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Protecting Young E-Bike Riders: Advice for Parents, Students, and Communities

As e-bikes and other micromobility devices like e-scooters and e-motorcycles become increasingly popular, young users and their parents or guardians must be equipped with the information and resources necessary to ride safely. Micromobility devices offer alternatives to driving, numerous health and environmental benefits, and a fun and exciting activity for kids. The following guidance can help parents, children, teens, and communities keep themselves and each other safe when using e-bikes and sharing the road with motor vehicles.

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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. To learn more about the 2023 Summit, visit: **https://njbikeped.org/2023-nj-complete-streets-summit/**.

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Hundreds Push for Safer Streets, Honor Late 11-Year-Old in West Orange

Hundreds of participants came together for the 15th annual STOP For Nikhil Run/Walk/Bike Ride, honoring the memory of Nikhil Badlani while advocating for safer streets across New Jersey. The event featured community members, youth leaders, and elected officials, highlighting both remembrance and the progress being made in traffic safety.

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Westfield Town Council Addresses E-Bike Safety After Fatal Crashes

Recent e-bike-related fatalities in Scotch Plains and Cranford, together with a cyclist's death in Westfield in August prompted a review by town officials of actions taken or underway to address the deadly roadway safety problem.

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NJ School Crossing Guard Hospitalized after being hit by SUV

A school crossing guard was hospitalized in Bergen County after being struck by an SUV while allowing a pedestrian to cross the street, authorities said.

The crash occurred about 7:30 a.m. at the intersection of Forest Avenue and Howland Avenue in Paramus, according to Frank S. Scott IV, deputy chief of the borough police department.

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No Stopping Walk, Bike and Roll to School Day

Supported by Keep Middlesex Moving, thousands of students huddled under umbrellas and peeked out from under hoods as they walked or simply braved the rain as they pedaled their bikes or rode their scooters to school in Dunellen, Woodbridge and other municipalities.

The second grader at the Greater Brunswick Charter School on Joyce Kilmer Avenue said she wasn't going to let an early morning downpour ruin her favorite part of the school day – the four-block scooter ride to school.

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After nearly 3K drivers blow past school buses, one N.J. district says enough is enough

Nearly 3,000 drivers blew past stop signs as students got on or off school buses in one district last year, according to a newly released study that local officials say proves New Jersey's law needs to change.

The Woodbridge Township School District partnered with a camera company to track drivers who failed to stop for school buses. From Sept. 4 to June 18 of the last school year, the Middlesex County district recorded 2,840 instances of cars illegally passing stopped buses, local officials said.

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Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

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.

Start planning your event now!

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Applications being accepted for Complete Streets Technical Assistance

To date, nearly 30 communities have participated in the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) Complete Streets Technical Assistance (CSTA) Program—will yours be next? Through the CSTA, municipalities in the NJTPA region gain practical help to create safe, accessible, and welcoming streets – whether you walk, bike, or drive. The application period is September 29 – November 7, 2025. Get the details at: https://www.njtpa.org/completestreets.

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No Speeding, No Sidewalks: Summit Police Take E-Bike Safety Straight to Students

E-bikes and e-scooters may be the hottest ride in town, but Summit Police want kids to know they're not toys. Officer David Kotiga brought the message to Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School, leading a student assembly on safe riding. His talk hit three main points: follow traffic laws, ride responsibly, and don't mess with batteries to boost speed.

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Safe Routes throughout New Jersey September 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!



Exploring the Power of E-Bikes: Share Your Voice!

VTC researchers are studying how e-bike rebate programs could impact both current riders and potential new users.
We're looking at:

- E-bike users: How does access to an e-bike affect your daily life and well-being?
- Non-users: Would a rebate make you more likely to get an e-bike? What's holding you back?

Your input will help shape future transportation policy and make e-bikes more accessible for everyone.

Take the survey!



Snap to Safety - Pedestrian Refuge Island



Snap to Safety - Roundabouts

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.

Learn More about NJ BPAC

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