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Turning Ideas into Action: The Nikhil Badlani Foundation Youth Advisory Board Summit

New Jersey's future leaders aren't waiting for change; they're creating it. Through the Nikhil Badlani Foundation's Youth Advisory Board (YAB), students across the state are transforming their ideas for safer roads into real-world action. This year marked a major milestone: the first-ever Youth Advisory Board Summit, where students from five counties came together to collaborate on projects that will make New Jersey's roads safer for everyone.

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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. Save the date for now; registration will open later this year. Tap the button below to learn more about the most recent Summit in 2023.

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Highlights from New Jersey's October Walk and Bike to School Month

Every October, schools and municipalities across New Jersey join together to celebrate Walk and Bike to School Month, a statewide effort that encourages students and families to choose active transportation. The month-long celebration is coordinated by TMAs through the Safe Routes to School program—a nationwide initiative supported by the New Jersey Department of Transportation that promotes safe walking, biking, and rolling to school.

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Gold Level Honor Awarded to Asbury Park for Safe Routes to School Advancements

The City of Asbury Park has been awarded Gold Level recognition from EZRide and the New Jersey Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program, marking a major milestone in the City's efforts to create safer, more accessible walking and biking routes for students and families.

The award, supported by the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, and NJ TRANSIT, places Asbury Park among an elite group of municipalities statewide that have achieved Gold Level status. The recognition reflects extensive progress in pedestrian safety education, infrastructure improvements, and community engagement.

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New Crosswalk to make Pedestrian Corridor Safer



SUMMIT, NJ — The city has added a crosswalk at the intersection of Morris Avenue and Butler Parkway with an eye toward protecting children walking to school and people getting ice cream.

The crosswalk addresses a critical pedestrian corridor used daily by students and families traveling between Summit High School, Washington Elementary School, the athletic fields and local favorite Magic Fountain, according to a press release from the city.

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World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims



On November 16 at 11 a.m., families of traffic crash victims, survivors, and street safety advocates gathered at Elizabeth River Trailhead to honor lives lost to traffic crashes and demand urgent action from New Jersey's leaders to make our streets safe for all. This commemoration, part of the global World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, will shine a light on the growing crisis of traffic violence and call for decisive leadership to prevent more senseless deaths.

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From our friends at the NJ Bicycle & Pedestrian Resource Center

Where to Donate Used Bicycles in New Jersey - Holiday 2025 Update



Do you have a bicycle that is no longer being used? Instead of letting it rust away for yet another year, consider donating it!

Or are you looking for a low-cost way to start bicycling? Consider a secondhand bicycle!

Click the button below to find a list of organizations that accept bicycle donations in New Jersey, sorted by location.

We updated the list in November 2025 to include up-to-date phone numbers and hours of operation. If you know of an organization which accepts bicycle donations, but isn't on this page, please send us an email and we will happily add them.

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New Jersey - Pedestrian Safety Month: Students Join State Police for Walk & Bike to School Event Today.

Students in the Southampton and Shamong Township School Districts joined New Jersey State Troopers to celebrate National Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day, part of Pedestrian Safety Month initiatives across the state.

According to the New Jersey State Police, members of the School Security Unit, Troop “C” Red Lion Station, and the Mounted Unit participated in the event, walking and biking alongside students as they made their way to class, turning the morning commute into a safety-focused community activity.

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Safe Routes throughout New Jersey November 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!

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Respect the Vest: The Hand Off



Respect the Vest: Talking Dog

Join us at the next NJ BPAC meeting

Wednesday, December 3, 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.

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