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NJDOT announces 2023 Complete Streets Awards Recognition announced as part of the Complete Streets Summit

(Trenton) – NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti today announced the recipients of the 2023 Complete Streets Excellence and Champion Awards to recognize individuals, organizations, or communities, who have worked to expand Complete Streets policies and implementation throughout New Jersey. These awards, given in partnership with the Rutgers University Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center, were presented today at the 2023 New Jersey Complete Streets Summit.

“New Jersey has made significant progress in advancing Complete Streets from concept to policy to implementation,” NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. “We are thrilled to honor those who have worked tirelessly to ensure our roadways are safer for all who walk, roll, or ride.”

Complete Streets are streets designed based on the specific context and needs of the community. A more direct trip for one user cannot come at the expense of the community at-large. Complete Streets planning, design, and implementation have paved the way for a safer, more accessible, and more equitable transportation system for all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities.

Complete Streets Excellence Awards are given to municipalities, organizations, or projects that have demonstrated excellence in Complete Streets implementation. This year’s recipients were:

- **Middlesex County** is the first county in New Jersey to adopt [a countywide Vision Zero plan](#). The action plan identifies crash locations, maps high-injury corridors, documents existing programs, and proposes a series of actions designed to promote crash prevention through engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, continual evaluation, and partnerships.

- In 2020, **Mercer County** released a [Bicycle Master Plan](#). The plan provides guidance for the county to implement bicycle facility installations and improvements during routine resurfacing, and the county now regularly implements Complete Streets improvements when appropriate during these projects.
- **Asbury Park** has implemented many of the recommendations of its 2019 Walking & Biking Plan, funded by NJDOT. The city has added bike lanes along corridors outlined in the plan. In 2021, Asbury Park launched an electric scooter share program and in 2022, received a Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to provide streetscape improvements along Main Street and Deal Lake Drive. Asbury Park has also engaged the community with demonstration projects such as pop-up bike lanes.
- **Jersey City** adopted a Vision Zero Action Plan in 2018 with a goal of eliminating roadway fatalities by 2026. The city has since completed or made progress on 50 out of the plan's 77 action items. By following this plan, Jersey City successfully achieved zero deaths on local roads in 2022 by quickly implementing proven safety countermeasures at high crash risk locations. As of March 2023, Jersey City has implemented 679 speed humps, 183 No Turn on Red restrictions, added new curb extensions to over 100 intersections, and striped 19 miles of protected bike lanes.
- **Trenton** worked with the **Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)** to produce meaningful public outreach for the "[Our Streets](#)" [Trenton Bike Plan](#). The plan proposes adding bicycle facilities and making design changes on certain streets to increase safety for all road users – including bicyclists, skaters, scooters, pedestrians, and drivers. Additionally, the project engaged the [East Trenton Collaborative](#) and City of Trenton staff in the public works department to host three "Our Streets" public engagement events. At these events, pop-up protected bike lanes or cycle tracks were installed so people could see what the recommendations would look like on the ground.

Complete Street Champion Awards are given to individuals, groups, or teams that have demonstrated commitment to advancing Complete Streets in their communities. This year's recipients were:

- **Shereyl Snider & the East Trenton Collaborative** are awarded for their neighborhood traffic safety audit that led to the *Inspired Safe Streets - East Trenton Neighborhood* project. This project will address some of the issues identified in the audit.
- **Tyler Cenci**, a high school student and resident of Cranbury, was awarded for his work to improve bicycling conditions in Cranbury by developing and facilitating Cranbury Township's first annual "Tour de Cranbury" as his Eagle Scout project. Tyler worked with municipal officials to establish a new, annual bicycle ride for all ages and abilities, including youth, families, and experienced riders.

- **Jennifer Duckworth** was recognized as a Safe Routes to School Champion thanks to her work to improve bicycling and walking conditions in Millburn. She coordinated the Tour de Millburn and helped Millburn achieve NJ Safe Routes to School Recognition Program gold award status at all Millburn schools.

Complete Streets Summit

The biennial Complete Streets Summit, sponsored by NJDOT, brings together planners, engineers, public officials, health professionals, advocates, and others for a day-long event of presentations, panels, and group workshops. The summit provides an open, instructional space to brainstorm and discuss ideas that will achieve Governor Murphy's statewide goal of Zero Roadway Fatalities by 2050, as outlined in the [2020 New Jersey Strategic Highway Safety Plan](#).

"Complete Streets for Complete Communities," the theme of this year's summit, highlights the ways in which Complete Streets enhance accessibility and create more resilient, more prosperous communities in New Jersey. The award recipients recognized today have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to their communities to provide a safer and more inclusive transportation system. They have set the groundwork that makes reaching the goal of Zero Deaths by 2050 possible.

For more information on the award recipients or the 2023 Complete Streets Summit, please contact the NJ Bicycle and Pedestrian Resourced Center at bikeped@ejb.rutgers.edu, or visit the 2023 Complete Street Summit [website](#).

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