipal leaders, and advocates from across the state.

Attendees gathered to share ideas, exchange best practices, and explore how they can work collaboratively to support safer travel for all road users throughout New Jersey. Summit highlights included sessions on modern approaches to advancing Complete Streets, Safety Action Plans, Transit-Oriented Development, inclusive mobility, and connected greenway networks.

Learn more about the Summit here.



How Can We Ensure Traffic Safety Funds Improve Safety? A Conversation with Transportation Engineering Professionals

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New Report: "How can we ensure Traffic Safety Funds Improve Safety? A Conversation with Transportation Engineering Professionals"

Traffic-related crashes are a leading cause of death among children in the United States. Federal funding for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure has increased, yet fatal traffic injuries are on the rise. How can we ensure that funded projects achieve safety goals? A report, **"How can we ensure Traffic Safety Funds Improve Safety? A Conversation with Transportation Engineering Professionals"** examines implementation barriers and constraints of school zone safety improvements, from the perspective of transportation engineers.

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Morris Township in Motion Events Begin with National Bike Month Ride

Township officials are set to kick-off the annual Morris Township in Motion event series, inviting residents to bike local streets and trails, in celebration of National Bike Month.

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Morris Plains Students Encouraged to Walk, Bike or Roll to School on May 7

In collaboration with the Morris Plains Police Department, local area schools held a walk, bike, or roll to school event on May 7.

The event was open to students from the Morris Plains Borough and Mountain Way schools.



Kids get bicycle, e-bike safety lesson from police

On May 1, students from Hillsdale's George G. White Middle School attended a cycling safety presentation.

Police and school officials continued discussions surrounding safety e-bike safety concerns on school property.

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3 crossing guards killed in 3 years. How a nice job for retirees became frighteningly dangerous.

A persistent series of crossing guard deaths have spurred a call to action. Families recount how this critical role grew increasingly dangerous for their loved ones and others.

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Crossing guard fatally struck by car remembered for 'unwavering dedication'

An 80-year old veteran crossing guard was pronounced dead, following a vehicle collision in Woodland Park.

Two children were also hospitalized and listed in stable condition.

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Princeton middle school student dies following e-moto collision

Community members are reeling following a collision that led to the death of a Princeton middle school student. The April 26th incident saw fire, police, and ambulatory officials rush to the scene, closing the scene off for three hours.

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Hoboken Bike Camp Returns This Summer

Hoboken officials recently accepted applications for the Hoboken Bike Camp, a summer course providing bike lessons for riders with disabilities.

The City partnered with the Hoboken Family Alliance and will hold sessions at Hoboken High School.

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Princeton celebrates National Bike Month

The Princeton City Council recently declared May 15 as Bike to Work Day.

In conjunction with the official proclamation, Princeton Police Department held its annual Wheels Rodeo on May 16.

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Safe Routes throughout New Jersey May 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!



Bicycling is Empowering!



Take the Lane: Avoid the Door Zone

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.

Learn More about NJ BPAC

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