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ASBURY PARK NAMED GOLD LEVEL WINNER IN NJ SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL RECOGNITION PROGRAM
Highlighting the City's Commitment to Enabling Children to Walk and Bike to School Safely

6/13/18, Asbury Park, NJ – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Resource Center named Asbury Park as a Gold Level winner in the 2018 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Recognition Program. Winners were recognized for their commitment and support of the Safe Routes to School program, which enables and encourages children to walk and bike to school safely.

The NJ Safe Routes to School program, created by NJDOT, helps improve the health and well-being of children by encouraging them, including those with disabilities, to walk and bike to school. The program also works with local municipalities to help facilitate the planning, development and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution near schools.

Asbury Park was named a Gold Level winner in the 2018 Safe Routes to School Recognition program after having completed activities to facilitate education and safety, with significant support from EZ Ride, a regional agency focused on improving safety and accessibility. Activities included multiple Walk to School days with local leaders; Bike Rodeo seminars to teach students how to ride; adoption of a Complete Streets Policy that provides facilities on the street for all users; adoption of a School Travel Plan that sets guidelines for safety; and crossing guard observation and training. Recognition is valid for 3 years, and winners are eligible for SRTS infrastructure grants.

“As a community, it’s important we provide a safe environment for our children to get to school,” said Councilperson Jesse Kendle, “and the City is committed to ensuring it’s a priority. Participating in the Walk to School days has been a pleasure and keeps our focus on the children.”

“We’re thankful to Deputy Police Chief David Kelso and his team for being instrumental in the City winning Gold Level in the 2018 Safe Routes to School program.,” said Mayor John Moor. “It emphasizes the work we’ve been doing to keep our school routes safe and continue to be a pedestrian friendly community.”

For more information on the NJ Safe Routes to School Program, and a list of all 2018 winners, visit <http://www.saferoutesnj.org/2018-nj-srts-recognition-program-winners/>

For more information on the City of Asbury Park, visit www.cityofasburypark.com.