

Members Present

Linda Osiecki, Co-Chair	DelDOT
Tom Nickel, Co-Chair	DelDOT
David Bartoo	DNREC
Jared Kauffmann	DTC
Jim Galvin	Dover/Kent MPO
Paul Moser	DelDOT
Tigist Zegeye	Wilmapco
Tom Lawless	DelDOT
William Payne	Caregiver

Member Absent

Mark Luszcz	DelDOT
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DelDOT Support Staff

Maria Andaya	DelDOT
Farzana Atique	McCormick Taylor

Guests

Anson Gock	DelDOT
Bernie Gilbert	DelDOT
Julia Wolanski	Pennoni
Mike Steimer	Wallace Montgomery

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Co-Chair, Ms. Linda Osiecki.

2. MEETING MINUTES REVIEW (02/25/2019)

Upon the motion of Mr. Nickel and seconded by Mr. Galvin, the subcommittee approved the minutes from the February 25, 2019 meeting.

3. DISCUSSION WITH BERNIE GILBERT REGARDING GIS SIDEWALK LAYER

Mr. Gilbert is with DelDOT's Decision and Data Support Section. They are working on a comprehensive and updated GIS sidewalk layer using different sources such as the 2012 sidewalk inventory, LIDAR technology, and other sources involved in installing sidewalks. Some sidewalks that are built outside the state responsibility do not go into the DelDOT system and they are figuring out a way to capture those (like municipalities and private developments). Their goal is to be able to identify missing sidewalk gaps. They also plan on making these information available to the public.

Mr. Galvin said they have done some inventory in Kent County. Ms. Zegeye said they have also done inventory in New Castle County before. Wilmapco is wrapping up the bike inventory in September but after that she will look into the sidewalk inventory. Mr. Gilbert said they already set up a meeting set up with Dan Blevins of Wilmapco.

Mr. Gilbert said they can help municipalities do this using tools they have. They can assist municipalities and also benefit DeIDOT update its database. There needs to be an initiation.

Mr. Payne said he recently attended the Lewes Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting. They are looking at sidewalk inventory and they will walk their sidewalks. Mr. Payne also pointed out that shared use paths are being built and at some point they need to connect to sidewalks. He sees trail in Lewes but there's no connection from the trail to the sidewalks. There's a disconnect. No crossing for miles.

The group agreed that they should also look into municipalities because the Pedestrian Council is a statewide body.

The Council's recommendation should be to consolidate all information – everything and everyone that is doing something to the system.

The committee will recommend that DeIDOT develops a master plan of sidewalk network – beginning with what's existing first and then prioritize for inclusion in the CTP. Either DeIDOT or the Council should take the lead in this.

Mr. Nickel said no mechanism to go back to check on sidewalks. There's a process to inventory and repair roads but not the sidewalks. And we have about 520 miles of sidewalks.

4. PEDESTRIAN PLANS FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Either the Pedestrian Council or the Built Environment can send out letters to municipalities to apply for UPWP funding to develop pedestrian plans.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Payne asked if we can invite the experts from The Netherlands who spoke at the Walkable and Bikable Summit to speak before the Pedestrian Council even via Skype. Mr. Moser will check first how much they will charge.

Also explore the app that can help report missing sidewalks.

5. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am. A Doodle Poll will be sent out for the next meeting.