



**Delaware Bicycle Council
December 5, 2018
Bidders Conference Room
Meeting Notes**

Members Present

Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative
Fran Cardaci, At-Large Representative
Tom Felice, DelDOT Representative
Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative
Marty Lessner, Council on Transportation
Roger Roy, At-Large Representative
Mike Tyler, At-Large Representative
Mike Wagner, Department of Education
James Wilson, At-Large Representative

Members Absent

Fred Breukelman, Department of Public Health Representative
Mack Cochran, Trails & Greenways Council
Scott Hoffman, At-Large Representative
Richard Klepner, Office of Highway Safety
Mike Krumrine, DNREC Representative
Lt. Jeff Whitmarsh, DE State Police Representative

DelDOT Support Staff

John Fiori, Bicycle Coordinator, DelDOT

Guests

Aundrea Almond, Chief of Staff, New Castle County
Chris Asay, Public
John Bare, Bike Delaware
Matthew Harris, City of Wilmington
Bruce Kauffman, DelDOT
Paul Moser, DelDOT
Gerry Pennington, City of Dover Bike & Ped Subcommittee
Jeff Riegner, Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP

I. Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by Tom Hartley. The quorum was met for the meeting. The council members introduced themselves to the guests.

Minutes/Agenda Review:

The Council reviewed and made no corrections to the meeting minutes from the October 3, 2018 meeting. Tom Hartley asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the October meeting. Mike Tyler motioned and Walt Bryan seconded the motion to accept the October meeting minutes. All agreed, no one opposed. Motion passed.

II. Council Membership

Although Fred Breukelman was not in attendance, John T. Fiori indicated that he received notification from Fred that he will not be retiring at the end of 2018 but anticipate retiring in April 2019. John also indicated that based on his conversations with the Governor's Office that Fred's council seat cannot begin to be filled until the resignation letter is submitted to the Council and turned into Ray Lewis with the Governor's Office.

III. Old Business

2017 Cycling Infrastructure Innovation Grant Presentations:

Augustine Cut-Off Trail Feasibility Study – City of Wilmington

Jeff Riegner with Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP presented the feasibility study for Wilmington. The purpose was to make connections to key destinations. There were five separate segments evaluated in which Jeff described the alternatives, outlining the key issues and cost ranging between \$1.5 million and \$3 million depending on options selected. Connections appear technically feasible but will require additional study; property owner outreach is critical; incorporate this study into the City of Wilmington's upcoming bike plan and New Castle County's Connecting Communities initiative. John T. Fiori will e-mail all council members the presentation.

Penn Farm Feasibility Study –Town of New Castle

Jeff Riegner also presented the feasibility study for New Castle. The study was based on past DelDOT projects to evaluate a connection from the end of School Lane, along the rear property line of William Penn High School to the existing path along SR 273 and two alignment options along the rear property line of the New Castle County Farmers Market to SR 273. The project is feasible with expected minimum property impacts. The cost is estimate around \$1.1 million with funding to be determined. John T. Fiori will e-mail all council members the presentation.

2018 Cycling Infrastructure Innovation Grant Award:

Tom Hartley asked Jeff Riegner (whose firm is working on the study) about the \$20,000.00 grant awarded to the Town of Newport for the Newport Connector Pathway feasibility study. The concern was that the \$20,000.00 was not enough to complete the study. In attendance was Aundrea Almond, Chief of Staff for New Castle County. Aundrea indicated that they are scheduling

additional follow-up time with the Mayor of New Castle and that there are some private entities who are interested in being involved. An option would be to go to them for some funding. The current grant amount will not be able to complete the study. Also will be looking into pulling together State Legislators and the County for funding. Still need to determine the full cost of the study. Tom Hartley asked Aundrea to include James Wilson and John T. Fiori on e-mails as to the status of the funding.

The Blueprint for a Bicycle Friendly Delaware:

The council member making a presentation was Fran Cardaci.

Fran Cardaci

Fran discussed her priority from the *Blueprint for a Bicycle Friendly Delaware* on having a complete and comfortable bicycle network.

Delaware Driver's Education Update:

Mike Wagner indicated that the final exam will be reviewed by the committee before Christmas break. Two questions are about, "what you do when you get pulled over by the police?" and a third question will be about bicycle safety.

SR 1 Sidewalk Crash Analysis & Countermeasures:

Bruce Kauffman indicated that in the spring of 2018, he and Mike Tyler help assemble volunteers to install stencils on sidewalk warning bicyclists to look and slow down. These were placed at key intersections and entrances along both sides of SR 1. The stencils appear to have not made much progress. Based on just Bruce's stats, in 2017, 19 bicycles hit by cars and all but one that he knows of was hit on the sidewalk. In 2018, it was estimated 15 to 20 bicycles with three bikes being totaled. Most of the time the students involved do not go to the police or report the accident. It is estimated that 1,000 students work the resort areas during the summer months. Bruce asked the council if there is something else that can be done. There is no good communication on whether to ride on the sidewalk or the shoulder. Another concern is right on red. Multiple students are hit when they have the "green pedestrian" to walk across the intersection. There also have been issues at the HAWK lights. A possible option is more striped crosswalks, in which 61% of entrances/intersections are not striped. In discussions with DART bus drivers, Bruce indicated they are supportive to drive 35-mph in the bus lane even though the highway is posted at 45-mph. An option could be to lower speed limit in the bus lane, since it are the vehicles turning that is creating the problem. In order to get businesses to help, since they employ the students, is to ask them to put a bike safety message on their electronic advertisement sign to watch for cyclists on the roadway and sidewalk. Maybe more people would respond and allow others to be reminded to look out for cyclists. Another option is to have DART offer a cost effective seasonal pass for the students to ride the bus instead of using a bicycle. Tom Felice indicated that he will schedule a meeting with DelDOT Traffic to pass on these concerns and to see what options are available. Tom Felice will provide an update at the February council meeting.

IV. New Business

Nominations for 2019 Chair and Vice-Chair:

Tom Hartley indicated he would consider running for Chair again if nominated. Walt Bryan indicated he would not run for Vice-Chair. Tom Hartley stated that although Scott Hoffman is not in attendance, that he would run for Vice-Chair.

Tom Hartley asked Roger Roy to take over the nomination procedure for Chair and Vice-Chair. Walt Bryan nominated Tom Hartley as Chair for 2019 and Mike Tyler seconded the nomination. All accepted. Walt Bryan nominated Scott Hoffman as Vice-Chair for 2019 and Mike Wagner seconded the nomination. All accepted. Roger announced nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair are closed. Voting to occur at the next council meeting on February 6, 2019.

V. Public Comment

Chris Asay expressed to the Council his concern with Bicycle Route 1 and how some sections are hazardous to bicyclists. He asked the Council to re-examine the bike route to make it safer and if this can be an agenda item at the February council meeting.

Tom Hartley entertained a motion to adjourn. Fran Cardaci motioned and Mike Tyler seconded the motion at 7:12 p.m. All agreed, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Next meeting: Wednesday February 6, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Felton-Farmington Room.