

NJ 2020 STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

SAFETY SUMMIT 2023

Practical Collaboration:
Uniting Efforts for Tangible Results



MEETING DETAILS

24 OCTOBER | **8:30 A.M.**
TUESDAY | **TO 1:00 P.M.**

The College of New Jersey, Brower Student Center
2000 Pennington Rd, Ewing Township, NJ 08618

Refreshments:

Continental Breakfast

Masters of Ceremonies:

Khalid Shaikh, New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT); Richard Storm, HDR

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ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY 2020 STRATEGIC HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

The New Jersey 2020 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is a comprehensive 5-year plan to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on all New Jersey public roads.

It establishes goals, objectives, and strategies that consider Education and Public Awareness, Enforcement, Emergency Response, and Engineering, with an emphasis on Equity for all safety investments, or the “Five Es of Safety”. Focusing on strategies that provide the greatest opportunity for positive impacts on safety, the NJ 2020 SHSP includes seven Emphasis Areas: Data, Driver Behavior, Equity, Lane Departure, Intersections, Pedestrians and Bicyclists, and Other Vulnerable Road Users. The Emphasis Areas of Data and Equity, along with their own efforts, support the other five areas to enforce the data-driven plan, and the importance of working through the lens of Equity. Across the Emphasis Areas, over 150 actions that had great potential to reduce fatalities and serious injuries were developed. To finalize the NJ 2020 SHSP, NJDOT led a series of three Safety Summits, gathering the expertise of the safety community to finalize New Jersey’s path forward through 2025. Safety Summit 2023 is the fifth Safety Summit held in efforts to support the NJ 2020 SHSP and bring new ideas to the efforts for the NJ 2025 SHSP.

The 5Es of Safety



Education



Engineering



Enforcement



Emergency Response



Equity



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The Strategic Highway Safety Plan includes the following Emphasis Areas:



Intersections



Driver Behavior



Lane Departure



Other Vulnerable Road Users



Data



Equity



Pedestrians & Bicyclists

2023 SAFETY SUMMIT SCHEDULE

PRACTICAL COLLABORATION: UNITING EFFORTS FOR TANGIBLE RESULTS

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Participants sign in and enjoy a continental breakfast.
(30 minutes)

OPENING SESSION

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. (45 minutes)
Welcome Remarks
Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti – Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT); **Robert J. Clark** – Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Introductory Remarks
Michael Rizol – Director, New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety (NJDHTS); **Andrew Swords** – Director, Division of Statewide Planning, NJDOT

Keynote
Pam O'Donnell – Founder, Catch You Later Foundation

NJ 2020 Strategic Highway Safety Plan Review
Daniel LiSanti – Manager, Bureau of Safety, Bicycle, & Pedestrian Programs (BSBPP), NJDOT; **Khalid Shaikh** – Project Manager, BSBPP, NJDOT

9:45 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Transition

SHSP HIGHLIGHT PRESENTATIONS

9:50 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (85 minutes)
The highlight presentations focus on the 5Es of Roadway Safety (Enforcement, Education, Emergency Response, Engineering, and Equity) and how the Priority Actions can be implemented by safety stakeholders to promote safer roads.

Presentation 1: Safe System | Urban & Rural Solutions

Amy Kaminski – Technical Services Program Manager, FHWA;
Jeevanjot Singh – Section Chief, BSBPP, NJDOT

As a geographically diverse state, our roads adapt to the landscape. Instead of a one-size-fits-all solution, learn how each part of the Safe System approach can help you create safety solutions on urban and rural roads.

Presentation 2: Data-First Safety Solutions

Christine Mittman – Manager, Safety Programs, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA); **Joseph Weiss** – Transportation Safety Analyst, NJDHTS

Overview of safety data tools and how they are crucial for creating safety solutions. Showcase Safety Voyager, Numetrics, and SHSP Data Viewer and practical uses to embed safety data into local projects.

Presentation 3: Road Safety Audit 101

Aimee Jefferson – Principle Planner, NJTPA; **Julia Steponanko** – Engineer, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI)

Unlock all the best tips and tools for road safety audits (RSA) for successful safety projects. Learn how to use the RSA checklist on your next safety project.

Presentation 4: Slow Down. Move Over. Pass with Care and 4 Feet to Spare!

Debra Kagan – Executive Director, New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition;
Jessica O'Connor – Regulatory Officer, New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC)

New Jersey's new Safe Passing Law went into effect on March 1st, 2022. With one of the strongest and most comprehensive safe passing laws in the county, New Jersey can now better protect vulnerable road users. Learn how you can help promote the message across the state.

Presentation 5: Equity in Safety Investment

Laine Rankin – Assistant Commissioner of Local Resources & Community Development, NJDOT; **Krishna Murthy** – Executive Director, EZ Ride
There are many impacts on a community's mobility, connectivity, and safety. Learn about the safety opportunities and how to promote access for underserved communities.

Panel Discussion & Q&A

11:15 a.m. - 11:25 a.m. Break & Transition

INSIGHTS FROM TRAFFIC SAFETY OFFICERS

11:25 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. (15 minutes)
Gary Holsten – Lieutenant, South Brunswick Police Department;
Mike Morris – Law Enforcement Liaison, NJDHTS; **Nick Schock** – President, NJ Police Traffic Safety Officers Association
Traffic Safety Officers work with the community every day to help create safer roads. Learn about low-cost ways to reduce crashes.

PRACTICAL COLLABORATION PANEL

11:40 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (35 minutes)
Sascha Frimpong – Local Project Development Director, NJTPA;
Daniel LiSanti – Manager, BSBPP, NJDOT; **Jennifer Marandino** – Executive Director, SJTPO; **Mike Morris** – Law Enforcement Liaison, NJDHTS; **Kevin Murphy** – Manager, Office of Safe Streets, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC); **Tracy Noble** – Manager of Public & Government Affairs, AAA; **Laine Rankin** – Assistant Commissioner of Local Resources & Community Development, NJDOT
Guided panel discussion on how safety partners are working together to improve road safety. Each safety partner brings their unique expertise and will share how collaboration is key to reaching our vision of zero deaths by 2050. Richard Storm to moderate.

NJ 2025 SHSP OPEN HOUSE

12:15 p.m. - 12:25 p.m. (10 minutes)
Presentation: Setting the Stage for the NJ 2025 Strategic Highway Safety Plan
Khalid Shaikh – Project Manager, BSBPP, NJDOT; **Richard Storm** – Project Manager, HDR; **Pankti Mehta** – Deputy Project Manager, HDR
As the NJ 2020 SHSP sunsets, it is time to think towards the future. Learn about the latest roadway safety trends, share your priorities as we begin the NJ 2025 Strategic Highway Safety Plan effort, and brainstorm how we can promote safer roadways.

12:25 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. (25 minutes)
Open House
Setting the Stage for the NJ 2025 Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

CLOSING

12:50 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (10 minutes)
Closing Remarks
Eric Powers – Assistant Commissioner of Statewide Planning, Safety and Capital Investment, NJDOT; **Michael Rizol** – Director, NJDHTS; **Andrew Swords** – Director, Division of Statewide Planning, NJDOT; **Khalid Shaikh** – Project Manager, BSBPP, NJDOT

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. (30 minutes)
Networking

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti
Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)

Diane was confirmed as the 19th Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation on June 7, 2018, and now jointly serves as Chief of Staff for Governor Phil Murphy, a position she was appointed to on October 2, 2023. A native New Jerseyan, Ms. Gutierrez-Scaccetti is a transportation professional with more than 32 years in the industry, and 38 years in government service. Most recently, the Commissioner served as the Executive Director and CEO at Florida's Turnpike Enterprise for the Florida Department of Transportation. Prior to this, she spent 21 years at the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, working her way up from a Contract Administrator to the post of Executive Director.



Robert Clark
Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

In October 2013, Robert became the New Jersey Division Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). In this position, he provides leadership and direction to 26 professionals in delivering the Federal-Aid Highway Program in the State of New Jersey. Prior to this position, Robert served as the FHWA Resource Center's Finance Services and Technical Services Team Manager. Robert was instrumental in implementing, administering, and strengthening FHWA's Financial Integrity Review and Evaluation Program. Prior to this assignment, Robert served as the Financial Manager in the FHWA South Carolina Division where he advanced innovative financing measures for critical transportation projects. Before joining FHWA in 2001, Robert served in various positions with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) including Federal-Aid Administrator for NCDOT from 1999 to 2001.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES (continued)



Michael Rizol

Director, New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety (NJDHTS)

Michael is a seasoned law enforcement veteran with an impressive track record in the field of traffic safety. In March 2023, he was appointed Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety (DHTS), a critical role in ensuring the safe passage of all roadway users as the State of New Jersey strives to reach its goal of zero roadway fatalities. Rizol retired from the New Jersey State Police in 2021. His service included leading the Fatal Accident Investigation Unit and overseeing all State Police traffic programs as a Captain in the Traffic and Public Safety Office. He also served as the chairman of the Motor Vehicle Accident and Vehicular Pursuit Review Board. Upon his retirement, he founded Equity Reconstruction, providing motor vehicle accident investigation and consulting services. He was also an Academic Specialist at Kean University, where he taught classes to state, county, and municipal police offices in basic and advanced crash investigation.



Andrew Swords

Director, Division of Statewide Planning, NJDOT

Andrew Swords serves as the Director of the Division of Statewide Planning at the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT). In that role, Andy leads a team responsible for several transportation planning functions, including long-range and performance-based planning; safety planning and programs; the bicycle and pedestrian and Complete Streets programs; congestion analysis; air quality planning; the Transit Village Initiative; State Plan coordination; and the NJDOT Research Program. Andy has 32 years of experience with NJDOT and is licensed as a Professional Planner in the State of New Jersey.



Pam O'Donnell

Founder, Catch You Later Foundation

Pam O'Donnell is a wife and mother whose husband and 5-year-old daughter were killed by an impaired driver on February 22, 2016. She is now the only parent to their 14-year-old daughter who was left without her daddy and baby sister. She has decided to turn her family's tragedy into action. Pam has since founded the Non-Profit Catch You Later Foundation that gives out scholarships in memory of her family and raises awareness of distracted and impaired driving. Pam is the first civilian in New Jersey to become a Police Trained Commissioned Certified Instructor and presents classes at Police Academies and at the NJ State Trooper Academy. She is a member of Governor's Highway Safety Alliance, attended the National Safety Council Advocacy Program and is a member of Families for Safe Streets. Throughout her advocacy she has spoken to thousands of students and police recruits on the ramifications of distracted and impaired driving.



Eric Powers

Assistant Commissioner of Statewide Planning, Safety and Capital Investment, NJDOT

In 2001, Eric Powers joined the Division of Statewide Planning at the New Jersey Department of Transportation as project manager for the State's first Statewide Freight Transportation Plan. From 2008 to 2011, he worked directly for the Assistant Commissioner of Planning. In 2011, he returned to the Division of Statewide Planning to lead the MPO Liaison unit. He was promoted to Section Chief in the Bureau of Trucking services in 2013, and in 2014, he joined the Division of Capital Investment Planning and Development as the Manager of the Bureau of Capital Program Coordination. He was promoted to Director of Capital Investment and Program Coordination in 2017 and served until being appointed as Assistant Commissioner of Statewide Planning, Safety and Capital Investment in October 2023.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES (continued)

Khalid Shaikh

Project Manager, Bureau of Safety, Bicycle & Pedestrian Programs (BSBPP), NJDOT

Khalid is the Project Manager for the development and implementation of the New Jersey 2020 Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Khalid has over 20 years of professional public sector experience focused on addressing safety and other transportation needs, working with a wide range of transportation partners and stakeholders. Mr. Shaikh is responsible for overseeing the following federally funded programs under NJDOT's Bureau of Safety, Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs; the Highway Safety Improvement Program; the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program; the Transportation Alternatives Program; and the Statewide Planning and Research Program.

Daniel LiSanti

Manager, BSBPP, NJDOT

Daniel is the Manager for New Jersey Department of Transportation's, Bureau of Safety, Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs. The Bureau is part on NJDOT's Planning Division. The Bureau is responsible for the management of the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and provides safety subject matter expertise on a wide variety of analyses, programs, projects and initiatives. In addition, the Bureau is the home of the Office of Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs, which includes a variety of bicycle and pedestrian planning and program activities along with the Complete Streets Initiative and Subject Matter Expert (SME) support to the Safe Routes to School Program. Daniel holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota and has over 25 years of professional experience, including 15 years with the NJDOT. Daniel holds a current Professional Engineer (PE) license in New Jersey.

Amy Kaminski

Technical Services Program Manager, FHWA

Amy has been the Technical Programs Manager at the Federal Highway Administration in the New Jersey Division for over four years. Prior to joining the Federal Highway Administration, she was employed by private engineering firms located in southeast Pennsylvania and by the Ohio Department of Transportation in the Bureau of Transportation Technical Services. Most recently, Amy served as the Manager of the Traffic and Transportation Group at Gilmore & Associates in New Britain, Pennsylvania where she was involved in traffic engineering and planning including traffic signal design, transportation systems planning and pedestrian accommodations. She has been retained as an expert witness for municipal and land development clients. In her current role with the Federal Highway Administration, Amy is working to promote and advance the US Department of Transportation's Safe System Approach, which prioritizes safety to achieve zero traffic fatalities through a nationwide, improved Transportation Safety Culture. Amy is a licensed professional engineer in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and has her national certification as a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE).

Jeevanjot Singh

Section Chief, BSBPP, NJDOT

Jeevanjot is the Section Chief, Engineering for New Jersey Department of Transportation's Bureau of Safety, Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs. She heads the Safety Programs section of the Bureau, managing and administering the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and providing safety subject matter expertise on a wide variety of analyses, programs, projects and initiatives. She has 28 years of experience including 15 years at NJDOT.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES (continued)

Christine Mittman

Manager, Safety Programs, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA)

Christine manages the federally funded Local Safety and High Risk Rural Roads Programs for the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA). For the past 13 years, she has grown the program from an annual \$3 million program to a \$163 million program in FY 2022. She also created the Local Safety Engineering Assistance and Consultant Assistance Programs to further aid the NJTPA's subregions in advancing safety projects. Prior to joining the NJTPA, Christine spent 11 years in real estate development as Director of Planning and Approvals for D.R. Horton's NJ Division and as a Land Development Manager for K. Hovnanian Enterprises.

Joseph Weiss

Transportation Safety Analyst, NJDHTS

Joseph is a Transportation Safety Analyst at the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. There, he conducts comprehensive analyses to support decision making processes and reports on trends seen in motor vehicle crashes in New Jersey. Prior to joining NJDHTS, Joseph was the Operations Director for a Transportation Management Association in Northwest New Jersey, where he managed safety program development, community outreach and engagement efforts. Joseph received his Bachelor's Degree in Transportation Planning and Geography, as well as a Geographic Information System (GIS) Certification from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois. Joseph has over nine years of planning and analytical experience in transportation safety within the Public, Non-Profit and Private sectors. Joseph was the recipient of the Top 40-Under-40 Award from the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) for his professional achievements and dedication to transportation alternatives.

Aimee Jefferson

Principle Planner, NJTPA

Originally from Minnesota, Aimee came east 12 years ago and graduated from the Rutgers Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy in 2013 with her Masters in City and Regional Planning. She worked for two years at the Rutgers' Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation (CAIT) where she coordinated the center's road safety audits (RSA) and conducted crash data analysis to inform roadway redesign recommendations. In August 2015, Aimee began working at the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) in Environmental and Sustainability Planning as a principal planner where she managed the Subregional Transportation Program, the Subregional Support Program, and walkability workshops. In June 2016, Aimee transitioned to the NJTPA Local Programs team where she manages the RSA program and Online Interagency Project Management System for local project tracking. In 2022, Aimee took on the role of coordinator for the Safe Routes to School and Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside programs.

Julia Steponanko

Engineer, GPI

Julia is a traffic and electrical engineer with 17 years of experience in roadway safety, strategic safety planning, conceptual design, local project development, and the design of traffic signals, signing, pavement markings, and roadway and pedestrian lighting. She also has significant experience advancing projects through all phases of development, from Concept Development through Construction. Her work includes projects with NJTPA, DVRPC, NJDOT, and many NJ Counties. Ms. Steponanko is the Project Manager for NJDOT's Highway Safety Improvement Program contract and worked on New Jersey's 2020 SHSP preparation contract.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES (continued)

Debra Kagan

Executive Director, New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition

Debra is an experienced leader and advocate in areas of active transportation, bicycle and pedestrian safety, access to natural spaces, and social and environmental justice issues. She currently is the Executive Director of New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition (NJBWC), and previously served as Director of Programs for NJBWC, including producing the 2020 NJ Bike & Walk Summit. She also has worked for the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference as Trail Manager for the Lenape Trail, leading the effort to revitalize and publicize a unique resource that affords access to natural spaces. Previously, she worked for over 20 years in the education field in both the nonprofit and corporate sectors. Debra served as the Director of Partnerships and Programs for the Pearson Foundation and was the Director of Business Development for the Learning Network. She has an extensive background in digital and video production, having produced numerous websites and videos for programs she led throughout her career. Until recently, she served as President of Bike&Walk Montclair, where she expanded the board and volunteer base and led a renewed focus on advocacy for the Montclair Streets are For Everyone (SAFE) Plan. She currently serves as a member of the Bike&Walk Montclair Board and the September 11th National Memorial Trail Board.

Jessica O'Connor

Regulatory Officer, New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC)

Jessica has been with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission since January 2019 and is currently a Regulatory Officer 2 in the Office of Legal Affairs. Prior to starting with the MVC, she was in private practice with a litigation firm for about a year and a half after completing a year-long clerkship with a Superior Court Judge. She graduated from Rutgers University School of Law in Camden and is barred in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Before going to law school and entering the legal profession, she served nearly five years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps where she was stationed at The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia.

Laine Rankin

Assistant Commissioner of Local Resources & Community Development, NJDOT

Laine Rankin is the Assistant Commissioner of Local Resources and Community Development. This area now includes a staff of 200 responsible for the Concept Development phase, Aeronautics and Modal Grants, Major Access Permits, Outdoor Advertising and Junkyards as well as the Divisions of Environmental Resources and Local Aid and Economic Development. She oversees more than \$500 million annually from the Transportation Trust Fund in state aid to municipalities and counties for local transportation improvements in addition to more than \$150 million in federal monies for federal aid programs. Laine was previously the Director of Local Aid and Economic Development and before that, she was the Executive Regional Manager of Group A in the Division of Project Management which worked on the Port Authority funded projects: the Pulaski Skyway; the Wittpenn Bridge; and New Road.

Krishna Murthy

Executive Director, EZ Ride

Krishna is the President & CEO of EZ Ride, a non-profit organization committed to transforming transportation services. EZ Ride offers various innovative programs, including carpools, vanpools, shuttles, and rides with Lyft and Uber. Additionally, the organization promotes sustainable commuting through bike and pedestrian initiatives, workplace charging, and fleet electrification programs. Over the last 30 years, he has overseen the organization's growth from just three to more than 100 employees, increasing annual revenues from \$250,000 to over \$8 million and growing the company assets from \$200,000 to over \$10 million. As a result of their outstanding programs, EZ Ride has been recognized as the 'Urban Transportation System of the Year' by the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) and the Outstanding Transportation Management Association (TMA) by the Association of Commuter Transportation (ACT). Krishna brings a wealth of expertise to his role, combining a solid background in planning, engineering, and business. He graduated from Columbia Business School, City University of New York, and Pratt Institute in Brooklyn.

