



**Delaware Bicycle Council**  
**October 5, 2016**  
**DelDOT Administration Building**  
**Meeting Notes**

**Members Present**

Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative  
Fred Breukelman, Department of Public Health Rep.  
Tom Felice, DelDOT Representative  
Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative  
Sgt. George Heberling, Law Enforcement Liaison  
Jim Ireland, Trails & Greenways Council  
Richard Klepner, Office of Highway Safety  
Mike Krumrine, DNREC Representative  
Marty Lessner, Council on Transportation  
Greg Tulowitzky, Department of Education  
James Wilson, At-Large Representative

**DelDOT Support Staff**

Anthony Aglio, Planning Supervisor, DelDOT  
Drew Boyce, Director of Planning, DelDOT  
John Fiori, Bicycle Coordinator, DelDOT  
Kari Glanden, Administrative Assistant, DelDOT  
Annie Cordo, Deputy Attorney General, DelDOT

**Members Absent**

Fran Cardaci, At Large Representative  
Roger Roy, At-Large Representative  
Mike Tyler, At-Large Representative

**Guests**

Chris Asay, Dover Bike/Ped Subcommittee & DDSR  
Kathy McGuinness, Rehoboth Beach  
Frank Cole, Rehoboth Citizen  
Sandy Mayhew, Citizen  
Jon Husband, New Castle County

**I. WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM by Tom Hartley.

The council members introduced themselves to the guests.

**Minutes/Agenda Review and Approval:**

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

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**Agency Staff Remarks: Council on Greenways & Trails- tabled until next meeting**

**Recognition of Amy Wilburn-** Anthony Aglio is currently working on something to present to Amy for all of her dedication to the DBC.

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**Bikeway Innovation Grant-** Tom gave a synopsis of some of the applications. All council members were provided copies of all applications at the last council meeting. Middletown withdrew their application. Tom gave a rundown of the scoring sheet. There were a couple of applications that were for bicycle racks and that wasn't what the council was looking for. There was also one for brochures; again that isn't what the council is looking to fund. A response will be sent to all who sent in an application as to why they were not chosen for the grant. Newark was supposed to come back with cost estimates; Smyrna has a short connector from the Jr. High and High School. There is a link of about a half mile they would like to get a trail connection made to the neighborhood. There area is relatively high traffic at relatively high speed. This application scored the highest. Milton would like to clean up the railroad track that runs from Federal Street to Lavinia Street. This application is to put an engineer estimate to a plan for the connection in the Wagamon's Pond subdivision. The first phase of Rails to Trails intersects with Federal Street. Milford had a great idea to link with the new hospital that is being built. There is a lot of merit with the connection to the River Walk and the sports park at the South end of town. The committees' consensus and scoring sheet reflect Smyrna and Milton rank the highest and can both be awarded in the budgeted allotted for the grant. James Wilson made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation that Smyrna is to be awarded \$12,000.00 and Milton is to be awarded \$8,000.00 the bikeway innovation grants for a total award of \$20,000.00 motion was second by Walt Bryan. No one opposed. Motion passed

There is still \$5,000.00 left in the bicycling grant fund. The money can be moved to another allotment.

The council was advised by Drew Boyce to use as much of the innovation grant budget as possible since that was what the increased funding request was asked to be allotted for. Drew also suggested speaking with the next application in the ranking sheet. Ask if giving them a portion of the money would help move their project forward. If so, agree to give them a portion of the money they requested so the grant allotment is spent out.

What to do with the remaining \$5,000.00 left in the innovation grant fund will be discussed at the next council meeting.

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

There was an oversight when the budget was adopted at the last meeting. The entire \$3,500.00 in travel funds was removed. There needs to be a line item for travel to be reimbursed for mileage and other travel necessities. 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 | \$24,000.00        |
| Safety Program/Lights             | \$7,000.00         |
| Travel/Professional Development   | \$1,000.00         |
| Future Project                    | \$0.00             |
| DBC Council Priority Project List | <u>\$4,500.00</u>  |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$40,000.00</b> |

A motion was made by James Wilson to amend the budget as proposed above, it was second by Fred Breukelman. No one opposed. Motion passed.

James Wilson recommended moving the extra \$5,000.00 from the Innovation Grant into the priority projects list to help move those projects along. Anthony Aglio suggested tabling the reallocation of the money until the next meeting to allow other members to come up with other suggestions for the money before a formal vote on James' suggestion.

**Discussion to recognize Gov. Markell for his contributions to DBC-** Tom Hartley asked the council to purchase a custom bicycle jersey and shorts for Governor Markell as a thank you for all he has contributed to the cycling community. It was noted that the council could not spend more than \$25.00 for a thank you gift for the Governor. Walt Bryan said there was a corporate sponsorship available to purchase the custom jersey and shorts on behalf of the council to be presented to Governor Markell. James Wilson made a motion to accept the corporate sponsorship to purchase the jersey and shorts; it was second by James Ireland. No one opposed. Motion passed.

**Rehoboth Beach Ticketing Campaign-** Tom Hartley reached out to Karen Zakarian informally to inquire about the media reports of the tickets being given out unfairly in Rehoboth Beach. The council wanted to know if there was anything they could do to help with this situation. Frank Cole is a bicycle shop owner and he was also present for the discussion. Tom inquired if there is a particular friction point that needs to be address. Karen Zakarian spoke as a citizen of Rehoboth. There has been an increase in bicycle traffic in the city. Frank spoke that the ticketing has been out of the ordinary on the increase. The nature of the offenses have bordered on

frivolous. The tactics have been personally offensive to the cyclists. Officers have been hiding behind buildings and bushes waiting for cyclist to come down to target and ticket. Seasonal officers are not permitted to perform traffic stops on motorists. Cars are violating the ordinances but seasonal officers can't ticket them. When a bicycle performs the same violation as a car they are being ticketed but the cars were not. James Wilson asked if the council should request a representative from Rehoboth PD to a meeting. Kathy McGuiness offered to have an organized "coffee conversation" with all parties to talk these issues out. James Wilson made a motion that Walt Bryan, Bud Heberling and Tom Hartley would make up the subcommittee to represent the council and speak with Rehoboth on this issue; motion was second by Marty Lessner. No one opposed. Motion passed.

#### **IV. UPDATES**

##### **Delaware Bicycle Council 10 Priority Projects Selective Update:**

John had no updates on the projects.

James Wilson noted that Wilmington to New Castle (IT3) has been awarded to a contractor.

**DBC 10 Priority Projects, IT3 project update, Jonathan Husband** – Jonathan Husband from New Castle Special Services informed the council that the bridge from Jefferson Farms will be connected to the Industrial Track Greenway. The bridge construction will be completed by the end of October.

**Presentation on "Complete Communities" (Pro-Bike Land Use and Economic Development) by James Wilson-** This was tabled until the next meeting due to limited time.

#### **V. Public Comment**

Sandy Mayhew came to speak about the Amish Bike Tour ride. She had complaints about disrespectful motorists she encountered during the ride. There were several instances where bikers were wiped out by a truck. She said there is not enough police presence in locations along the ride. There was no respect shown towards that cyclist by the motorists. She is looking for other ways to get more police presence, cones or barrels to bring awareness to the riders. It was suggested that she call 911 to report the speeding motorists and the vehicle descriptions. She was also given suggestions of other devices she can purchase to alert her of motorist around her and different lights she can purchase to make herself more visible. She was advised to also let the organizers of the ride know of what happened so they can possibly look into more police presence.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Marty Lessner, second by Bud Heberling at 7:06pm. No one opposed. Motion passed.**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday December 7, 2016**