

PROJECT OVERVIEW

WHAT are we doing?

Bergen County is developing **Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans** for eight municipalities in the Central Bergen area. The plans will begin to identify the safety and mobility improvements necessary to encourage more walking and bicycling to and from **major destinations** in the area. In addition, the plans will guide implementation of the County's draft **Complete Streets Policy** and identify which county roads or other links are appropriate and desirable for the introduction or enhancement of bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure.

This one-year study will:

- Create **linkages** between key destinations, community facilities, parks, and transit stops;
- Consider **connecting** to and/or expanding off-road pathways in County parks;
- **Build** on smaller municipal efforts within the area; and
- Address **safe crossings** of major county roads

WHY are we creating the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans?

Central Bergen County is also home to many major attractions, such as vibrant downtowns, malls, the county community college, schools, other parks, and rail stations. These attractors are places that people would be more likely to access by walking or bicycling if the routes were improved to accommodate these travel modes. It is because of this **anticipated demand for walking and bicycling facilities** that Central Bergen County is the best place to begin implementing Complete Streets. We expect that this effort will be replicable to other areas of the County, and as time and resources permit, subsequent bicycle and pedestrian plans will implement Complete Streets throughout the remainder of the County.

HOW are we preparing the plans?

In addition to **quantitative bicycle and pedestrian data** collection and analysis, the Plans will be developed with **input** from a wide range of **stakeholders**, including local governments, bicycle and pedestrian groups, the business community, and residents. Three **public meetings**, one of which took place in June 2014, will be held to gather input and collect feedback from the community. In addition, the **project website** www.centralbergenbikewalk.com will enable the public and others to stay informed and share their insights.

WHEN will the plans be completed?

The Plans are scheduled to be completed by **May 2015**. See the timeline for a more detailed schedule of the individual tasks for the project and what we are doing currently.

WHO is preparing the plans?

Bergen County, in partnership with North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), has contracted with The RBA Group, along with Parsons Brinckerhoff and Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc., to develop the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans. This project is funded in part through a U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) grant administered by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA).