Advisory Council on Walkability and Pedestrian Awareness

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016
11:00AM – 12:00PM
DELDOT ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
800 BAY ROAD
DOVER, DE
FARMINGTON/FELTON CONFERENCE ROOM

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Welcome and Introductions
Review of Executive Order #54
Presentation on the History and Accomplishments of the 2007 Pedestrian Council
Discuss the Goals of the Pedestrian Council
Discuss Roles and Responsibilities
  - Election of the Chair
  - DelDOT Staff Support
  - Establish Subcommittees
Future Meetings
Public Comment
Executive Order #54
Re-established Advisory Council on Walkability and Pedestrian Awareness

- Signed by Governor Markell October 12, 2015
- Replaces Governor Minner’s Executive Order #83 dated March 9, 2006
- Shall consist of no less than 18 members
- Assist DelDOT with re-evaluation, implementation, and recommendations regarding the Statewide Pedestrian Action Plan and prioritization of pedestrian infrastructure improvements
**Goals of Executive Order #54**

- Identify gaps in the system of pedestrian paths and sidewalks to create continuous, interconnected pathways
- Provide advice regarding design standards for crosswalks, sidewalks, and pathways ensuring ADA compliance
- Provide advice regarding implementation of DelDOT’s Sidewalk and Multi-Use Path Maintenance Policy
- Review traffic rules to help support a safe pedestrian environment
- Provide advice regarding accessibility and connectivity to make transit a more viable option for DE citizens
- Develop strategies for pedestrian safety, education, and awareness
History of 2007 Pedestrian Council

- Executive Order #83 - Governor Minner’s Goals
  - Ensuring that paths and sidewalks are continuous and interconnected where feasible
  - Developing consistent design standards for crosswalks, sidewalks and pathways
  - Clarifying maintenance responsibility for sidewalks
  - Reviewing traffic rules and driver behavior to help support a safer pedestrian environment
  - Promoting land use and traffic patterns that encourage walking and reduce air pollution

- Developed, adopted, and implemented Statewide Pedestrian Action Plan

- Represented broad range of community interests
2007 Timeline

- **July 2006**: Governor Executive Order signed
- **January 2007**: Project Initiation
- **February-April 2007**: Research and Identify Issues
- **April-May 2007**: Policy Analysis, Reporting of issues, solutions, & recommendations
- **May-June 2007**: Preliminary Pedestrian Policy Plan with Recommendations Presented
- **July-December 2007**: Draft Statewide Pedestrian Action Plan
- **January 2007 Project Initiation**: Review Policy Identify Issues
- **February-April 2007 Research and Identify Issues**:
- **April-May 2007 Policy Analysis, Reporting of issues, solutions, & recommendations**: Presented
- **July-December 2007 Draft Statewide Pedestrian Action Plan**:
- **July 2006 Governor Executive Order signed**:

**2007 Timeline**
Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council

Goal 1: Inventory and Plan

- Established a pedestrian facility inventory
  - Working on maintaining it
- Developed a transition plan for noncompliance
Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council

Goal 1: Inventory and Plan

- Promoted Complete Streets Policy toward interconnection
  - Project by project basis
  - Completed review process for Complete Streets Design Guide
  - Working towards getting the Guide printed

- Created system to prioritize needs - in progress
Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council
Goal 1: Inventory and Plan

- Integrated walkability, environmental stewardship, and land use planning
- Revised DelDOT’s organizational structure
  - Established a Title II ADA Coordinator
  - Provided staff for the position
  - Moved position to Office of the Secretary
Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council
Goal 2: Standards and Guidelines

- Revised the framework for policy development using Complete Street Policy – in progress
  - Requires constant monitoring
- Ensured inclusion of all special needs groups
  - Children, senior citizens, and disabled
- Developed guidelines for all roadways and ADA Compliance
  - Daily activity to ensure compliance to highest feasibility
Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council
Goal 3: Implementation and Education

- Educated and coordinated with all agencies – ongoing
- Minimized institutional and procedural barriers of pedestrian facilities - ongoing
Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council
Goal 3: Implementation and Education

- Educated and coordinated with all agencies
  - Training Program Created

- Minimized institutional and procedural barriers of pedestrian facilities
  - Accomplishing this through the creation of Pedestrian Access Route (PAR) group

- Reviewed traffic rules, driver behavior, and pedestrian behavior to improve safety through education
  - Implemented under Strategic Highway Safety Plan
Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council
Goal 3: Implementation and Education

• Promoted safe travel for pedestrians using the 4-E’s
  o Engineering, Education, Enforcement, and Encouragement
  o SRTS Train The Trainer courses including walkability audits
  o Walkability workshops to help local communities
  o Strategic Highway Safety Plan emphasizes pedestrian safety
  o Develop statewide transportation educational curriculum for schools (www.bestde.org)
Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council Goal 4: Responsibility and Funding

- Clarified pedestrian facility maintenance responsibilities of State, Counties, Municipalities, and Private Parties
  - Ongoing recovery and review of all known and discoverable Municipal Maintenance Agreements
  - Will take two to three years to complete
Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council
Goal 4: Responsibility and Funding

- Developed model maintenance programs across the state
  - Began through University of Delaware’s Institute for Public Administration (IPA)
  - Compiled in two documents:
Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council
Goal 4: Responsibility and Funding

- Developed financial incentives encouraging counties and municipalities to create and implement pedestrian facilities
  - In Progress
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Roles and Responsibilities

- Election of Chair
- DelDOT provides Staff Support
- Establish Subcommittees
  - Legislative and Policy
  - Built Environment
  - Education and Enforcement

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Future Meetings