

Members Present

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| CR McLeod, Chair | DelDOT |
| Lt. Tracy Condon | DSP |
| Ken Grant | AAA |
| Richard Klepner | OHS |
| Mark Luszcz | DelDOT |
| Tom Nickel | DelDOT |
| James Wilson | Bike Delaware |

DelDOT Support Staff

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| Maria Andaya | DelDOT |
| Farzana Atique | McCormick Taylor |

Members Absent

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| Kimberly Holmes | DHCA |
| Amy Wilburn | Citizen |

I. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am by Chair CR McLeod.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES.

Upon the motion of Mr. Luszcz and seconded by Mr. Grant, the minutes for the June 27, 2018 meeting was approved.

III. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH.

Concerning making October permanently declared as Pedestrian Safety Awareness Month, Mr. McLeod said that he spoke with Secretary Cohan and the Governor's communications team, and from what he gathered, this is not traditionally done. What they do is put these events on the calendar both for the Governor and Legislature. Mr. McLeod already made the request to Representative Osienski, who is the chair of the Transportation Committee, to issue a proclamation at least for this year.

As for activities this year, Mr. Klepner said OHS is planning an event to be held the first week of October.

IV. DISCUSSIONS.

Statistics. According to Mr. Klepner, we are down 4 fatalities this year but October is when we see an uptick. Mr. McLeod reported that Senator Lopez requested Secretary Cohan to do an article on the Cape Gazette about bicycle and pedestrian safety on Route 1 since we have invested so much effort and resources on the stretch from Lewes to Dewey. It would be good to know how we are doing.

Lt. Condon said that two things happen in the fall, deer crashes go up and pedestrian fatalities go up. They have seen a decrease in deer crashes last year which can be attributed to DelDOT putting up signs about deer. This is the first time Lt. Condon has seen a decrease in deer crashes since she started in her current position. As for the pedestrian part – a lot of things still need to be done such as warnings during dark hours

Regarding message boards, Mr. Luszcz said they work with OHS in scheduling them. They are just coming out of their school messages. Deer messages will be out soon.

Lt. Condon reported that of the 33 pedestrian fatalities in 2017 (1 was still pending when she pulled her data), a lot of them were intoxicated. Out of 23 that have either alcohol or drugs in their system, 12 have only alcohol. 10 of those 12 have .14 BAC or above. All of them except for 1 are above 50 years old. The Education and Enforcement Subcommittee invited a representative from the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health at their last meeting. Since then, she's been in touch with Amy Keavis of Connections so they can work together on underlying issues.

Mr. Wilson asked if it's possible to plot the number of pedestrian and deer related crashes vs months, to see if they are tracking exactly. Lt. Condon said she can look into it but there's also spike in pedestrian crashes during warm weather months so it is highly unlikely that they will be the same.

Mr. Wilson asked about the origin and destination of pedestrians. Lt. Condon said she plans on going back to the data to see if she can find out how many were homeless, or if were they wearing reflective items. Also to gather their origin and destination if available. Sometimes, it's not clear in the boxes. Sometimes the information come from family members and it's not always clear where the pedestrian was. Lt. Condon said she really needs to go into the narrative.

Mr. Luszcz said by this fall, their goal is for CARS to be able to access data relating to origin and destination.

Mr. Wilson said that he would like to see a map where - instead of dots of crashes, there will be lines where they're coming from and where they're going to.

Mr. Grant cited a 2008 NHTSA report that identified deadliest days for pedestrians to be January 1st, October 31st and December 23rd. Causes are as follow: 27.3% improper crossing, 25.4% walking against traffic, 13.9 fail to yield to right of way, 12 darting or running into road, 9.8 not visible, 2.6 inattentive, 1.5 fail to obey traffic control.

Mr. Klepner said that OHS is piloting a program this Halloween that will provide overtime funding to police officers and provide them with reflective items for dissemination.

Share the Road Safety Class. Ms. Andaya and Ms. Atique provided an update about the Nevada Program. It is run by the Transportation Research Center at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV). They did not have legislation or court order, they just approached the court through the judicial assistant and district attorney. The court waives fines both for drivers and pedestrians in exchange for taking the class. The drivers pay \$50 to take the class which is an incentive to them rather than paying the fines. They use the fees to purchase reflective items.

Ms. Andaya said she's not sure how the program was initially funded. She asked the subcommittee members if they would consider handing the program to UD. Mr. McLeod said he will make a short presentation to the Council about this to see what they think and if it can

be funded.

There was confusions regarding crossing outside of a crosswalk. Title 21 is not clear. This is something the subcommittee can look into. "Between two adjacent signals" is not well defined.

Complete Street Implementation Plan. Ms. Atique went over DelDOT's Draft Complete Streets Policy Implementation Plan and the recommendations made by the subcommittee in 2016 and made some notes that were circulated to the subcommittee members. So far, the document has not moved forward. Pending the availability of funding, Ms. Andaya will continue working on this.

Mr. Wilson will send their past recommendations. Ms. Atique said they can just add a miscellaneous chapter.

Development Coordination. Unfortunately, Marc Cote couldn't make it to the meeting but Mr. Wilson asked to discuss some matters even briefly. When there's a parcel on a road, the department is required to give them access. His question is - when there's a large parcel and the owner wants to subdivide it and the smaller parcels will eventually ask for entrance permit, is there a policy in place regarding this?

Mr. Nickel said it is something Marc Cote could comment on but he doesn't believe there's any policy in place, at least not in terms of legislation, but he sees development plans all the time where the Department requires cross access easements to prevent what Mr. Wilson is describing.

Mr. Wilson asked if a map showing lines of origins and crashes be made available at the next meeting. Unfortunately this might be difficult because there are no coordinates. It's going to be a manual process.

The group will look into both fatalities and injuries data to hopefully provide a bigger picture.

V. ADJOURN. Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am. A doodle poll will be sent out for the next meeting. Next meeting will be at the Smyrna Rest Area.