



**Delaware Bicycle Council  
August 6, 2025  
Zoom Webinar  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present**

Lauren Butscher, Division of Public Health  
Pam Eaton, Sussex County Representative  
Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative  
Scott Hoffman, At-Large Representative  
Amanda Kelly, New Castle County Representative  
Michael Krumrine, DNREC Representative  
Marty Lessner, Council on Transportation  
Jackie McDermott, Office of Highway Safety  
Wendy Polasko, DelDOT Representative  
Michael Tyler, At-Large Representative  
Michael Wagner, Department of Education  
James Wilson, New Castle County Representative  
Sgt. John Wheatly, Delaware State Police

**Members Absent**

Fran Cardaci, At-Large Representative  
Mack Cochran, Trails & Greenways Council

## **I. Welcome/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Scott Hoffman. Scott took a roll call of the Council members present, and quorum was met.

### **New Council Members:**

Scott Hoffman introduced the two newest members on the Council: Pam Eaton, Sussex County Representative and Amanda Kelly, New Castle County Representative.

### **Minutes/Agenda Review:**

The Council reviewed the meeting minutes from June 4<sup>th</sup>. Mart Lessner made the motion to accept the meeting minutes. Michael Tyler seconded the meeting minutes. All agreed. No one opposed.

## **II. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **III. New Business**

### **Review & Vote on FY26 DBC Budget**

John Fiori presented the proposed FY26 Delaware Bicycle Council Budget, where the total budget is \$70,000.00 that consists of \$900 for Travel, \$52,000 for Contractual Services and \$17,100 for Supplies. The cycling infrastructure innovation grant under Contractual Services was increased from \$30,000 to \$50,000. John also explained that the amount under the Supplies went towards the purchase of bicycle lights and parts to keep the bike garage operating. Tom Hartley made the motion to accept the FY26 Delaware Bicycle Council Budget. Michael Krumrine seconded the meeting minutes. All agreed. No one opposed.

### **Council Appointment Updates**

John Fiori provided an update of Council members who term expired in August 2025. John has contacted those members and asked if they wanted to be reappointed for another term, where everyone indicated they would like to be reappointed. John let the Boards & Commissions Office know and they will reach out to those members to get the reappointments completed.

### **Cycling Infrastructure Grant & Award History**

John Fiori had a presentation showing the history of the Cycling Infrastructure Innovation Grant from the initial grant in 2015 to 2024. Those projects that were awarded grant and went on to be completed was the first grant in 2015 to the Town of Bridgeville for a shared-use path; the Town of Milton for Phase 2 of the Milton Trail; and the Town of Newport for a feasibility study for the Newport Connector, which is now in design with New Castle County and was awarded a \$23-million RAISE grant for construction in June 2023. Scott Hoffman then asked if either Pam Eaton or Amanda Kelly were interested in joining the grant working group. Pam indicated she would be interested. Scott will follow up with Pam on details about be on the working group.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **Memorial Plaque for John Kurpjuweit**

Michael Tyler indicated the former Director of DNREC Parks & Recreation at that time initiated the request to install a plaque after the passing of Larry Wonderlin but Michael has not been able to make contact with him to discuss how the plaque was approved. Scott Hoffman asked if this should be kept on the agenda, where Michael responded yes as this is worth pursuing further as this could be something for Walt Bryan as well and recognize people who have given a lot of their time and effort to make bicycling safer and get people involved in safe cycling. Scott indicated the options that Michael Krumrine recommended were a bench or a tree that is typically allowed by DNREC. Michael Tyler responded that there is an opportunity to make a cycling memorial bridge or cycling recognition bridge or hall of fame bridge, which would be good because all the people who go by would start seeing these things. Scott indicated this will remain under Old Business and see what is presented at the next meeting. Michael Krumrine responded that he will follow up with his leadership at DNREC about the possibility of a cycling memorial bridge.

##### **Priority Bikeway Project Update**

John Fiori provided bikeway project updates to the Council. To view the updates: <https://delDOT.gov/Programs/bike> under What's New; DelDOT Bike Program Project Updates. Munchy Branch Pathway Phase 2 was completed in June 2025. Double Bridges Road Multi-Use Trail is now being broken down into two phases. Phase 1 will be from Muddy Neck Road to Neptune Drive and Phase 2 will be from Neptune Drive to Parker House Road. Augustine Cut Off Bicycle Improvements received a cycling innovation grant in 2017 and is moving forward in design. Cedar Neck Road Pathway is anticipating beginning construction in the Summer/Fall 2026. King's Highway is still moving forward as scheduled with construction anticipated sometime in 2028. Georgetown to Lewes Trail from Fisher Road to Airport Road is anticipated to begin construction in August 2025. West Street Pathway is anticipating beginning construction late this summer. U.S. 113 Pathway, Phase 1 is scheduled for PS&E in February 2026. MLK Boulevard/South Little Creek Road Bicycle & Pedestrian Connector is being designed in-house and did receive a RAISE grant but due to grant being frozen, there are still funds available to work on the project up to a point where DelDOT is working with FHWA to continue to move the draft RAISE grant agreement forward toward execution. Coastal Highway Intersection Improvements has been on the Council's priority project for a while, but the project is not moving forward but the Department is looking for another program to deliver the improvements. John had a couple of projects that were not on the list which was the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the intersection of the Georgetown to Lewes Trail and Sweetbriar Road had issues with the sensor not working properly. It was determined that the RRFB would be converted to a push button activation and that work has been completed. Along the south side of Holland Glade Road there is a shared use path from Route 1 to Sandalwood Drive but that left a gap between Sandalwood Drive and Hebron Road. Through our PAR program, a 5' wide sidewalk was installed to connect Sandalwood Drive and Hebron Road.

Michael Wagner made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Tyler seconded the motion at 6:15 p.m. All agreed, no one opposed. Motion passed.

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**Next meeting: Wednesday, October 1, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to be held as a hybrid of in-person and virtually.**

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