

**Members Present**

James Galvin	Dover/Kent MPO
Mark Luszcz	DelDOT
Paul Moser	DelDOT
Tom Nickel	DelDOT
Linda Osiecki	DelDOT
Jennifer Walls	Sussex County

**DelDOT Support Staff**

Maria Andaya	DelDOT
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**Members Absent**

William Payne	Citizen Representative
Debra Young	EmpowerAbility

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am pm by Co-Chair Paul Moser.

**II. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR**

Former Chair John Sisson is this year's chair of the Pedestrian Council and can no longer chair this subcommittee. A secret ballot election was held. Tom Nickel and Linda Osiecki received 3 votes each. Everyone agreed that they should co-chair.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**Pedestrian Plans.** Ms. Andaya provided an update on her efforts to review local pedestrian plans. She was invited by the City of Dover Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee to a meeting to go over their plan. The City has identified 9 state-maintained roads as priorities for sidewalk improvements. She found out later that at least 4 of items on that list are already under design or under construction. The problem according to her is that because many sections within the department do sidewalk construction and pedestrian improvements, it's hard to keep track of these projects. She will try to reach out to these sections to check the possibility of coming up with a master list that can be updated regularly.

Mr. Nickel said that the ADA Self Assessment and Transition Plan has identified 17 potential DelDOT programs that can include sidewalk construction/reconstruction. He will give Ms. Andaya a copy of this list.

**Median Barriers.** At the last meeting, Mr. Sisson asked for an update regarding the Council's recommendation to pursue median barriers along high pedestrian crash areas. Mr. Luszcz said that they are being considered for a pedestrian improvement project on US 13 from the US 13/US 40 split to south of Wilmington. This project is now under the design phase.

They have looked at what other states are doing as far as median barriers are concerned. They are looking at anything from as simple as not mowing the grass to some kind of shrubbery to jersey barriers to something more aesthetically pleasing like the chain link fence that DSU has. All of those are still on the table. The US 13 project can help us determine what we can or should be doing on other corridors.



Everything is still under discussion. However, putting some kind of landscaping will likely collect rubbish and will require intensive maintenance.

As per Mr. Galvin, the shrubbery and chain link fence installed by DSU seem to be working well.

We should look at crash data in that area to see if it is working.

Ms. Walls asked if Down Downs and maybe the mall would be open to doing something like this.

According to Mr. Luszcz traffic does a lot of pedestrian safety audits but as far as implementation – they do traffic control devices and median barriers are not considered traffic control devices. He will send the subcommittee members a copy of the 2017 HAWK Signal Report if anybody has comments.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Updates from Subcommittee Members:**

Paul Moser: Designing a Rail to Trail project right now from Federal Street to Lavinia Rd near the Waagamon development. Originally, it was just to link the existing rail into the entrances to the development but there might be an opportunity to connect the elementary school to a proposed development. It could be a good success story for development coordination.

Jennifer Walls/Sussex County: There's interest in Salisbury-Wicomico MPO to be more involved in what the Pedestrian Council is doing and fund some planning studies.

Jim Galvin/Dover-Kent MPO: Dover-Kent MPO is looking for contractors that they can contract with for 5 years that they can use as needed as oppose to advertising per project. They will soon review proposals.

Mark Luszcz: Pedestrian Safety Audits this year Route 13 in Dover from Scarborough to Rodney Village. This is first one in Kent County. Based on their past studies, lighting is always recommended so they are already working on the lighting aspect of the area although it is going to be a challenge because the lighting in the area is owned partly by DelDOT and partly by the City.

Tom Nickel: PAR Program is creating a prioritization process. The DelDOT ADA Title II/Section 504 Coordinator recently completed DelDOT's Transition Plan which has a detailed schedule to transition ADA non-compliant features under DelDOT authority and control compliance over 15 year period. They're trying to figure out where DelDOT is going to be over the next decade as far as its capital transportation program is concerned so they can focus on the areas outside that.

Linda Osiecki/Plan Reviews: New Castle has someone who's been coming to plan review meetings and it would certainly help if Kent and Sussex would do the same.

Everyone agreed to inviting more people to this subcommittee particularly representative from municipalities.

**VIII. ADJOURN.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 am.