



**Delaware Bicycle Council
August 3, 2016
DeIDOT Administration Building
Meeting Notes**

Members Present

Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative
Fred Breukelman, Department of Public Health Rep.
Fran Cardaci, At Large Representative
Tom Felice, DeIDOT Representative
Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative
Sgt. George Heberling, DE State Police Representative
Richard Klepner, Office of Highway Safety
Greg Tulowitzky, Department of Education
Mike Tyler, At-Large Representative
James Wilson, At-Large Representative

DeIDOT Support Staff

Anthony Aglio, Planning Supervisor, DeIDOT
John Fiori, Bicycle Coordinator, DeIDOT
Kari Glanden, Administrative Assistant, DeIDOT
Annie Cordo, Deputy Attorney General, DeIDOT

Members Absent

Jim Ireland, Trails & Greenways Council
Mike Krumrine, DNREC Representative
Marty Lessner, Council on Transportation
Roger Roy, At-Large Representative

Guests

Chris Asay, Dover Bike/Ped Subcommittee & DDSR
Terry Berl,

I. WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by Tom Hartley.

Introduction: Department of Education Representative: Tom Hartley introduced Gregg Tulowitzky, Department of Education as the new representative.

Minutes/Agenda Review and Approval:

Tom Hartley asked for a motion to accept the minutes as is, Walt Bryan motioned and James Wilson seconded the motion. No one opposed. Motion passed.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Agency Staff Remarks: Causes of Bicycle Crashes:

Bud Heberling shared with the council copies of police reports of two recent bike fatalities that both happened at the same intersection in Dover. Bud also handed out a listing of Delaware bike crashes from 2010 to 2016. Bud gave a brief overview of the two bike crashes, he stated they both happened at around 2am in the morning on Route 13 and West Denny's Road, both instances the bicyclists ran a red light into the path of traffic and neither of the bicyclists was wearing reflective clothing. Bud suggested that DeIDOT should look into reviewing the area in which the crashes happened and add a street light at this intersection. Tom stated that DeIDOT is proposing to make changes in this area but not in the near future. Bud suggested that it also may help in making some changes to Delaware State's Bicycle Safety Law by adding that the bicyclist wear high visibility safety clothing and use a rear flashing bicycle light to make them more visible. Bud also shared with the council the annual traffic statistical report submitted by the Delaware State Police and in the report it counts the number of bicyclists that are involved and their ages and Bud ran the numbers from 10 accidents from 2010 and 2016 and reported 3 bicycle fatalities within this time frame. The report also showed most the bicycle crashes were reported in the New Castle County area. John stated DeIDOT works with the local churches in the Sussex County area and they offer bike safety seminars to the exchange students before giving them a bike and the bikes are equipped with all the necessary reflectors and give them the option to wear a bicycle helmet and they are given a helmet if they choose to do so. Gregg stated that the Department of Education completed a pedestrian survey in New Castle County and what they found was some of the teenagers who that did not go through the driver's education courses means they did not learn the laws of bicycle safety on the road so this may be something for law enforcement to keep in mind when going through these crash statistics and also how the council can work to push bicycle safety education to the public. Tom asked John if Rob McCleary would be the point of contact to ask about adding lighting in the West Denny's intersection and John mentioned that Chris Asay from the Dover Bike/Ped Sub Committee and this particular situation was brought up in their meeting they had concerns in this intersection and John said this intersection might be available for HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Project) but would depend on the number of crashes. Tom stated to the council that he will speak to Rob McCleary and get his input on the situation. Tom also asked the council to vote on sending a letter on behalf of the council to support this change, Walt made the motion and Fred seconded the motion. No one opposed. Motion passed

III. NEW BUSINESS

FY2017 Council Budget Amendment to Re-allocate \$3,500 Travel Funds:

The travel funds of \$3500.00 that was set aside at the last meeting to have someone attend Pro-Walk/Pro-Bike are not allowed to be used for out of state travel. The funds need to be reallocated. James Wilson suggested they be reallocated to the suggested categories:

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| Bike Month- | \$3,500.00 |
| Cycling Infrastructure Grant Fund | \$25,000.00 |
| Safety Program/Lights | \$7,000.00 |
| Travel/Professional Development | \$0.00 |
| Future Project | \$0.00 |
| DBC Council Priority Project List | <u>\$4,500.00</u> |
| Total | \$40,000.00 |

A motion was made by Tom F to amend the budget as proposed above it was second by James Wilson.

Bikeway Innovation Grant-Establish Grant Committee & Schedule Meetings:

Tom gave a brief overview of the grant process to the council and stated it was time to put together a subcommittee to work on recommendations to the committee to make the decision on who will receive the Innovation Grant money so the council voted on a sub-committee, and everyone was in favor of Fran Cardaci being the Chair of the subcommittee, followed by James Wilson, Tom Hartley, Walt Bryan and Fred Breukelman as additional subcommittee members and John Fiori will be the support staff for DelDOT. Walt made the motion and Mike T. second the motion. No one opposed. Motion passed.

Packets were handed out to all members of the council of all the applications that had been received. All subcommittee members were asked to read all the applications prior to the first meeting. The first meeting is scheduled for August 17th at 4:00pm. Fran will send an email to all members with all contact information.

Goals, Guidelines (State Laws), Agenda Items, Proper Business of the Council:

Comments were received about the purpose and business of the council. Please keep reporting the road hazards using the links we have provided at the end of the meeting minutes. Please get any issues to John prior to the meeting so he has time to work on them and are able to deliver answers at the meetings. We should be giving all members information on voting items or action items two weeks prior to a meeting. The notice for the agenda has to go out two weeks prior to the meeting. The agenda can be modified. Action items should be prioritized for the council to consider.

IV. UPDATES

Delaware Bicycle Council 10 Priority Projects Selective Update:

John gave an update on the following projects:

Newark Downtown Protected Bike Lane- Same Status, feasibility study completed 11/15. Trying to tie it into a pave and rehab project.

Senator Bike Way- They had a public meeting for phase I which was from Salisbury Road to West Street. The corridor for the entire concept was completed. The Dover Bike/Ped subcommittee looked at phase I that was concluded as the most important phase. There are no objections to the project and surveying of phase I will begin. Initial preliminary design will also be started.

Wilmington to New Castle Greenway- (IT3) - It went out for bid, only one bid was received, it was redesigned and sent back out for bid. More than one bid was received and one was within the budget.

Junction Breakwater Trail Extension- No change since the meeting with the City of Rehoboth on the widening of the bridge to lead into the City. One proposal is to take them around the museum and back to the park area. There are some objections to this. Century Engineering is looking at taking them further down the road to the roundabout and turning them into the side street and connecting into Henlopen. Century is trying to work on concepts. Plans are still to go down Hebron and cross Canal Blvd, and cross Church Street all the way to 1A across the bridge. There are still concerns of striping on Church Street.

Path under Rt.1 Nassau Bridge- Still in design in DOTs. Looking at fall of 2019 construction. No plans have been submitted at this time.

Phase I of a pathway connecting Wilmington to Newark- No movement

Jefferson's Farm connector- No movement

South Tatnall Street Bike Blvd- No movement

Christiana Mall connector- No movement

L RTP Update – (Rescheduled for Oct 2016 Meeting):

Amy Wilburn Resigned-

Amy Wilburn has resigned but an application has been put in for her seat. Amy was the chair for the council and Tom asked for the council to work on recognition for her. Tom Hartley will ask Senator Sokola to get a tribute together for Amy. Kari will assist the council in writing the letter. Walt Bryan is working on the gift for Amy.

Mike Tyler updated about his Byways event. Mike Rivera is amenable to allowing the event to take place. This will be a bike/walk event.

V. Public Comment

Terry Berl asked if there was any movement on the Clayton to Marydel Rail to Trail. He was aware of a study that was done and he wanted an update on the findings of the study. He is looking at this Rail to Trail to be a boost to Kent County Tourism. Dover MPO Dover Regional Bike Plan is being revised. August 30th is the next meeting at the Camden Town Hall. John suggested he attend that meeting and bring this to their attention.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Tyler, second by Walt Bryan at 7:03pm. No one opposed. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 5, 2016

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