

**NASSAU/SUFFOLK
COUNTIES
SHARED VISION
FOR PEDESTRIAN/
BICYCLE SAFETY**

A Town Hall Meeting that seeks the community's input and priorities to improve roadway safety for all users

Conducted by:

- NY Coalition for Transportation Safety
- Long Island Health Collaborative
- NY State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee



**Governor's Traffic
Safety Committee**



Housekeeping

- **This webinar is being recorded! Slides and recording will be posted on [Walksafeli.org](https://walksafeli.org) after the presentation concludes.**
- **Have a question? Use the chat box and we will answer your question during or at the end of the meeting.**
- **Please keep your microphones muted at all times.**
- **We value your input, so please participate in the polls.**

2020 Scholarship Winners



Kayla Huang,
Herricks High School



Ryan Nelsen,
Eastport South Manor Jr.-Sr. High School



NY Coalition for Transportation Safety

The New York Coalition is a non-profit, statewide organization established in 1982. Our mission is to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities occurring on our roadways through outreach and education programs aimed at pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

Long Island Health Collaborative

LIHC is a partnership of Long Island's hospitals, county health departments, health providers, community based social and human service organizations, academic institutions, health plans, local government, and the business sector, all engaged in improving the health of Long Islanders.

Collaborative members are committed to improving the health of people living with chronic disease, obesity, and behavioral health conditions in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

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Why do we need a public workshop on pedestrian and bicycle safety?

GOALS

- **To educate the public about vehicle and traffic laws that pertain to pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.**
- **To develop a new Shared Vision for Improved roadway safety that will enhance safety for all users, especially pedestrians and bicyclists.**
- **To raise awareness to emerging issues such as ebikes, scooters and motor bikes and their impact on pedestrian safety.**
- **To reduce the number of pedestrian/bicyclist deaths and injuries on Long Island.**

How can we arrive at a shared vision approach?

- **Consider the needs of all roadway users across Nassau and Suffolk Counties.**
- **Make the best use of federal, state and local resources to educate and inform the public regarding all legislation and innovations that impact the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists.**
- **Engage the public and community stakeholders in identifying high risk behaviors by pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists that may lead to increased deaths and injuries to roadway users.**
- **Ask the public and community stakeholders to describe roadway changes that would improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.**



What areas will this workshop explore?

- **NY State laws that pertain to pedestrians and bicyclists.**
- **Hindrances to pedestrians crossing a roadway safely.**
- **Roadway enhancements that make it easier for pedestrians to cross a street (crosswalks, signals, etc.).**
- **Roadway designs proven to increase safe street crossings for pedestrians.**
- **Introduction to emerging types of mobility devices like ebikes and motorbikes and scooters. How will they impact our ability to safely cross streets?**



NY State Pedestrian Safety Laws

Cross streets at marked crosswalks or intersections. Motorists have the right of way at all locations other than intersections and marked crosswalks.

Obey the WALK/DON'T WALK SIGNS

Always walk on the sidewalk if there is one.

Walk facing traffic if there is no sidewalk.

Pedestrians have the right of way when a car is pulling in or out of traffic across a sidewalk.

Pedestrians are not allowed on limited-access roads, such as expressways and interstates, nor are they allowed on entrance or exit ramps for those roads.

Do you feel safe walking in your neighborhood?



What would make you feel safer?



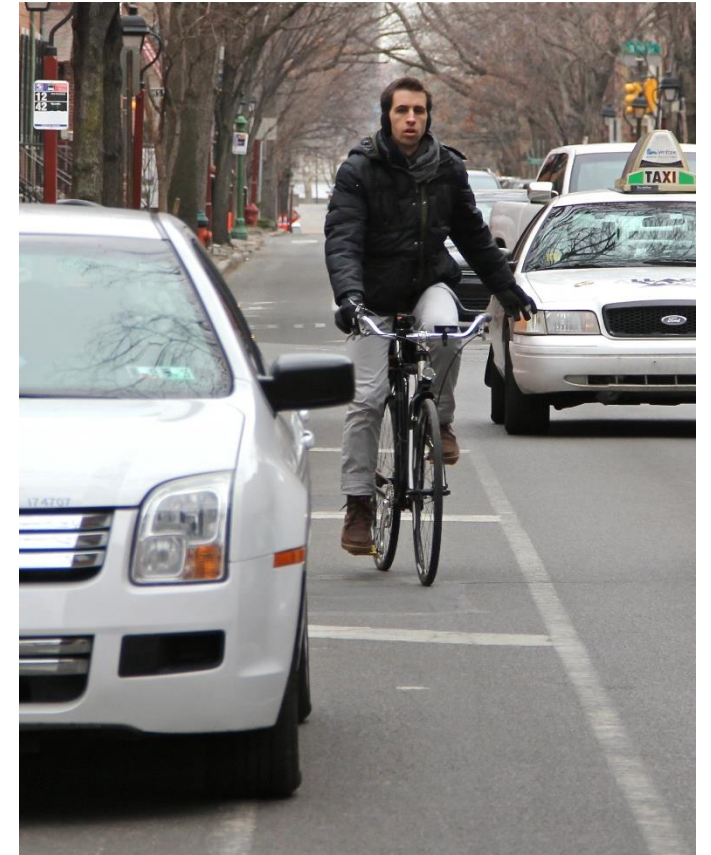
NY State Bicycle Safety Laws

- **Bicyclists are required to follow the same laws and rules of the road as motorists.**
- **Bicyclists have the legal right to share the road on most public highways, but they are prohibited on interstate highways and expressways.**
- **The law requires bicyclists to ride with traffic.**
- **Children under 14 years of age (18 years of age in Nassau) must wear a helmet when they are operators or passengers on bicycles.**

OBEY SIGNS & LIGHTS



What makes you feel safe or unsafe cycling in your neighborhood?



Between 2009 and 2013, nearly 50% of all pedestrian crashes occurred in 20 areas of New York State. These areas are referred to as Focus Communities. Eight of these communities are in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, by far the most of any other area of New York State. The following two intersections were chosen because they fall within a focus community and were also identified by the Tri State Transportation Campaign as being especially dangerous for pedestrians.

Intersections selected for observations

Freeport, Nassau - South Main St. & E. and W. Merrick Rd.

Huntington Station - Route 110 & 15th St., Westbound and West Hills Rd., North & Southbound



Freeport – Traffic Volume

Location of Vehicles Observed	6/23/2020 12:00-1:00PM	6/24/2020 5:30-6:30PM	6/25/2020 8:15-9:15AM
West Merrick Rd.	1,632	1,908	1,285
South Main Street	305	330	203

Total Pedestrians/ Bicyclists Observed

- Pedestrians: 718
- Pedestrians using proper crosswalk: 667
- Cyclists: 54
- Cyclists with helmets: 0

The final report can be found at WalkSafeLI.org

Huntington Station – Traffic Volume

Number of Vehicles Observed	6/23/2020 12:15-1:15PM	6/24/2020 8:20-9:20AM	6/25/2020 5:10-6:10PM
Route 110 Southbound	705	524	734
Route 110 Northbound	568	406	670
15th Street (Westbound)	47	30	60
West Hills - Eastbound (N/B and S/B to Rte. 110)	157	111	232

Total Pedestrians/ Bicyclists Observed

- Pedestrians: 73
- Pedestrians using proper crosswalk: 33
- Cyclists: 43
- Cyclists with helmet: 1

The final report can be found at WalkSafeLI.org

Check your knowledge

Do you have to push the button to see the “Walk” icon?

Once you see the “Walk” icon do you have more time to cross the street?

Besides the “Walk” icon, what other devices might make it safer and easier for pedestrians to cross a street?



What other device are there that can make it easier and safer for you to cross the street?



Road Diets to reduce vehicle speeds and the number of lanes pedestrians cross



Pedestrian refuge islands allow pedestrians a safe place to stop at the midpoint of the roadway



Raised crosswalks can reduce vehicle speeds.



Crosswalk visibility enhancements, such as crosswalk lighting and enhanced signing.



Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs) at signalized intersections allow pedestrians to walk, usually 3 to 4 seconds, before vehicles get a green signal to turn left or right.

Emerging mobility modes of transportation

Are you familiar with the many new types of mobility devices like ebikes, scooters and motor scooters that are starting to be used on our roadways? Are they legal? Are they safe? Where may they be driven? What danger do they hold for pedestrians?





Viewer comments on new modes of mobility

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| Are these modes of transportation new to you? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are they legal in New York State? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are they permitted on roadways? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are they permitted on sidewalks? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are they electric? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are they available to rent? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are they hazardous to pedestrians? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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Join us for a Long Island Mobility Week event!




HEALTH & SAFETY DAY

September 20, 2020 • 1PM - 3PM
280 Deer Park Ave, Village of Babylon

**Walk with a Doc, mammography screenings,
pedestrian safety education & more!**

Register at walksafeli.org/news





WALK SAFE WITH A DOC

September 25, 2020 • 10:00 AM
Hempstead Housing Authority
260 Clinton St # 100, Hempstead, NY 11550

Register at walksafeli.org/news



Helpful Safety Hints

- Always walk on the sidewalk if there is one
- When there is no sidewalk always walk facing traffic
- Cross streets at corners or in crosswalks
- Be safe, be seen. Wear brightly colored clothing. It makes it easier for drivers to see you.
- Do not text or talk on your cell phone when your are crossing the street or riding a bicycle.
- When walking or bicycling at night wear reflective garments or apply reflective stickers on your person that make you more visible to drivers.
- Carry a flashlight or some other type of light when you walk at night.





More Resources:

- **Walk Safe Long Island** – walksafeli.org
 - **NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee** – trafficsafety.ny.gov
 - **NYS DOT – Biking in New York** – dot.ny.gov/display/programs/bicycle
 - **Safe Kids Worldwide** – safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-nassau-county
 - **Tri-State Transportation Campaign** – tstc.org/
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