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NJDOT to host Sixth Biennial Complete Streets Summit on October 22

Free online event to share strategies about implementing local projects

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation is pleased to announce the *2021 New Jersey Complete Streets Summit*. Held every other year since 2010, the Summit brings together hundreds of planners, engineers, advocates, and policy makers from around the State to learn about implementing Complete Streets projects in local communities.

This year's Summit celebrates more than 10 years of Complete Streets in New Jersey, recognizing past successes and looking ahead to a safer future. Implementing Complete Streets enables safe and equitable access for all road users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders. In recent years, incorporating Green Streets by including green stormwater infrastructure into Complete Streets policies and projects has sharpened the focus on sustainability and resiliency.

The Summit will be held as a free, full-day online event on **October 22**. Sessions will provide information about the benefits of Complete and Green Streets and advance strategies for providing safe transportation systems that are accessible for all users, including children, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Attendees will learn about best practices and hear from experts at the State, regional, and local levels.

"I am extremely pleased that the New Jersey Department of Transportation is hosting this Summit for the sixth time," NJDOT Commissioner Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said. "What began in 2010 as a gathering of about 200 elected officials, planners, and engineers from throughout New Jersey has become a biennial tradition in our State. I am happy to see so many people who care passionately about transportation safety, mobility, and equity and are working to carry this tradition forward."

"As we reflect on the last 10 years of Complete Streets in New Jersey, it is clear to me that the combined efforts of our Department, the MPOs, partners and advocates from around the State have resulted in transportation projects that have tangibly improved the quality of life for New Jersey residents and visitors," NJDOT Assistant Commissioner Michael Russo said. "It is also clear that we have made significant progress in advancing Complete Streets from concept to policy to practice."

The *2021 Complete Streets Summit* will feature panel discussions with a wide range of speakers and opportunities for virtual Q&A sessions with panelists. **To register for the October 22 event, visit the NJ Complete Streets Summit website: www.CompleteStreets2021.com.**

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