

Ocean County

Analysis Inputs

Toms River and Lakewood Townships are the only communities in Ocean County with very high trip potential (above 90). Bicycle demand follows a similar pattern as in neighboring Monmouth County: strong potential up and down the shore, with less activity further inland and in the southwestern part of the county (although New Egypt, Jackson Township, and Manchester Township do show medium trip potential for bicycling). These communities are connected to the regional network.

All of Ocean County's nine bicycle or pedestrian high-crash areas are in Lakewood Township, with the exception of County Roads 571 and 528, in Manchester and Brick Townships, respectively. The regional network overlaps with each high-crash location, except for County Road 571.

Table 15 shows the most predominant EJ populations in Ocean County by census block. The vast majority of EJ census block groups in Ocean County are low-income, clustered around Lakewood Township, Manchester Township, and Toms River Township, with only a handful of minority locations around Toms River and Lakewood Townships, and some combined low-income/minority areas in those communities as well. With the exception of several census block groups in Manchester Township in the central part of the county and Little Egg Harbor Township at the southern tip of the county, the regional network connects to all EJ populations.

Table 15: Overburdened Communities in Ocean County

OBC Category	Number of census blocks
Low Income	66
Low Income and Minority	9
Minority	11
Minority and Limited English	1

Public Feedback

There were only four webmap responses for Ocean County, concentrated along the shore in Lavallette Borough and Toms River Township. All four comments voiced the need for trails or separated bicycle facilities in these locations, which would be especially beneficial during busy summer months. The regional network addresses many of these concerns, including a proposed corridor that parallels Barnegat Bay.

Existing Network and Proposed Improvements

Ocean County's existing network consists of the Barnegat Branch Trail, a 12-mile rail trail that runs from Barnegat Township to Bayville, with eventual plans to connect to Toms River Township.²¹ There are also several bike facilities throughout the county, including a sidepath on Lake Road in Manchester Township, bike lanes on Princeton Avenue in Brick Township, and bike lanes on NJ 35 in Seaside Heights Borough, Seaside Park Borough, and Lavallette Borough. The regional network would connect to these existing facilities. A proposed

²¹ A 2019 NJTPA study provided recommendations on safe pedestrian and bicycle linkages to the Barnegat Branch Trail in the northern portion of Ocean County, which the preliminary network also supports.

corridor parallel to US 9 would extend the Barnegat Branch Trail south to Tuckerton Borough and north to Toms River Township and Point Pleasant Borough. The regional network would also enhance connectivity further inland, connecting Plumsted Township and Jackson Township to shore communities as well as nearby areas in Monmouth County.

The NJ TRANSIT North Jersey Coast Line terminates in Bay Head Borough, in the northeastern tip of Ocean County. The two commuter rail stations in the county, at Bay Head and Point Pleasant Beach, both overlap with the regional network, providing an opportunity to improve first- and last-mile connections in these areas.

Table 16 lists all roads in Ocean County's regional network. It includes road name, municipality, and length of each segment. Network segments that are less than 0.25 miles in length are not listed. Many network segments are on high-volume state highway corridors; as such they are not presently conducive to active transportation. However, walk/bike potential does exist in these areas, and more suitable parallel routing could be explored, such as sidepaths, trails, and other separated facilities, as well as improved transit service for longer distance connections. Local roads that parallel the regional network may also be used as alternate low-stress routes during network implementation.

Table 16: Ocean County Regional Network Corridors

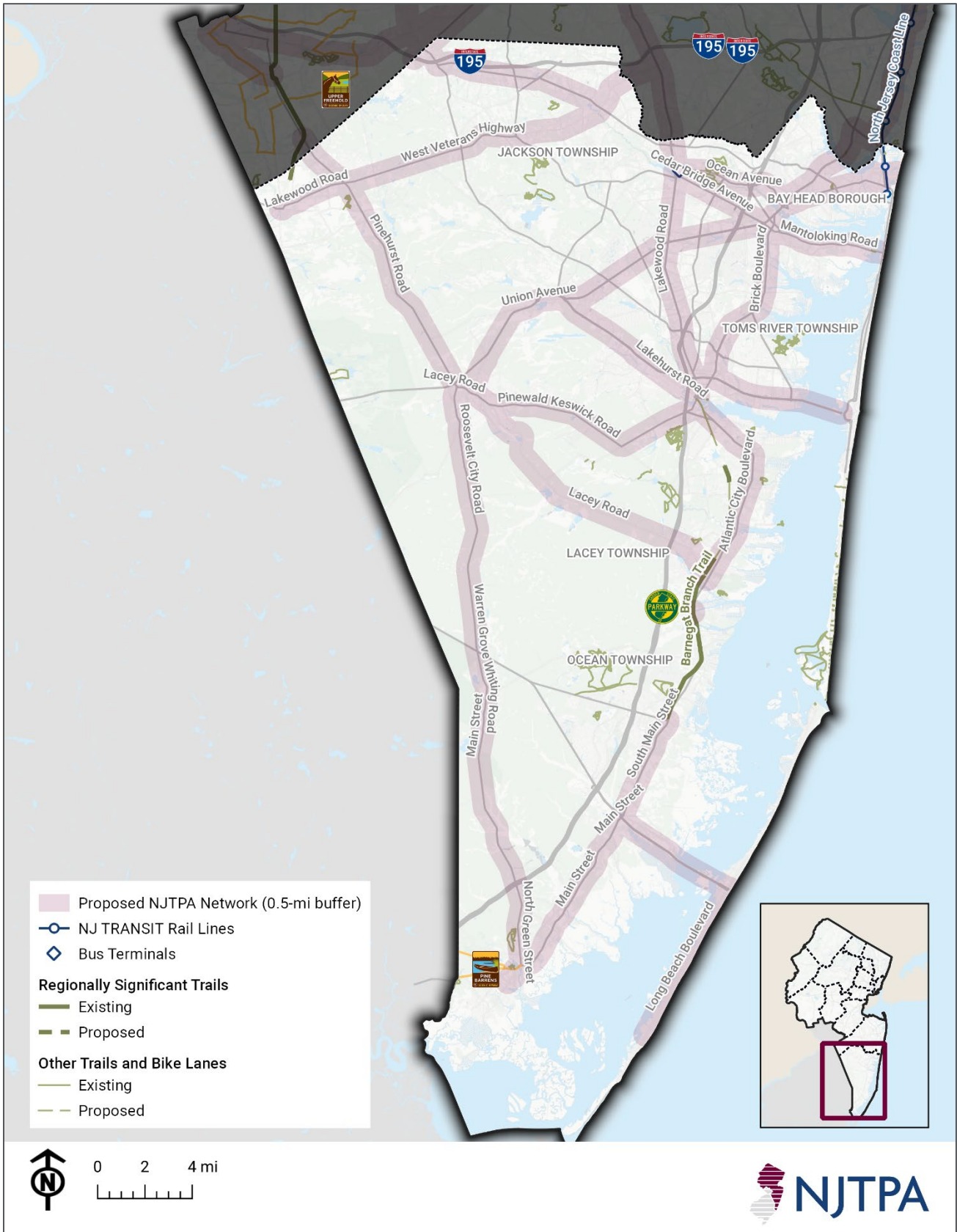
Road Name	County/NJ/US Route	Municipality	Start Point	End Point	Length (Miles)
Union Avenue	N/A	Borough of Lakehurst	Brown Avenue, Fays Lane, Railroad Avenue	John Davison Rockefeller Memorial Highway	0.87
Brown Avenue	N/A	Borough of Lakehurst	Wranglebrook Road	Fays Lane, Railroad Avenue, Union Avenue	0.30
Herbert Street	CR 528	Borough of Mantoloking	Mantoloking Road	Beach Access, Ocean Avenue	0.27
Ocean Road	NJ 88	Borough of Point Pleasant	Lakewood Road	N/A	0.75
Lakewood Road	NJ 88	Borough of Point Pleasant	N/A	N/A	1.25
Rue Avenue	N/A	Borough of Point Pleasant	Ocean Road	Trenton Avenue	0.42
Atlantic Avenue	N/A	Borough of Point Pleasant	Ocean Avenue	Rue Avenue	1.07
West 9th Street	NJ 72	Borough of Ship Bottom	N/A	East 9th Street, Long Beach Boulevard	0.44
West 8th Street	NJ 72	Borough of Ship Bottom	East 8th Street, Long Beach Boulevard	N/A	0.41
Flint Road	N/A	Borough of South Toms River	Mill Street	Ivy Way	0.30
Radio Road	CR 601	Borough of Tuckerton	Oak Lane	Great Bay Boulevard	0.38
East Main Street	US 9	Borough of Tuckerton	Water Street, West Main Street	N/A	1.52
Great Bay Boulevard	CR 601	Borough of Tuckerton	Radio Road	West Main Street	0.36
South Main Street	US 9	Township of Barnegat	Beachview Avenue	East Bay Avenue, North Main Street, West Bay Avenue	2.24
Warren Grove Whiting Road	CR 539	Township of Barnegat	Main Street	N/A	4.05
Atlantic City Boulevard	NJ 166, US 9	Township of Berkeley	N/A	N/A	6.16
Pinewald Keswick Road	CR 530	Township of Berkeley	Lacey Road	N/A	5.98
Dover Road	CR 530	Township of Berkeley	Flint Road	N/A	3.63
Brick Boulevard	NJ 70	Township of Brick	N/A	N/A	3.10
Brick Boulevard	CR 549, CR 631	Township of Brick	Hooper Avenue	Hooper Avenue	3.09
John Davison Rockefeller Memorial Highway	NJ 70	Township of Brick	N/A	N/A	0.63
N/A	NJ 88	Township of Brick	N/A	N/A	2.06
Mantoloking Road	CR 528	Township of Brick	Cedar Bridge Avenue, Hooper Avenue	Herbert Street	4.27

Road Name	County/NJ/US Route	Municipality	Start Point	End Point	Length (Miles)
N/A	NJ 88	Township of Brick	N/A	9 Post Road	1.94
Main Street	US 9	Township of Eagleswood	N/A	South Main Street	3.04
North County Line Road	CR 526	Township of Jackson	N/A	N/A	2.48
Bennetts Mills Road	CR 636	Township of Jackson	Aldrich Road, North New Prospect Road, South New Prospect Road	Cedar Swamp Road, East Veterans Highway, West Veterans Highway	4.82
Cassville Road	CR 526, CR 571	Township of Jackson	Millstone Rd; Trenton Lakewood Rd, Monmouth Road	West Commodore Boulevard	0.90
West Veterans Highway	CR 528	Township of Jackson	Bennetts Mills Road, Cedar Swamp Road, East Veterans Highway	Hawkin Road, Lakewood Road	6.35
West Commodore Boulevard	CR 526	Township of Jackson	Cassville Road	Cedar Swamp Road, East Commodore Boulevard	3.36
Aldrich Road	CR 636	Township of Jackson	N/A	Bennetts Mills Road, North New Prospect Road, South New Prospect Road	0.84
Monmouth Road	CR 537	Township of Jackson	N/A	N/A	0.58
East Commodore Boulevard	CR 526	Township of Jackson	Cedar Swamp Road, West Commodore Boulevard	N/A	0.86
Lacey Road	CR 614	Township of Lacey	East Lacey Road, North Main Street, South Main Street	Dover Road, West Lacey Road	8.35
N/A	CR 539	Township of Lacey	Warren Grove Whiting Road	Roosevelt City Road	5.37
North Main Street	US 9	Township of Lacey	N/A	Atlantic City Boulevard	2.18
West Lacey Road	CR 614	Township of Lacey	Dover Road, Lacey Road	Humane Way, Whiting Lacey Road	0.78
John Davison Rockefeller Memorial Highway	NJ 70	Township of Lakewood	N/A	N/A	5.96
Ocean Avenue	NJ 88	Township of Lakewood	N/A	N/A	3.35
Cedar Bridge Avenue	CR 528	Township of Lakewood	N/A	N/A	5.26
River Avenue	US 9	Township of Lakewood	N/A	N/A	2.66
Madison Avenue	CR 547, US 9	Township of Lakewood	Main Street/Route 88	River Avenue	0.38
Clifton Avenue	N/A	Township of Lakewood	East Kennedy Boulevard	Main Street, Main Street/Route 88, South Clifton Avenue	1.17

Road Name	County/NJ/US Route	Municipality	Start Point	End Point	Length (Miles)
N/A	CR 539	Township of Little Egg Harbor	North Green Street, Parkertown Drive	Main Street	7.14
N/A	US 9	Township of Little Egg Harbor	East Main Street	Main Street	1.16
North Green Street	CR 539	Township of Little Egg Harbor	East Main Street, South Green Street	Parkertown Drive	2.72
Long Beach Boulevard	CR 607	Township of Long Beach	East 29th Street, North Bay Avenue, West 29th Street	East 7th Street, West 7th Street	5.51
North Bay Avenue	CR 607	Township of Long Beach	Centre Street, South Bay Avenue	East 29th Street, Long Beach Boulevard, West 29th Street	1.41
Colonial Drive	N/A	Township of Manchester	N/A	N/A	0.60
Lacey Road	CR 530	Township of Manchester	N/A	N/A	1.82
Whiting Lacey Road	CR 614	Township of Manchester	Pinewald Keswick Road	Humane Way, West Lacey Road	3.55
John Davison Rockefeller Memorial Highway	NJ 70	Township of Manchester	Union Avenue	Manchester Boulevard	3.24
Warren Grove Whiting Road	CR 539	Township of Manchester	Roosevelt City Road	Lacey Road	1.40
Manchester Boulevard	CR 2	Township of Manchester	Lacey Road	John Davison Rockefeller Memorial Highway	1.82
John Davison Rockefeller Memorial Highway	NJ 70	Township of Manchester	N/A	Colonial Drive	1.32
Roosevelt City Road	CR 539	Township of Manchester	N/A	Warren Grove Whiting Road	2.61
N/A	CR 539	Township of Manchester	Lacey Road, Warren Grove Whiting Road	Horicon Avenue, Whiting-New Egypt Road	2.33
Whiting-New Egypt Road	CR 539	Township of Manchester	Horicon Avenue	Pinehurst Road	1.51
Pinehurst Road	CR 539	Township of Plumsted	Whiting-New Egypt Road	Woodruff Road	4.28
Pinehurst Road	CR 539	Township of Plumsted	East Colliers Mills Road, West Colliers Mills Road	Forked River Road, Monmouth Road	3.45
Lakewood Road	CR 528	Township of Plumsted	Fort Avenue, North Main Street	Hawkin Road, West Veterans Highway	4.04
Main Street	US 9	Township of Stafford	South Main Street	South Main Street	0.32
East Bay Avenue	NJ 72	Township of Stafford	N/A	N/A	5.05
South Main Street	US 9	Township of Stafford	Main Street	Main Street	1.94
Main Street	CR 539	Township of Stafford	N/A	Warren Grove Whiting Road	1.91

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North Main Street	US 9	Township of Stafford	Main Street, Stafford Avenue	Beachview Avenue, South Main Street	2.20
Hooper Avenue	CR 549	Township of Toms River	N/A	N/A	4.75
Little League World Champions Boulevard	NJ 37	Township of Toms River	N/A	N/A	4.79
N/A	N/A	Township of Toms River	N/A	N/A	0.72
North Main Street	NJ 166	Township of Toms River	N/A	N/A	0.94
Lakewood Road	NJ 166, US 9	Township of Toms River	N/A	N/A	6.78
Lakehurst Road	CR 527	Township of Toms River	Little League World Champions Boulevard	Lien Street, West Water Street	1.67
Little League World Champions Boulevard	NJ 37	Township of Toms River	N/A	Lakehurst Road	4.99
West Water Street	CR 527, NJ 166	Township of Toms River	Atlantic City Boulevard, East Water Street, North Main Street	Lakehurst Road, Lien Street	0.30
Thomas A. Mathis Bridge	NJ 37	Township of Toms River	Little League World Champions Boulevard	N/A	0.93
J. Stanley Tunney Bridge	NJ 37	Township of Toms River	N/A	Little League World Champions Boulevard	0.94

Figure 18: Ocean County Regional Network



- Proposed NJTPA Network (0.5-mi buffer)
- NJ TRANSIT Rail Lines
- Bus Terminals
- Regionally Significant Trails**
- Existing
- Proposed
- Other Trails and Bike Lanes**
- Existing
- Proposed

