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## **VISIONING WORKSHOPS FOR TOMS RIVER TOWNSHIP BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN SCHEDULED IN FEBRUARY**

*Public is Invited to Participate in a Visioning Workshop in Toms River*

**(TOMS RIVER, NJ)** –The first public meetings to begin the development of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Township of Toms River have been set for February 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and the community is invited to participate in any one of the workshops.

Members of the Steering Committee, along with consultants from NV5 and Stokes Creative Group, Inc., will conduct two visioning workshops to inform the public about the study and solicit input. The first Visioning Workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 from 6:00-9:00 pm at the Toms River High School East cafeteria. The second Visioning Workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at the Toms River High School North media center. The workshops will present the same material. Two dates were selected to allow the public opportunity to select a date that works best with their schedule.

During these meetings, there will be a mapping exercise to identify problem areas, issues, and opportunities related to bicycle and pedestrian travel in Toms River. It will include a visioning exercise for more safe bicycling and walking, as well as specific goals to support these modes of travel around the community.

“The goal is to make our town’s bike paths and trails more user-friendly, more accessible, and safer for our residents,” Mayor Thomas F. Kelaher said. “We are encouraging residents to give us their feedback on what changes or improvements they envision.

Once completed, this plan will comprehensively identify opportunities to create, enhance, and expand walking and bicycling facilities throughout the township – as well as outline recommendations for the township to implement future transportation investments. The bicycle and pedestrian plan will be developed during the winter and spring 2019 and is expected to be completed in July 2019. The public will be continuously engaged during this project through Steering Committee efforts, as well as the official project website: [www.TomsRiverBikePed.com](http://www.TomsRiverBikePed.com).