

Members Present

Linda Osiecki, Co-Chair	DelDOT
Tom Nickel, Co-Chair	DelDOT
David Bartoo	DNREC
Jared Kauffman	DTC-Planning
Jim Galvin	Dover/Kent MPO
Mark Luszcz	DelDOT
Paul Moser	DelDOT Planning
Tom Lawless	DelDOT Project Development North
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Members Absent

William Payne	Citizen Representative
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Guests

Vicki Carmean	Fenwick Island
Anson Gock	DelDOT
Gene Lawgaw	Fenwick Island
Sonia Marichic	Century Engineering
Bill Weistling	Fenwick Island

DelDOT Support Staff

Maria Andaya	DelDOT
Farzana Atique	McCormick Taylor

I. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Co-chair Ms. Linda Osiecki.

II. MEETING MINUTES. Upon the motion of Mr. Lawless and seconded by Mr. Luszcz, the minutes from the June 18, 2018 meeting was approved.

III. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Town of Fenwick Island Sidewalks by Terry Tieman, Town Manager. Ms. Tieman started by providing a history of the Town's efforts to get some sidewalks on Coastal Highway. The first planning study was conducted by DelDOT in 2002 but did not go to design and construction due to enormous cost. Ms. Andaya added that the earlier DelDOT study included utility relocation which blew up the cost.

Ms. Tieman said that the Town hired Landmark Engineering in 2011 to conduct another study. The cost was still unmanageable if the Town would pursue it on its own.

On July 7, 2017, the Town created the Pedestrian Safety Committee. They approached DelDOT to revisit the older planning studies to come up with something more manageable cost-wise. They were awarded \$56,000 federal funding to which they contributed \$14,000 which were provided by Senator Hocker and Representative Gray.

Ms. Carmean said that they also met with their Business Development Committee to tell them of this new development. The business sector representatives were very receptive. They recognize the economic advantage.

Right now, because of lack of pedestrian facilities, pedestrians are forced to walk on parking lots and shoulders along with turning vehicles and bicycles. Crosswalks don't have refuges and many are not signed. They have new curb ramps but they lead to no where. At night time, it is dangerous because it's really dark.

Ms. Osiecki said that every time DelDOT reviews plans related to redevelopment of businesses, sidewalks are always part of that. She also pointed out that a 2-ft buffer is not required especially since they have bicycle lanes. Mr. Nickel added that it is more desired than required.

There are several poles that they need to go around.

Some businesses are going to lose some parking spots but they seem to understand that having a walkable community will be more friendly to businesses.

Mr. Kauffman wants to make sure bus stops are taken into account. Ms. Osiecki said if there will be angled parking, and there's a dead triangle space in between the cars - they can potentially be used for bus pads.

A copy of the presentation will be made available at:
https://www.deldot.gov/Programs/pedestrian_council/index.shtml?dc=builtEnvironmentSubCommittee

IV. REVIEW/UPDATE OF THE 2016 RECOMMENDATIONS. There were 6 recommendations that were made by the subcommittee in 2016. Number 5, which recommends that DelDOT complete and implement the ADA Transition Plan has been completed. The plan was approved by FHWA in January 2018. The plan provides implementation schedule to transition to full compliance.

Committee members agreed to submit updates by the end of September (note by Maria Andaya as of October 16, 2018: no need to provide updates to the recommendations. Instead, please provide subcommittee accomplishment report by December 7, 2018 for inclusion in the Pedestrian Council Annual Report).

Number 3 is still in progress. There's an app that is being developed that will enable DelDOT inspectors to upload completed projects at final inspection.

The group talked about how "pedestrian" was added as a dropdown item in the Report a Road Condition on DelDOT's website. The difficulty is figuring out what to do when someone receives a complaint. Right now, Community Relations receives all complaints.

As for the recommendation Number 1, Mr. Luszcz reported that Pennoni will visit Route 13

with some vendors of barriers for recommendations. If fencing is not installed, temporary mesh will be used. There are tons of utilities on the medians on US 13.

Ms. Andaya asked what triggers a Pedestrian Audits? Mr. Luszcz said it could be crashes or it could be complaints in terms of ADA.

V. ADJOURN. Meeting was adjourned at 2:41 pm. A doodle poll will be sent for the next meeting.