

Delaware Pedestrian Council

Meeting #6



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2025 Delaware Total Fatalities as of 04/17/25									
	2025	2024				2023			
	Year-to-date	Year-to-Date		Total		Year-to-Date		Total	
Fatalities	20	33	↓	-39%	130	48	↓	-58%	137
Delaware Residents	14	29	↓	-52%	110	38	↓	-63%	110
Person Types									
Vehicle Occupant	12	20	↓	-40%	65	34	↓	-65%	89
Pedestrian	7	8	↓	-12%	34	9	↓	-22%	28
Bicyclist	1	2	↓	-50%	5	2	↓	-50%	5
Motorcyclist	0	2	↓	-100%	21	3	↓	-100%	14
Other Person Type	0	1	↓	-100%	5	0		N/A	1
Crash Types									
Curve Related	2	4	↓	-50%	23	9	↓	-78%	28
Roadway Departure	8	11	↓	-27%	42	24	↓	-67%	69
Intersection Related	4	11	↓	-64%	48	14	↓	-71%	37
Median Crossover	0	0		N/A	0	3	↓	-100%	8
Wrong Way	2	1	↑	+100%	4	0	↑	+100%	1
Work Zone	1	2	↓	-50%	5	3	↓	-67%	9



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Today's Agenda

1. Introduce New Planning Director
2. Roll Call and Approval of Previous Minutes
3. Public Comment
4. Review Fatal Pedestrian Crashes in Previous Quarter
5. Pop-Up Projects Discussion
6. Subcommittee Updates
7. Council Budget
8. Complete Streets Guide Comments
9. Agency Updates
10. Focus Areas for 2025 (FY26)
11. Discuss Next Meeting Date

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New DelDOT Director of Planning



- Stephanie Johnson is the new Director of the Division of Planning at DelDOT.
- Over 25 years at DelDOT
- Key roles in accounting, audit, finance, and planning.
- Former Director of DelDOT's Resiliency & Sustainability Division.



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1. Roll Call
2. Approve Previous Minutes



Roll Call

Please say here when your name is announced.



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3. Public Comment



Public Comment

Please limit comments to three minutes or less.

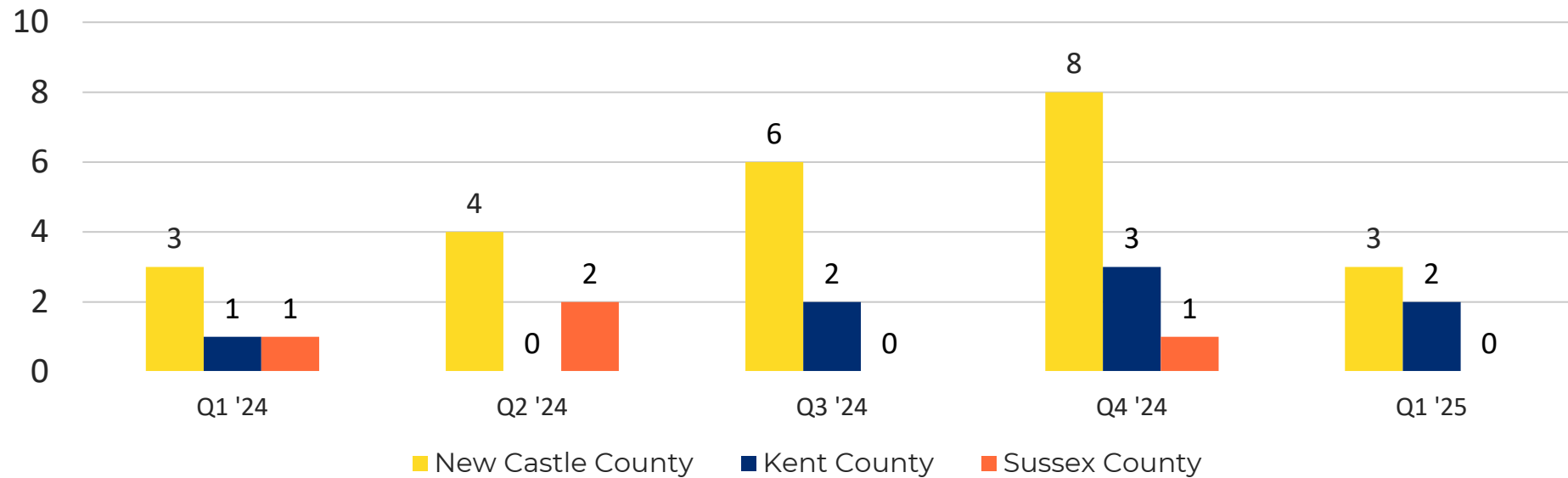
4. Fatal Pedestrian Crashes QTR 1 - 2025

Fatal Pedestrian Crashes January – March 2025

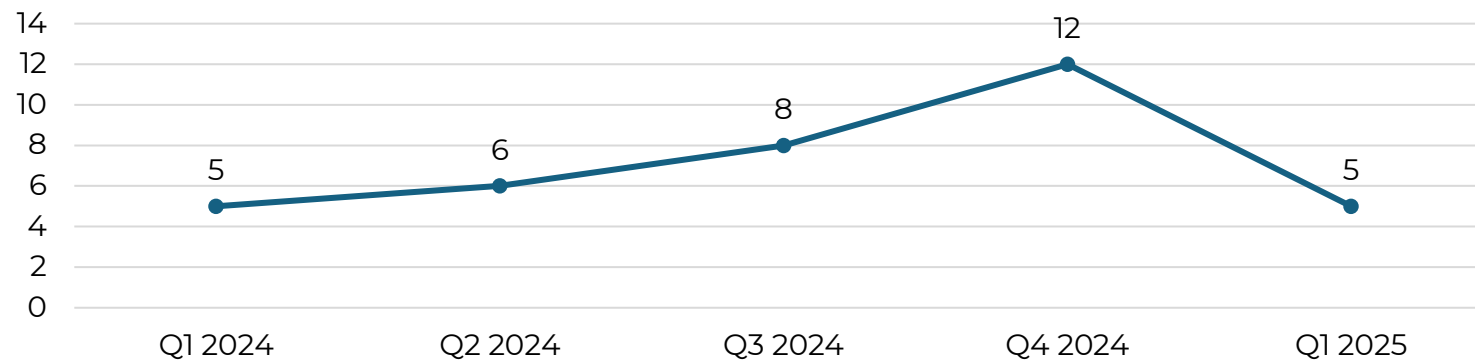
Date	Day	Time	County	Full Location	Functional Class.	# Ped
01/01/25	Wed	1:14 AM	New Castle County	SR 4 E Chestnut Hill Rd WB, east of Martindale Dr; Brookside	Other Principal Arterial	1
01/31/25	Fri	6:30 AM	Kent County	US 13 S DuPont Hwy SB, north of Caboose Rd	Other Principal Arterial	1
03/24/25	Mon	4:57 AM	New Castle County	I-495 NB, south of US 13 N DuPont Hwy	Interstate	1
03/25/25	Tue	5:00 PM	New Castle County	SR 1 NB Offramp, south of US 40 Pulaski Hwy	Other Expressway/Freeway	1
03/27/25	Thu	8:11 PM	Kent County	US 113 N DuPont Blvd NB & Rogers Dr/North St; Milford	Other Principal Arterial	1

4. Fatal Pedestrian Crashes - QTR 1 of 2025

Quarterly Fatal Pedestrian Crashes by County (Q1 2024 – Q1 2025)



Statewide Fatal Pedestrian Crashes (Q1 2024 – Q1 2025)



5. Pop-Up Project

Safe Crosswalk Pop-Up Project

Up Next:

A presentation from Paul Moser (DeIDOT) and Matt Harris (University of Delaware) to discuss the potential to use Pedestrian Council's funds for materials to create safe pedestrian pop-up demonstration projects.



Traffic safety pop-up installations hosted by LADOT.

Image Source: Joe Linton/Streetsblog L.A.

5. Pop-Up Project

Safe Crosswalk Pop-Up Project

- Any questions?
- Does the Council agree to put funds towards the pop-up project materials?
- John Sisson to call a Council vote.



An example of a pop-up crosswalk in Wisconsin.

Image Source: Active Wisconsin



6. Subcommittee Updates

Land Use Coordination Subcommittee

The Land Use Coordination Committee last met on November 22.

Discussion items from recent meeting:

- Explored alternative zoning approaches, and land use policies.
- Evaluated 'stroads' and driveway design.
- Discussed logistics for consistent reoccurring meetings in 2025.



6. Subcommittee Updates

Land Use Coordination Subcommittee

Future items:

- Review and finalize subcommittee purpose and goals.
- Focus on following items to align to Senate Bill No. 50:
 - accessibility and connectivity improvements to make transit a more viable option for all Delaware residents.
 - improving pedestrian safety through modifications and improvements to land use planning, regulations, and processes in Delaware.
 - how state agencies and municipalities can better identify gaps in the system of pedestrian paths and sidewalks to create a system of sidewalks and pathways that is continuous and interconnected.



6. Subcommittee Updates

Pedestrian Safety Outreach and Education Subcommittee

- 1st Pedestrian Safety Outreach and Education Committee met on February 7th.
- Jared Kauffman is chair.
- The next meeting planned for May.

Future items:

- Focus on following items to align to Senate Bill No. 50:
 - Messages for effective outreach
 - Quantifying outreach and giveaways
 - Education and outreach to decision-makers
 - Social media posts relating drivers to pedestrians

7. Council Budget

Everyone Gets Home Summit – Dover, DE

Feature	Exhibiting Sponsor
Cost	\$750
Remarks to Summit audience	
Ad in printed Summit program	½ page
Banner display at Summit	
Podium recognition at Summit	
Social media recognition	
Exhibition/Display/Table	✓
Logo on Summit program	✓
Web site logo (with web link)	✓



7. Council Budget

Budget Spending Plan for 2025:

Budget Uses	Price
Pop-Up Project Materials	\$16,350
Safety Outreach Materials	\$4,000
Training Sessions or Workshops	\$750
Total	\$21,100

2025 Budget:

To be spent by June 15, 2025



- John Sisson to call a Council vote.

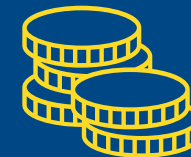
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Suggested Budget Estimate for 2026:

Budget Uses	Price
Pop-Up Project Materials	\$15,000
Safety Outreach Materials	\$2,600
Expert Speakers	\$1,000
Training Sessions or Workshops	\$1,000
Travel Reimbursements for Council Members	\$500
Other Ideas from Council	\$1,000
Total	\$21,100

2026 DRAFT Budget:

To be spent by June 15, 2026





8. Complete Streets Design Guide

Review of Comments

Comments from Council Member:

- Crosswalk spacing based on pedestrian trip lengths - Added following to guide: *“Pedestrian origin and destination patterns, as well as potential trip lengths, should help inform appropriate crosswalk spacing and frequency to ensure safe and direct pedestrian access.”*
- Accessible on-street parking— Guide refers to other documents like the Pedestrian Accessibility Standards and notes that on-street parking is typically regulated by municipalities.



9. Agency Updates

Updates from Council Members Representing Agencies

Round-robin updates from the following agencies.

- Department of Safety and Homeland Security
- State Council for Persons with Disabilities
- ADA Title II Coordinators
- DTC
- Department of Land Use and Planning for the City of Wilmington
- Department of Planning Services for Kent County
- Sussex County Planning & Zoning
- League of Local Governments



10. Focus Areas for 2025 (FY26)

Alignment with Senate Bill No. 50 Requirements



In addition to the items already mentioned by subcommittees, the following items will be of focus for 2025:

- Pedestrian priority area program for improving pedestrian safety in high crash areas.
- Sidewalk and Multi-Use Path Maintenance Policy review.
- Traffic rules review to identify any legal changes needed to better support a safer pedestrian environment.
- Council to continue working with Americans with Disabilities Act Title II coordinators to identify areas of improvement.



11. Next Meeting Date

Potential Dates for Upcoming Meetings:

Third Meeting of 2025:

- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Thursday, July 17

Fourth Meeting of 2025:

- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Thursday, October 23



Thank you!

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