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## *Mayor Healy Announces Comprehensive Bike Program Program includes bike lanes, update biking ordinances, additional bike parking & expand safe cycling campaign*

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy announced today a comprehensive plan to install a new network of **35.2 miles of striped bike lanes**, plus **19.5 miles of shared lanes** marked on the street with “sharrows” that will interconnect neighborhoods, major destinations, employment centers, parks and mass transit stations.

In addition to the new network of bike lanes and shared lanes with sharrows, a number of other initiatives are being undertaken as part of a comprehensive approach by the City to support safe and courteous cycling, including the following:

- Major revisions to Jersey City’s **bike riding ordinances** have been submitted to the City Council for consideration at their meeting of December 19th, 2012.
- A **Bike Rack Sponsorship Program** to make it easier and less costly for merchants to provide a bike rack in the public right-of-way will start on January 2nd, 2013. Merchants will make a \$250 donation to the Jersey City **Bike Rack Trust Fund**, city engineers will evaluate the proposed location, and the City will purchase and install the bike rack in approved locations.
- A new ordinance containing realistic **zoning requirements for bike parking** in new buildings will be sent to the Planning Board for consideration on December 18th, 2012.
- The **Grove Street demonstration bike lanes** that were installed as part of Green Week will be made permanent and repainted in the spring of 2013.
- Release of a new **Public Service Announcement** as part of the ongoing Safe Cycling Education and Enforcement Campaign that was launched in April 2012.
- Launch of a new city website on bike safety.
- Jersey City is collaborating with Hudson County and Hoboken to identify funding to implement an inter-city **bike share program**.

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“Implementation of this comprehensive bike program is part of my ongoing commitment to the environment, transportation, healthy living, and public safety,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Cycling is an integral part of the city’s transportation system, and a popular recreational activity. Cycling is on the rise and it has become increasingly important to designate space for cyclists on city streets, as well as to update the city’s laws as they pertain to cycling.”

“NJDOT applauds Jersey City for their efforts in implementing their Complete Streets policy. The installation of bike lanes and shared use lanes through the city will go a long way to encourage non-motorized transportation and continue the work to create a statewide network of safe and accessible bikeways,” said **New Jersey Transportation Commissioner Jim Simpson**.

Implementation of bike lanes and shared lanes with sharrows will occur over time as streets are repaved or funding for additional installations becomes available. The 2012 repaving plan includes 3.1 miles of street segments that are within the plan for bike lane and sharrows, and will have bike lanes or sharrows added as part of the repaving project.

Old Bergen Road	MacAdoo to Merritt	2 one-way sharrows
Fulton	Garfield to Ocean	1 one-way bike lane
Fulton	MLK to Bergen	1 one-way bike lane
Woodlawn	West Side to Kennedy	1 one-way bike Lane
Bergen	Communipaw to Montgomery	2 one-way Sharrows
Hoboken	Central to Oakland	1 one-way bike lane
Coles	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup>	1 one-way bike lane
Manila	CC Dr. to 6 <sup>th</sup>	1 one-way bike lane
Bowers	Ogden to Kennedy	1 one-way bike lane

Additionally, the city applied to the NJ DOT Bikeways program in October, 2012 for \$1,428,040 in grant funding to pay for 54.7 miles of bike lanes and sharrows, as well as for bike racks.

Striped bike lanes will be installed within the network where street width permits. Where the street is narrower sharrows will be installed. Sharrows are double chevrons marked on the street. BIKE LANE signage will be installed with bike lanes. SHARE THE ROAD signage will be installed on lanes marked with sharrows.

The new bike program expands upon recent initiatives such as striping of demonstration bike lanes on Grove Street in April 2012 as part of Green Week, adoption of a complete streets resolution, a bike rack trust fund that has been approved by city council and is pending state approval, and an ongoing safe cycling education and enforcement campaign. Jersey City also partnered in April with BikeJC to prepare a bike safety educational flyer in English and Spanish that has been widely disseminated.

A Bike Infrastructure Working Group comprised of city staff and representatives of BikeJC was convened on May 16, 2012 to study and make recommendations pertaining to municipal bike infrastructure – including on-street bike accommodations, bike parking, bike share, and bike safety. It was charged with submitting a report on the next steps with respect to implementation of bike infrastructure, including the following: identification of specific streets, design standards for on street markings, budgets, priorities, schedules, and a public communications strategy. A final report to Mayor Healy was completed on September 27, 2012.

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