



**Asbury Park Complete Streets Coalition  
Street Safety – New Developments!  
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Over the past year, Asbury Park's elected officials have made steady progress in street safety. Deputy Mayor Amy Quinn recently stated, "The City is committed to consistently making decisions with pedestrian and bicyclist safety at the forefront." The City is just off the starting line and the Asbury Park Complete Streets Coalition is here to cheer them along.

We are encouraged by recent safety improvements. City Transportation Planner Michael Manzella installed 40+ "Stop for Pedestrian" signs at intersections where there have been recorded pedestrian-involved crashes. You'll see them in crosswalks on Memorial Drive, Ocean Ave and several other busy streets. Manzella also instituted "back-in angle parking" on Eighth Ave, which provides motorists with better vision of pedestrians and bicyclists while exiting a parking space. There are now well-marked "piano key" crosswalks in front of the Boys & Girls Club on Monroe Ave.

City Manager Michael Capabianco announced that with NJDOT funding, the City has started a pedestrian and bicyclist planning study. A team of technical consultants from international urban planning firm WSP USA will work with Capabianco on a pedestrian and bicyclist safety master plan, over an intense three-month period. The Coalition anticipates its involvement as a resource to the City, as well as encouraging input from the City's residents. The master plan is key because it will assess street conditions, communicate safety goals and prioritize the City's initiatives. A successful plan will provide access to funding opportunities the City would not have otherwise, and the Coalition expects the plan to serve as an implementation guideline for future road projects.

The City is taking a huge leap forward with the upcoming repaving of Main St/Route 71. Thanks to the determined advocacy of the Coalition, the City Council finally approved a lane reconfiguration called a Road Diet, with a two-year evaluation period. NJDOT-financed projects require public input sessions, and we will keep you informed of the dates.

The Coalition's achievements are being recognized statewide. "With a new pedestrian and bicyclist safety plan, the Main St. Road Diet, and the advocacy of the Asbury Park Complete Streets Coalition, Asbury Park shows promise to become one of New Jersey's forward-thinking cities, equipped for the future with a street network where all modes of transportation are accommodated." *Cyndi Steiner, Executive Director, New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition*