

Delaware Pedestrian Council

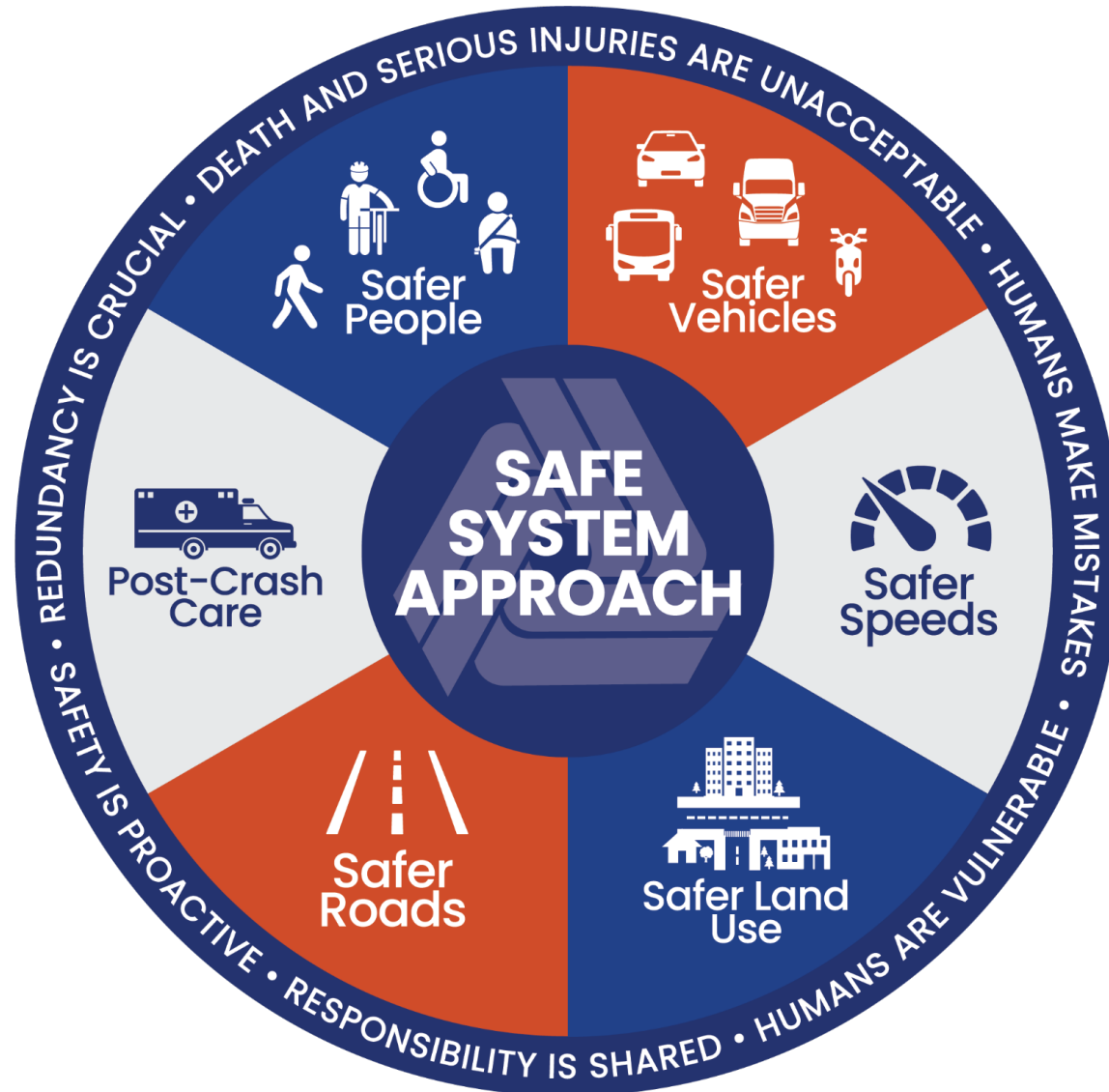
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Pedestrian Council

July 23, 2026

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2026 Delaware Total Fatalities as of 07/23/26									
	2026	2025				2024			
	Year-to-date	Year-to-Date		Total		Year-to-Date		Total	
Fatalities	64	55	↑	+16%	117	75	↓	-15%	130
Delaware Residents	58	40	↑	+45%	90	61	↓	-5%	110
Person Types									
Vehicle Occupant	36	30	↑	+20%	67	41	↓	-12%	65
Pedestrian	14	15	↓	-7%	27	15	↓	-7%	34
Bicyclist	4	1	↑	+300%	4	3	↑	+33%	5
Motorcyclist	9	8	↑	+13%	17	12	↓	-25%	21
Other Person Type	1	1		0%	2	4	↓	-75%	5
Crash Types									
Curve Related	16	9	↑	+78%	15	14	↑	+14%	23
Roadway Departure	29	25	↑	+16%	50	29		0%	42
Intersection Related	15	15		0%	37	28	↓	-46%	48
Median Crossover	2	1	↑	+100%	2	0	↑	+100%	0
Wrong Way	0	2	↓	-100%	4	2	↓	-100%	4
Work Zone	2	5	↓	-60%	7	4	↓	-50%	5

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Today's Agenda

1. Roll Call and Approval of Previous Minutes
2. Public Comment
3. Review Fatal Pedestrian Crashes in Previous Quarter
4. Everyone Gets Home Summit – Key Takeaways
5. 2026 Council Priorities
6. Subcommittee Updates
7. Agency Updates
8. Next Meeting Date

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**Roll Call and Approval of
Previous Meeting Minutes**



Roll Call and Quorum

Please say here when your name is announced.

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3. Public Comment



Public Comment Period

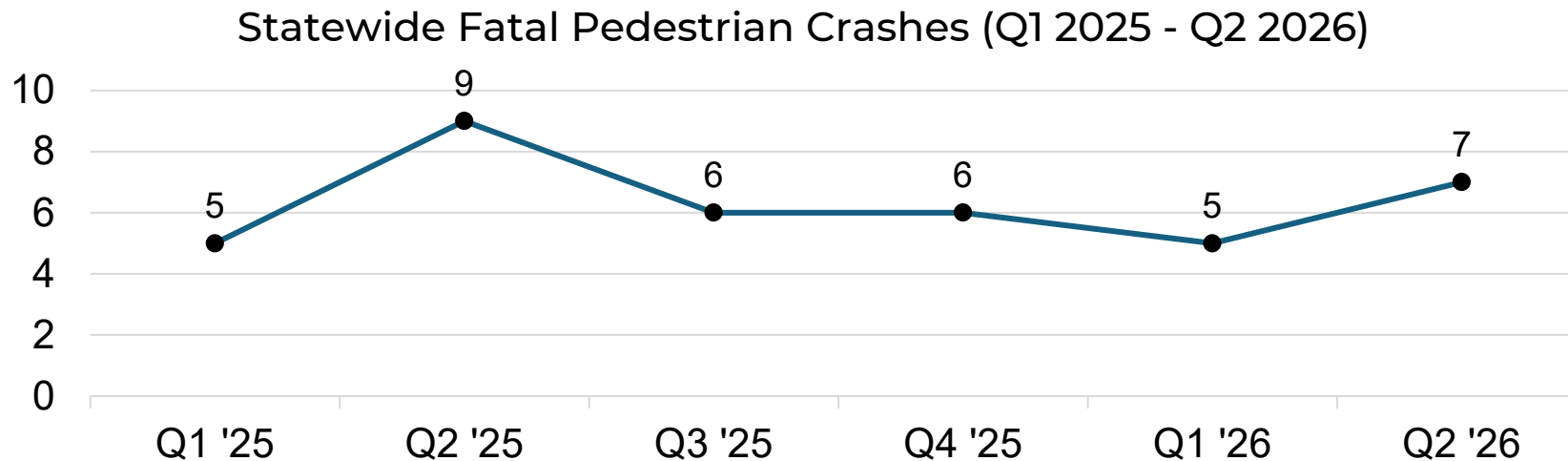
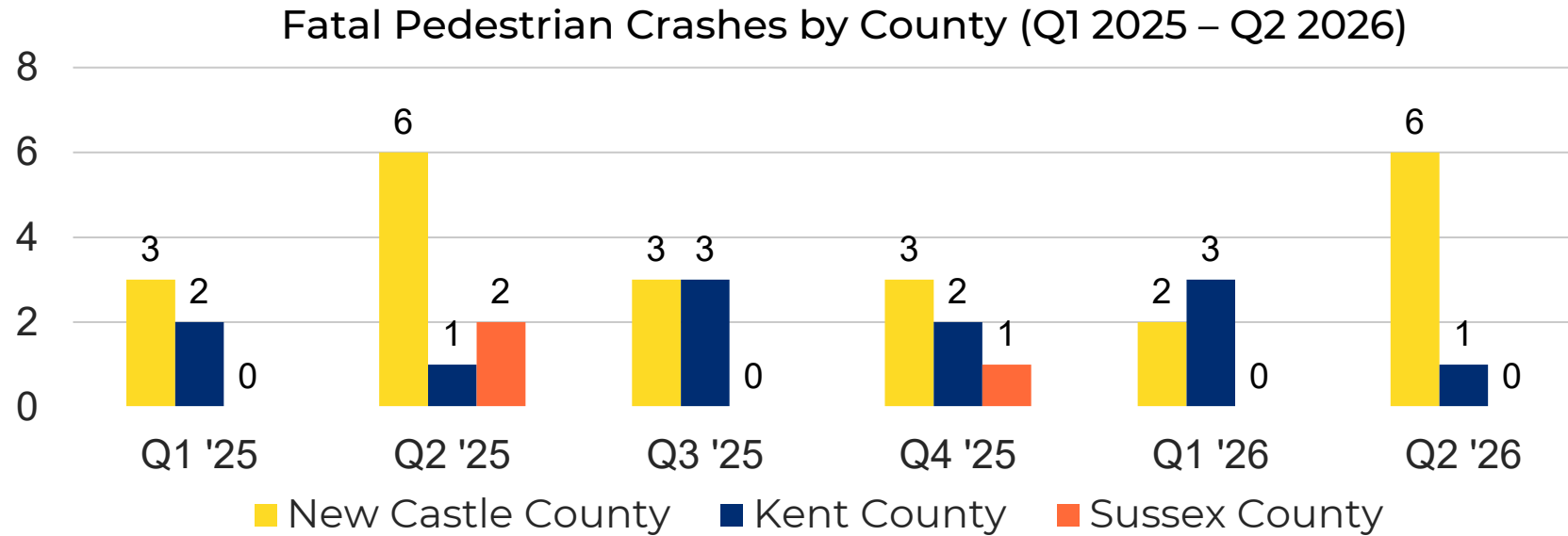
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3. Fatal Pedestrian Crashes - Quarter 2 of 2026

Fatal Pedestrian Crashes in Quarter 2 (April - June 2026)

Date	Day	Time	County	Full Location	Functional Class.	# Ped
04/04/26	Sat	11:36 PM	N	I-495 NB, north of E 12th St; Wilmington	Interstate	1
04/22/26	Wed	9:50 PM	N	US 13 US 40 N DuPont Hwy SB, south of Bacon Ave/Boulden Blvd	Other Principal Arterial	1
05/06/26	Wed	12:22 AM	N	SR 37 Airport Rd NB, south of Edinburgh Dr	Minor Arterial	1
05/09/26	Sat	1:07 AM	K	US 13 S DuPont Hwy NB, north of SR 14 Milford Harrington Hwy; Harrington	Other Principal Arterial	1
06/20/26	Sat	1:10 AM	N	US 13 DuPont Pkwy SB, south of Denny Lynn Dr	Minor Arterial	2
06/24/26	Wed	10:04 AM	N	SR 4 Maryland Ave & Brookside Dr	Other Principal Arterial	1

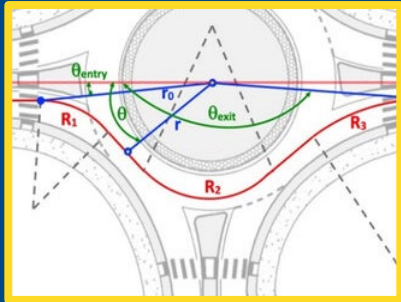
3. Fatal Pedestrian Crashes - Quarter 2 of 2026



4. Everyone Gets Home Summit

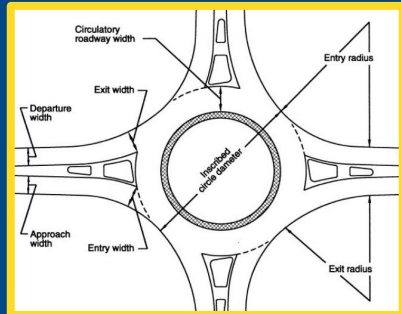


Key Takeaways:



Fastest Path Through Roundabout

- DeIDOT guidance already follows this (2024 Design Guidance Memorandum 1-26: Roundabouts Guidance)



Sizes of Roundabouts

- DeIDOT guidance already follows this (NCHRP Report 672)



Bike Ramp Design

- DeIDOT is currently updating their bike ramp design guidance for transitions

5. 2026 Annual Report Priorities



Identify Gaps in Pedestrian Network

- Work with DeIDOT to advance a Pedestrian Priority Area Program and streamline state and local processes for identifying sidewalk and pathway gaps, creating a more continuous and connected pedestrian network.
- Pedestrian Council to explore opportunities to advocate for increased funding to DeIDOT pedestrian funding programs, collaborating with DeIDOT to present a unified case for investment.

2026 Progress:

Minimal



- Pedestrian Council will be learning more about current MPO projects that are looking to achieve this and identify collaboration opportunities.

5. 2026 Annual Report Priorities



Implementing DeIDOT's Sidewalk and Multi-Use Path Maintenance Policy.

- DeIDOT's 2013 Sidewalk and Multi-Use Path Maintenance Policy:
 - Defines DeIDOT's maintenance responsibilities for eligible sidewalks and multi-use paths in state right-of-way, including structural repairs, vegetation control, and snow removal.
 - Snow removal for sidewalks will commence immediately after completion of roads classified as "Local" and subdivisions.
 - Prioritizes snow removal based on pedestrian traffic, concentrations of elderly and disabled residents, schools, transit routes, and other high-volume pedestrian facilities.
 - Sweeping and trash removal, will be performed as resources are available within the Department.

5. 2026 Annual Report Priorities



Implementing DeIDOT's Sidewalk and Multi-Use Path Maintenance Policy.

2026 Progress:

Moderate



- Pedestrian Council to review policy by October Council meeting and discuss any requested modifications or implementation questions.

5. 2026 Annual Report Priorities



ADA Compliance

- Continue to Collaborate with DeIDOT ADA Title II Coordinator
- Recommend continued collaboration with the ADA Title II Coordinator to identify improvements in PAS Manual implementation.

2026 Progress:

Minimal



- The Council has not made any recommendations yet related to PAS Manual implementation or ADA compliance improvements.
- The Council should consider a review of the PAS Manual or further discuss needs with DeIDOT ADA Title II Coordinator to advance this effort.

5. 2026 Pedestrian Council Priorities



Review Facts and Circumstances of Delaware Pedestrian Fatalities

Continue to Review Quarterly Pedestrian Fatality Reporting with DeIDOT and DSHS during Council Meetings.

- The Council will review data, identify trends, and make recommendations to relevant agencies responsible for the transportation facility where the incident occurred.

2026 Progress:

Moderate



- Crashes are reviewed quarterly, no recommendations from the Council this year on how to improve pedestrian safety based on crash reviews.

5. 2026 Pedestrian Council Priorities



Pedestrian Safety Education & Outreach

- Participate in safety education and outreach events.
- Lead by the Safety, Outreach & Education Subcommittee, the Council will gather and share existing education and training resources and compile toolkit of existing materials, including:
 - T2 Center modules or other in-state resource centers, Smart Growth America, existing DeIDOT trainings, and DeIDOT's Complete Streets training (once complete)
 - Distribute toolkit to local elected officials and planning staff.

2026 Progress:

Moderate



- Pedestrian Council participating in outreach and plans for safety materials distribution to public.
- Council should compile training toolkit and distribute to elected officials and planning staff.

5. 2026 Pedestrian Council Priorities



Land Use Priorities as Identified by Council

- The Land Use Subcommittee will continue to develop input and recommendations for the Council on how to better align land use strategies with pedestrian safety goals.

2026 Progress:

Minimal



- The subcommittee is developing specific goals/action items for the end of this year.
- Are there any specific items that the Council would like the subcommittee to be aware of or focus on?

5. 2026 Pedestrian Council Priorities



Review Traffic Rules to Support a Safe Pedestrian Environment

- Recommend continued review of traffic regulations to improve pedestrian safety.
- Focus on interactions between motorized scooters, bikes, and pedestrians on shared pathways.

2026 Progress:

Moderate



- DeIDOT is currently looking into new policy recommendations regarding micromobility. The Council may be able to review these recommendations for advisement and input.
- Similarly, the Delaware Bicycle Council also looking into “no mopeds signing of pathways”.

6. E-Bike Guidance and Policy Updates

The **Delaware Bike Council** is making 2nd appeal to institute 'No Mopeds' signage on paved trails across Delaware.

- Council is working through ideas to make moped & e-bike regulation more enforceable



7. Subcommittee Updates

Land Use Coordination Subcommittee

The Land Use Coordination Committee last met on May 18.

The next meeting will be held on August 17th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Recent Discussion Items:

- Strong Towns Guest Speaker Updates
- Route 9 Corridor Study and Master Plan
- Everyone Gets Home Summit Review

7. Subcommittee Updates

Pedestrian Safety Outreach and Education Subcommittee

The Pedestrian Safety Outreach and Education Committee last met on June 18th.

The next meeting will be held on August 13th from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.



Recent Discussion Items:

- Discussion with DeIDOT Community Relations
 - Tips & tricks for social media and public engagement
- Safety Material Distribution & Outreach at Shelters for the Unhoused
- Safety Materials to be purchased for FY 2027

7. Subcommittee Updates

Budget Vote: Winter Safety Items

Requesting Council approval to spend up to \$4,000 on fall/winter reflective safety items.

- Purchase would include reflective hats and gloves to improve visibility during shorter daylight hours.
- Several agencies throughout the state can help distribute these items.
- Approval is needed at this meeting to allow purchases to be made ahead of October.



[9" Reflective Beanie](#)



[Soft Warm Fleece Gloves](#)

7. Subcommittee Updates

Budget Vote: Winter Safety Items

Requesting Council approval to spend up to \$4,000 on fall/winter reflective safety items

- \$4,000 would cover the cost of approximately 350 pairs of gloves and 1,000 hats, including shipping and fees or 2,000 hats
 - Gloves - \$5.25 per pair
 - Hats - \$2.05 per hat



[Reflective Beanie](#)



[Winter Thermal Glove](#)

8. Agency Updates

Pedestrian Updates from Agency Representatives

Round-robin updates from the following agencies:

- Department of Safety and Homeland Security
- State Council for Persons with Disabilities
- ADA Title II Coordinator
- 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. Agency Updates

Pedestrian Council Chair Updates

The current Pedestrian Council Chair, Maureen Kelley, is retiring from DeIDOT at the end of July.



- The Council will need to elect and vote in a new Chair.
- Chair vote will be held during the October 2026 Council meeting.
- Looking for nominations!

9. Next Meeting Date

Dates for Upcoming Meetings:

Next Outreach & Edu. Subcommittee Meeting:

- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Thursday, August 13

Next Land Use Subcommittee Meeting:

- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Thursday, August 17

Fourth Council Meeting of 2026:

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

Thank you!

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