



Delaware Bicycle Council
December 4, 2019
Felton-Farmington Conference Room
Meeting Notes

Members Present

Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative
Fran Cardaci, At-Large Representative
Tom Felice, DelDOT Representative
Shebra Hall, Division of Public Health Representative
Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative
Scott Hoffman, At-Large Representative
Richard Klepner, Office of Highway Safety
Marty Lessner, Council on Transportation
Roger Roy, At-Large Representative
Mike Wagner, Department of Education
James Wilson, At Large Representative

Members Absent

Mack Cochran, Trails & Greenways Council
Mike Krumrine, DNREC Representative
Mike Tyler, At Large Representative
Cpl. Tyler Wright, DE State Police Representative

DelDOT Support Staff

John Fiori, Bicycle Coordinator, DelDOT

Guests

Bill Weller, Sussex Cyclists
John Kurpjuweit, Sussex Cyclist
Bruce Kauffman, DelDOT
Ryan Hollingshens, Wilmington Cyclists
Lezlie Eustis, Kent County Cyclist

I. Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Tom Hartley. The quorum was met for the meeting. The council members introduced themselves to the guests. Tom Hartley introduced Shebra Hall as a new member of the Delaware Bicycle Council. It was announced that Cpt. Jeff Whitmarsh has submitted his resignation and that Cpl. Tyler Wright has been officially appointed to replace him on the Council.

Minutes/Agenda Review:

The Council reviewed and made the following corrections to the meeting minutes from the October 2, 2019 meeting; remove Bruce Kauffman as attending the meeting and change Marty Lessner's title from Council & Transportation to Council on Transportation. Tom Hartley asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the October meeting. Mike Wagner made the motion to accept the changes. Walt Bryan seconded. All agreed, no one opposed. Motion passed.

II. Public Comment

John T. Fiori provided an update on the 2019 innovation grant issued to Middletown. The purchase order in amount of \$17,000 that has been approved and the Town agreement fully executed, in which the Town has been notified. Now when the Town receives invoices from their consultant, they can submit to DeIDOT for payment.

Tom Hartley submitted a letter to the Secretary requesting an additional \$20k to the Delaware Bicycle Council Budget, which would increase the overall budget from \$40k to \$60k. The additional amount would go toward the cycling infrastructure innovation grant. The Secretary reviewed Tom Hartley's letter and has agreed to increase the grant amount by \$10k that will begin for Fiscal Year 2021. The cycling infrastructure innovation grant will increase from \$20k to \$30k and the overall budget will increase from \$40k to \$50k.

John T. Fiori updated the Council on a recently completed project by DeIDOT for the City of Dover called Senator Bikeway, Phase 1. The project was from Salisbury Road to Silver Lake Park, which included a separated shared use path along the Booker T. Washington Elementary School that turns into a two-way cycle track along Route 8 and West Street from Weston Drive to Cecil Street. There, bicycle sharrows were installed along Cecil Street and Washington Street to Silver Lake Park, which are low stress/low traffic volume roads. Also, a bicycle box was installed at West Street for cyclist who need to make a left turn onto Route 8. This is the first project of this type to install a two-way cycle track and bicycle box in Delaware.

III. Old Business

Route 1 Road User Behavior Countermeasures

Route 1 and Kings Highway Intersection Concept

Tom Felice presented a concept plan to help encourage drivers to slow down when drivers enter King's Highway. Currently driver access the ramp at high speeds onto King's Highway via a wide

sweeping turn. The concept is to reduce the amount of pavement that a bicyclist would have to cross. The turn would be sharper that would reduce the crossing length from 128-feet to 14-feet. Also, the sharper curve would reduce speeds to 25-mph. A sidewalk/shared-use path would be installed in which the bicyclists would have the option a staying on the road or using the sidewalk/shared-use path. This concept has not been approved by DelDOT at this time.

Route 1 Shared Use Path

James Wilson presented that most of the bicycle crashes on Route 1 occur on the sidewalk. James Wilson showed a concept plan for a shared-use path on the west and east side of Route 1 that would capture the demand of people cycling in a way that would get them away from heightened traffic but would not be on a sidewalk. There is clearly a demand for bicycle travel on Route 1, in which the infrastructure needs to be provided to do it the safe way.

Tom Felice said he will discuss with Drew Boyce about this concept plan and the steps required in order to possibly make this a future project. The purpose and need to improve bicycle safety need to be defined. Also clarify the right-of-way impacts of the project on private land and/or public right of way.

IV. New Business

Nominees for 2020 Chair & Vice Chair

Tom Hartley asked Roger Roy to take over the nomination's procedure for the 2020 Chair and Vice-Chair. Roger Roy asked for any nominations for Chair. A nomination was made for Tom Hartley. No other nominations were made. Roger Roy asked for any nominations for Vice-Chair. A nomination was made for Scott Hoffman. No other nominations were made. Voting to occur at the next Council Meeting on February 5, 2020. Additional nominations could be e-mailed to John T. Fiori or at the next council meeting prior to voting.

Innovation Grant Application Video

Walt Bryan volunteered to do a production video. They will get drone video and photographs that he will produce to distribute to the potential applicants. Walt would like to have feedback from the Council as to what should be included in the presentation. Examples include the Bridgeville path that was completed and the Milton path that will begin construction in the spring of 2020.

Tom Hartley would like to send something out to the municipalities and the three County offices to inform them the Council is awarding another innovation grant in 2020. The grant applications are to be sent out in late April/early May. When the video is completed, it will be placed on the on the Delaware Bicycle Council website as well as referencing the video in the grant letter along with a link.

2019 Bicycle Friendly State Ranking

John T. Fiori updated to Council on the 2019 Bicycle Friendly State survey. John wanted to thank all who helped with the survey, such as John Bare of Bike Delaware, those on the Delaware Bicycle Council and within DelDOT. It was announced that Delaware ranked 6th which was an improvement from 2017 where Delaware was ranked 7th. Delaware ranks low on ridership on

commuters who bike to work (0.3%) and safety on fatalities per 10k of bike commuter (19.9) but ranks high on spending per capita on biking and walking (\$9.09). Delaware was recognized for its Complete Community Enterprise District which prioritizes funding for biking and walking projects based on supportive land use policies, the completion of the Jack A. Markell Trail and finalizing the *Blueprint for a Bicycle-Friendly Delaware* bike plan. Suggestions on what Delaware should work on for the next survey was improving awareness and application of bicycle policies and guidelines; incorporating the *Blueprint for a Bicycle-Friendly Delaware* in state and local planning documents; expand the funding for the states innovation bike and pedestrian improvement and add a bicycle safety as an emphases area and the State Highway Plan. John T. Fiori will work with DelDOT's Community Relations section on a press release and place the announcement on the Delaware Bicycle Council website.

Tom Hartley entertained a motion to adjourn. Roger Roy motioned, and Tom Felice seconded the motion at 7:00 p.m. All agreed, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Next meeting: Wednesday February 5, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Felton-Farmington Conference Room.