

# Delaware Pedestrian Council

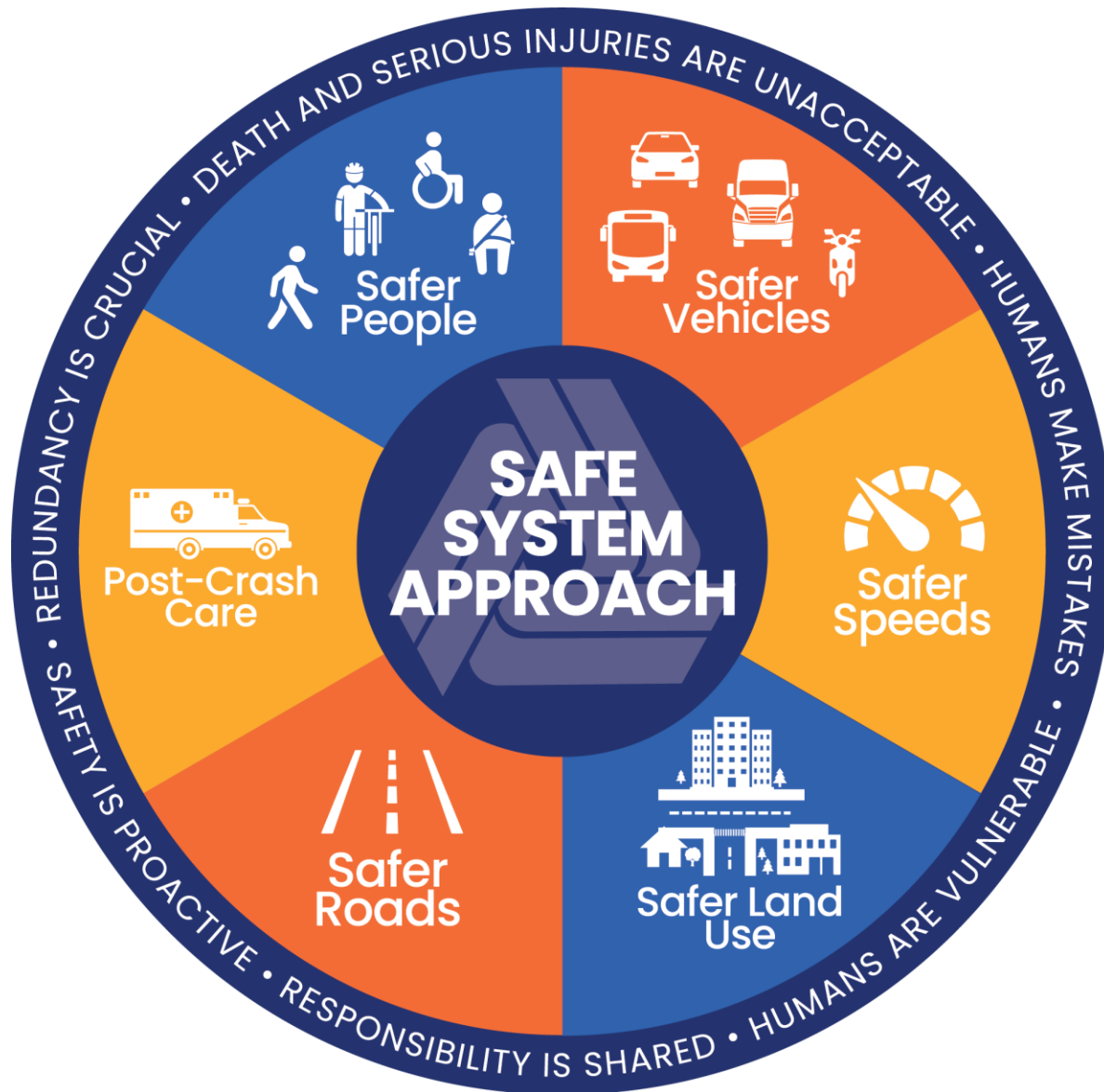
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**DELAWARE**  
Pedestrian Council

January 22, 2026

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2026 Delaware Total Fatalities									
as of 01/22/26									
	2026	2025			2024				
	Year-to-date	Year-to-Date		Total	Year-to-Date			Total	
Fatalities	3	4	↓	-25%	117	4	↓	-25%	130
Delaware Residents	3	2	↑	+50%	90	3		0%	110
Person Types									
Vehicle Occupant	2	3	↓	-33%	67	1	↑	+100%	65
Pedestrian	1	1		0%	27	3	↓	-67%	34
Bicyclist	0	0		N/A	4	0		N/A	5
Motorcyclist	0	0		N/A	17	0		N/A	21
Other Person Type	0	0		N/A	2	0		N/A	5
Crash Types									
Curve Related	0	0		N/A	15	0		N/A	23
Roadway Departure	1	0	↑	+100%	50	1		0%	42
Intersection Related	1	1		0%	37	0	↑	+100%	48
Median Crossover	0	0		N/A	2	0		N/A	0
Wrong Way	0	0		N/A	4	0		N/A	4
Work Zone	0	0		N/A	7	0		N/A	5

## Today's Agenda

1. Roll Call and Approval of Previous Minutes
2. Public Comment
3. Council Budget
4. 2025 Annual Report
5. Review Fatal Pedestrian Crashes in Previous Quarter
6. Subcommittee Updates
7. Agency/Legislative Updates
8. TAP Program – Call for Projects
9. Discuss Next Meeting Date

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## 1. Roll Call and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes



## Roll Call

Please say here when your name is announced.

## 2. Public Comment



### Public Comment

Please limit comments to three minutes or less.

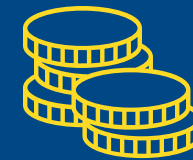
# 3. FY 2026 Budget Allocation Vote

## Budget Spending Plan for 2026:

Budget Uses	Price
Pop-Up Project Materials	\$16,250
Safety Outreach Materials	\$3,000
Everyone Gets Home Summit	\$750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

2026 Budget:

To be spent by June 15, 2026



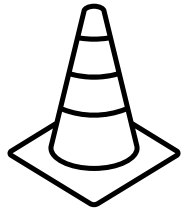
# 3. FY 2026 Budget Allocation Vote

## 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)	✓



# Pop-Up Materials



The Council is currently planning to fund \$16,250 of its yearly budget towards Pop-Up Demonstration Project Materials through the Living Lab program.

- Are there any questions for Matt Harris or Paul Moser regarding the Living Labs' pop-up materials?



**SAFER STREETS, STRONGER COMMUNITIES: LIVING LABS AT WORK ON YOUR BLOCK**

#### Why Did We Do This Project?:

The Town of Middletown asked us to take a closer look at Cochran Street because speeding had become a concern. We wanted to make the street safer and more welcoming for kids, families, and neighbors. With heavy foot traffic occurring between Silver Lake Elementary, the library, and the YMCA, calming traffic here helps everyone, especially students, feel safer and more comfortable getting around.



#### What's Happening on E Cochran Street?:

- **Public Greening / Placemaking:** Adding trees, planters, benches, or art helps transform streets into community spaces, not just roads for cars. These features make walking more pleasant, help calm traffic, and create a more welcoming corridor that connects Silver Lake Elementary, the library, and the YMCA.
- **Chicane:** A gentle S-curve in the road, created with curb extensions or islands. Drivers weave slightly left and right, which slows traffic by 5-13 mph. The extra space can hold greenery, benches, or art, making the street safer and more welcoming.
- **Speed Hump:** A smooth, stretched-out bump in the road that slows cars to about 15-20 mph. Well-designed humps cut speeding and greatly reduce crash risks.



#### What Are the Results?:

- Max speed recorded was reduced from **64 mph** to **43 mph**
- **85th percentile speed** (the speed at or below which 85% of drivers are traveling) was reduced from **31 mph** to **22 mph**
- Average speed was reduced from **25.8 mph** to **17.8 mph**



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# 3. Council Budget Allocation Vote (FY 2026)

Potential Council Spending Plan for FY 2026:

Budget Uses	Price
Pop-Up Project Materials	\$16,250
Safety Outreach Materials	\$3,000
Everyone Gets Home Summit	\$750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

- All previous safety outreach items have been distributed.
- Chair to call the Council vote.



# 4. Draft Annual Report

## 2025 Annual Report

The Pedestrian Council is required to submit an annual report of the Council's activities and list of recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, and the Director and the Librarian of the Division of Research of Legislative Council.



### **Vote to Approve Annual Report**

- The Draft 2025 Annual Report was shared with the Council by email prior to this meeting for review.
- Any comments or modifications?
- Chair to call Council vote.



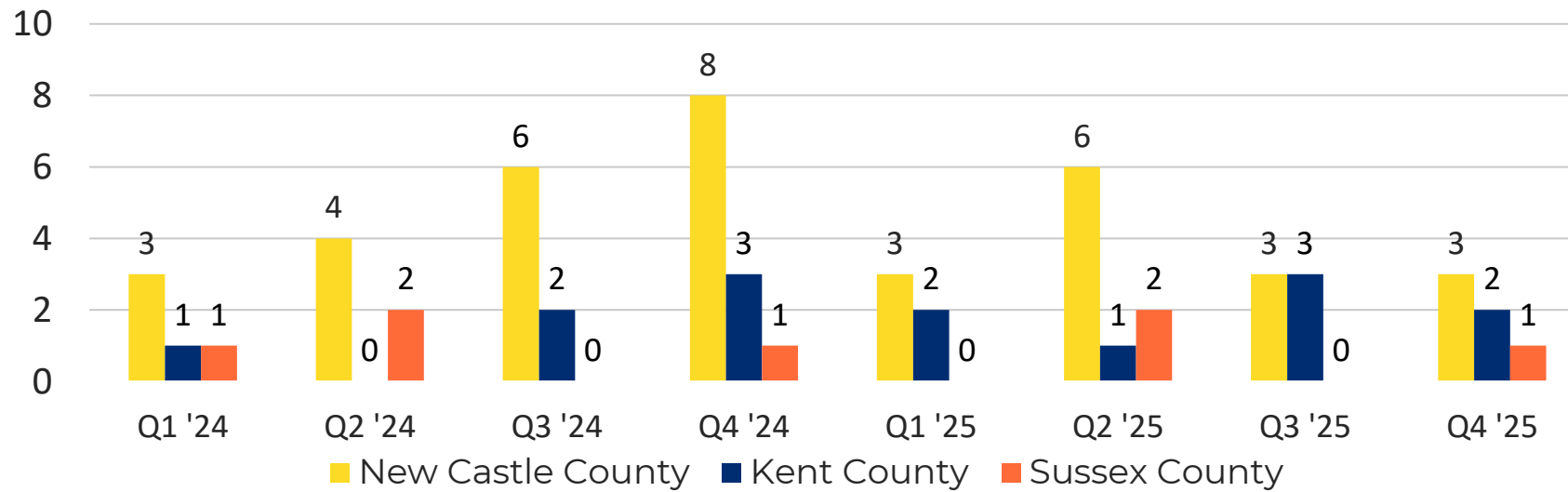
# 5. Fatal Pedestrian Crashes - Quarter 4 of 2025

## Fatal Pedestrian Crashes September – December 2025

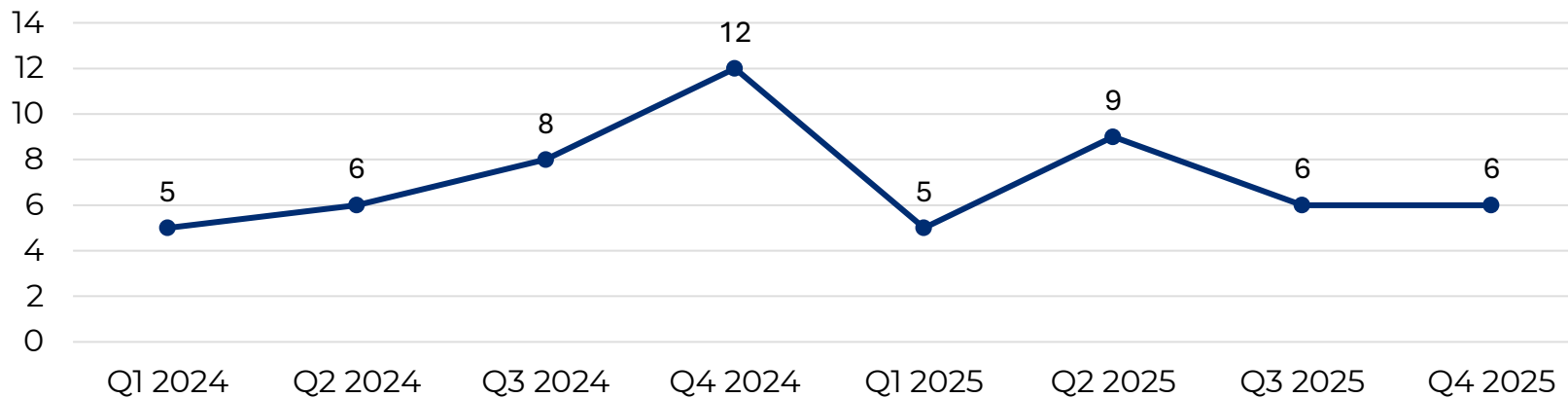
Date	Day	Time	County	Full Location	Functional Class.	# Ped
11/14/25	Fri	2:15 PM	Kent	US 113   N DuPont Blvd NB & Credit Union Way; Milford	Other Principal Arterial Road	1
11/18/25	Tue	10:19 AM	Kent	SR 300   Wheatleys Pond Rd, south of Bryn Zion Rd	Minor Arterial Road	1
11/26/25	Wed	10:27 PM	New Castle	SR 9   W 4th St & N Scott St; Wilmington	Minor Arterial Road	1
12/02/25	Tue	10:09 PM	Sussex	US 13   Sussex Hwy SB, south of Brickyard Rd; Blades	Other Principal Arterial Road	1
12/06/25	Sat	12:47 AM	New Castle	Linden Hill Rd, north of Pike Creek Blvd	Minor Arterial Road	1
12/28/25	Sun	9:15 PM	New Castle	E Lea Blvd, north of Colony Blvd; Wilmington	Major Collector Road	1

# 5. Fatal Pedestrian Crashes - Quarter 4 of 2025

Quarterly Fatal Pedestrian Crashes by County (2024 - 2025)

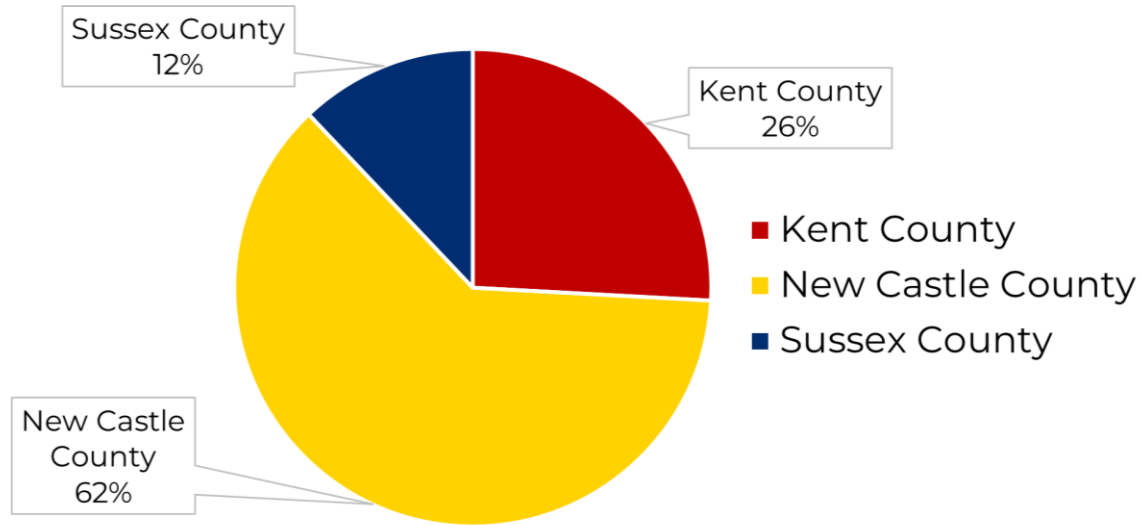


Statewide Fatal Pedestrian Crashes (2024 - 2025)

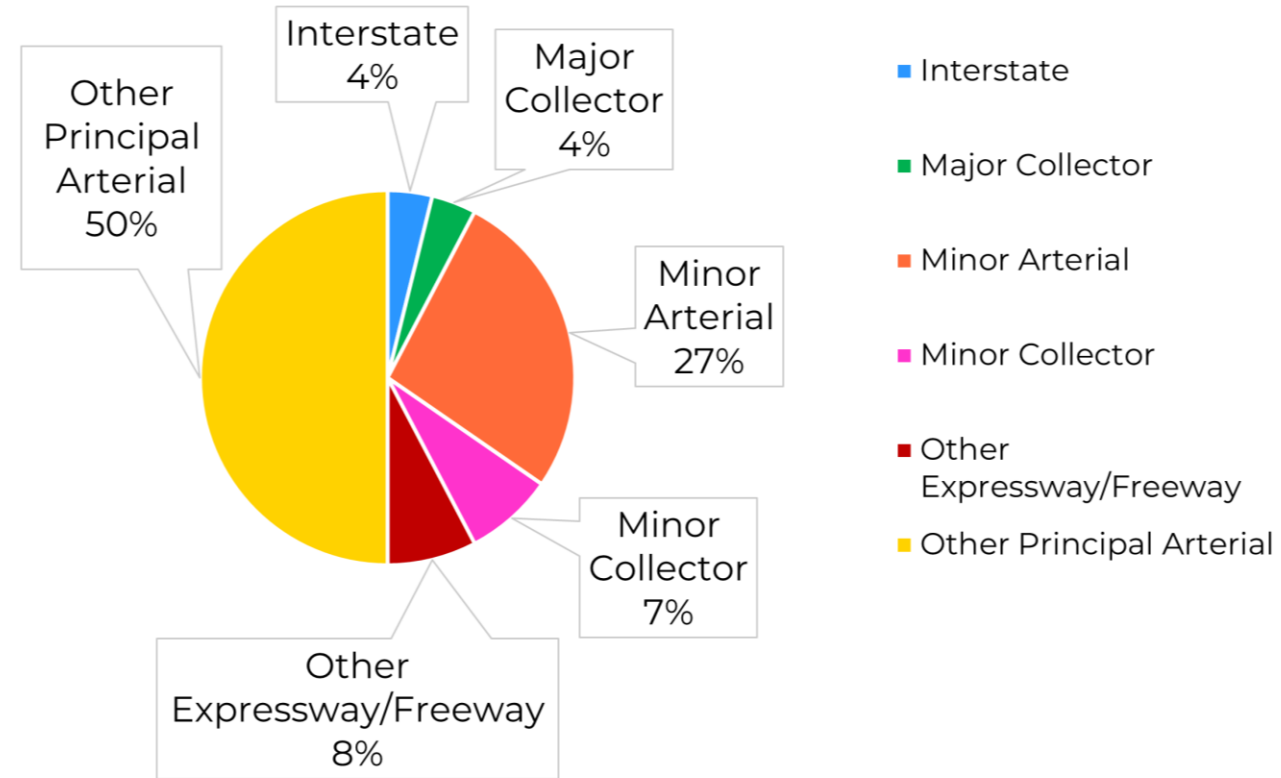


# 5. Fatal Pedestrian Crashes – Recap of 2025

Fatal Pedestrian Crashes by County (2024 - 2025)



Fatal Pedestrian Crashes by Roadway Classification of Crash Area (2024 - 2025)



# 6. Subcommittee Updates

## Land Use Coordination Subcommittee

The Land Use Coordination Committee last met on January 12th.

The next meeting is planned for February 16.

Recent Discussion Items:

- Creation of yearly recommendations and review of draft 2025 Annual Report
- Improving pedestrian safety through modifications and improvements to land use planning, regulations, and processes in Delaware, such as the Pedestrian Priority Area program and the Complete Streets Design Guide.
- 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

- The Pedestrian Safety Outreach and Education Committee last met on January 14th.
- The next meeting is planned for February 11th.

### Recent Discussion Items:

- Creation of yearly recommendations and review of draft Annual Report
- Recap of Hope Center outreach and reflective/safety items distribution
- Discussion of outreach material ideas for FY 26 budget
- Messages for effective outreach
- Education and outreach to decision-makers

# 6. Subcommittee Updates

## Pedestrian Safety Outreach and Education Subcommittee

- Members of the Outreach and Education Subcommittee recently volunteered at the New Castle County Hope Center, distributing reflective and light-up safety items to residents and explaining the importance of being visible when walking outside at night.
- The subcommittee also gathered feedback regarding the reflective materials to help inform the Council's next purchase.



# 7. 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

# 8. TAP Program – Call for Projects

## Transportation Alternatives Program

TAP is a federally funded program supporting small-scale, community-driven transportation projects that improve walking, biking, safety, and connectivity.

- Sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, trails
- Safe Routes to School projects
- Streetscape, historic, and environmental enhancements
- Shared-use paths, overlooks, and trail conversions



Capital City Trail TAP Project - Dover

# 8. TAP Program – Call for Projects

## Transportation Alternatives Program



**TRANSPORTATION  
ALTERNATIVES  
PROGRAM**

TAP call for projects/applications is **open now through April 17, 2026.**

- Local governments, schools, transit agencies, nonprofits (with a government sponsor), and other community partners may apply.
- To apply for a TAP project within the WILMAPCO jurisdiction and to learn more about the area boundary, visit: [WILMAPCO](#)
- For more information, visit the website at <https://deldot.gov/Programs/tap/index.shtml> contact Kelly Valencik at [Kelly.Valencik@delaware.gov](mailto:Kelly.Valencik@delaware.gov) or call 302 760-2273 to reach any of the TAP staff.

# 9. Next Meeting Date

## Dates for Upcoming Meetings:

### Second Council Meeting of 2026:

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

### Third Council Meeting of 2026:

- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Thursday, July 23

### Fourth Council Meeting of 2026:

- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Thursday, October 22

# Thank you!

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