



Delaware Bicycle Council
February 4, 2026
Zoom Webinar
Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Fran Cardaci, At-Large Representative
Lauren Butscher, Division of Public Health
Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative
Scott Hoffman, At-Large Representative
Amanda Kelly, New Castle County Representative
Marty Lessner, Council on Transportation
Jackie McDermott, Office of Highway Safety
Wendy Polasko, DelDOT Representative
Michael Wagner, Department of Education
James Wilson, New Castle County Representative

Members Absent

Mack Cochran, Trails & Greenways Council
Michael Tyler, At-Large Representative
Sgt. John Wheatly, Delaware State Police

Guests

John Bare, Bike Delaware
Janelle Cornwell, Public
J.T. Fleming, Public
Ian Friedland, Public
Chris Holloway, Public
Paul Johnson, Town Manager – Town of Clayton
Stephanie Johnson, DelDOT
Paul Moser, DelDOT

I. Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Scott Hoffman. John Fiori took a roll call of the Council members present, and quorum was met.

Minutes/Agenda Review:

The Council reviewed the meeting minutes of December 3rd. Tom Hartley made the motion to accept the meeting minutes. James Wilson seconded the meeting minutes. All agreed. No one opposed.

II. Public Comment

No public comments.

III. New Business

Vote for 2026 Chair and Vice Chair

Fran Cardaci overseen the vote for the 2026 Chair and Vice Chair. Fran stated that at the December 2025 meeting Scott Hoffman was nominated for Chair and Michael Wagner was nominated for Vice-Chair and no other nominations were e-mailed to John Fiori. Fran asked if there were any other nominations by the Council, for which there were none. Tom Hartley made the motion to close nominations and put them to a vote for Chair and Vice-Chair. Amanda Kelly seconded the motion. Fran put the nominations before the Council for vote. All members present voted yes, and no members opposed. Scott Hoffman was voted as Chair and Michael Wagner was voted as Vice-Chair for 2026.

Clayton Rail-Trail, Phase 1 Feasibility Study

Scott Hoffman introduced the next topic by stating that in 2024 the Council awarded the Town of Clayton a Cycling Infrastructure Innovation Grant to evaluate the feasibility and cost of extending the Duck Creek Parkway path to Pridemore Park in downtown Clayton. The feasibility study was completed and Paul Johnson, Town Manager of Clayton will provide an update to the Council. Paul Johnson presented updates on their Rail-Trail project, highlighting progress on a 10-foot wide shared-use pathway and plans for a second phase involving a potential 18-acre parcel lease. Paul also discussed ongoing negotiations with Dover/Kent MPO and MDOT for a Rail-Trail agreement, as well as efforts to secure a brownfield grant for railway capping. The project aims to connect various pathways and potentially annex land to improve maintenance and expand development opportunities. Paul indicated funding is already allocated by the Town and expressed hope to complete the first phase by the 4th of July, with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

IV. Old Business

Addendum for 2026 Cycling Infrastructure Grant Application

John Fiori addressed the Council of a proposed addendum to the grant application concerning control of right-of-way. The application currently reads, *“Projects should be in area where the local jurisdiction (applicant) has control of the necessary right-of-way either through ownership*

or agreement”. It has been requested to revise to, “Projects may be proposed in areas where the local jurisdiction (applicant) has control of the necessary right-of-way either through ownership or agreement. Projects may also be proposed that involve DelDOT-owned right-of-way where the jurisdiction lacks such authority. In that latter case, however, DelDOT will provide input on the application during the grant process and that input will influence whether the grant is awarded.” Reason for this is if a municipality does not own the street but the state does, it is not about obtaining control of the right-of-way but rather just getting permission. James Wilson made the motion to accept the revision of the cycling infrastructure innovation grant application. Wendy Polasko seconded the motion. All agreed. No one opposed it.

Memorial Plaque for John Kurpjuweit

The topic was moved to the April 2026 meeting.

No Mopeds Signs on Trails/Pathways

Scott Hoffman stated that in October 2025, the Council sent a letter to DelDOT requesting that DelDOT explore the availability of signs that would restrict electric mopeds on bicycle trails. During the December 2025 meeting the Council reviewed DelDOT’s response which basically said the DelDOT was not in support of installing the sign. After discussions, the Council still wanted to pursue the signage, where Marty Lessner volunteered to prepare a response. Scott then asked Marty Lessner to present his letter. Marty presented the letter to Council, making a case for "no mopeds" signs based on existing regulations and practices in other states. Marty made a motion to approve sending the letter to DelDOT in substantially the same form, with minor grammatical changes. Tom Hartley seconded the motion to accept the letter. All agreed, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Priority Bikeway Projects 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. Double Bridges Road Multi-Use Path will be from Muddy Neck Road to Neptune Drive for a 10’ wide multi-use trail facility. The PS&E submittal is scheduled for July 2026 with anticipated construction beginning in Spring 2027. Augustine Cut Off Bicycle Improvements will be pathway or other bicycle improvements from West Park Drive to Lovering Avenue, where PS&E submittal is scheduled for January 2027. Cedar Neck Road Pathway consists of a pathway from the canal to Hickman Road. The PS&E submittal is scheduled for May 2026 with anticipated construction beginning in Spring 2027. King’s Highway still has final construction plan scheduled for October 2027 and PS&E submittal scheduled for June 2028. Georgetown to Lewes Trail from Fisher Road to Airport Road began construction in September 2025 and anticipate being completed by Spring 2027. West Street Pathway began construction in September 2025 and anticipate being completed by March 2026. U.S. 113 Pathway, Phase 1 consists of a pathway from the existing pathway at The Plaza at Milford to Buccaneer Street along the east side of US 113. The PS&E submittal is scheduled for May 2026. MLK Boulevard/South Little Creek Road Bicycle & Pedestrian Connector consists of a pathway on the south side of South Little Creek Road from Horsepond Road to Babb Drive. The PS&E submittal is scheduled for November 2027. September 9, 2025, received letter that FHWA has withdrawn this project for the FY 2024 RAISE grant (\$12.25 million towards construction). DelDOT is currently determining construction funding options

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Coastal Highway Intersection Improvements are not moving forward but the Department is looking for another program to deliver the improvements.

Michael Wagner requested to address the Council to promote the upcoming Blue Gold All-Star Basketball Game that will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Smyrna High School. The event will include a traffic safety component and offered to distribute educational materials about e-bikes and mopeds at the event.

Tom Hartley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Wagner seconded the motion at 6:30 p.m. All agreed, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 1, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to be held as a hybrid of in-person and virtually.

To view the Delaware Bicycle Council video on YouTube: https://youtu.be/joM_VvcJAgw