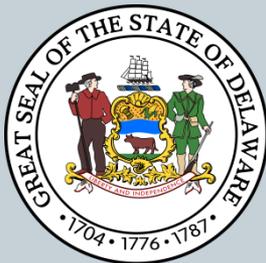


# Advisory Council on Walkability and Pedestrian Awareness



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



# WELCOME



- **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**

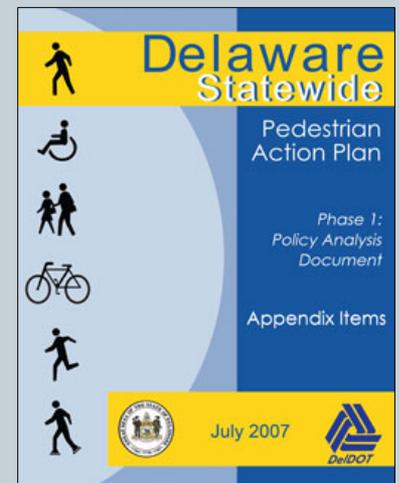
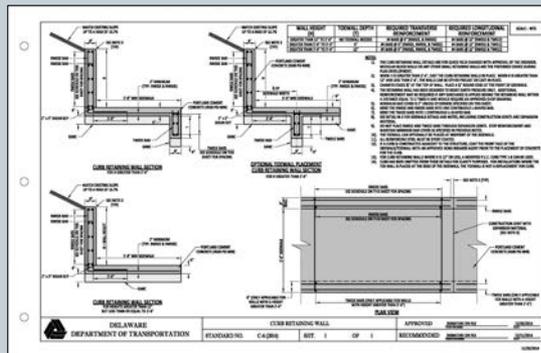
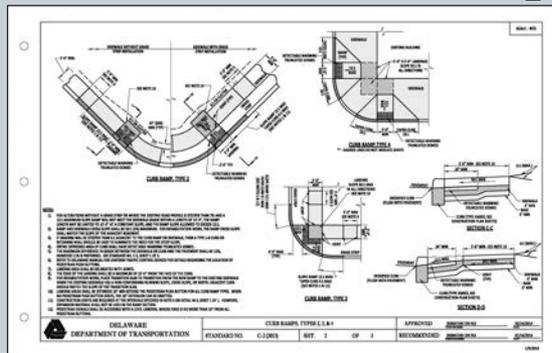


# Executive Order #54

## 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



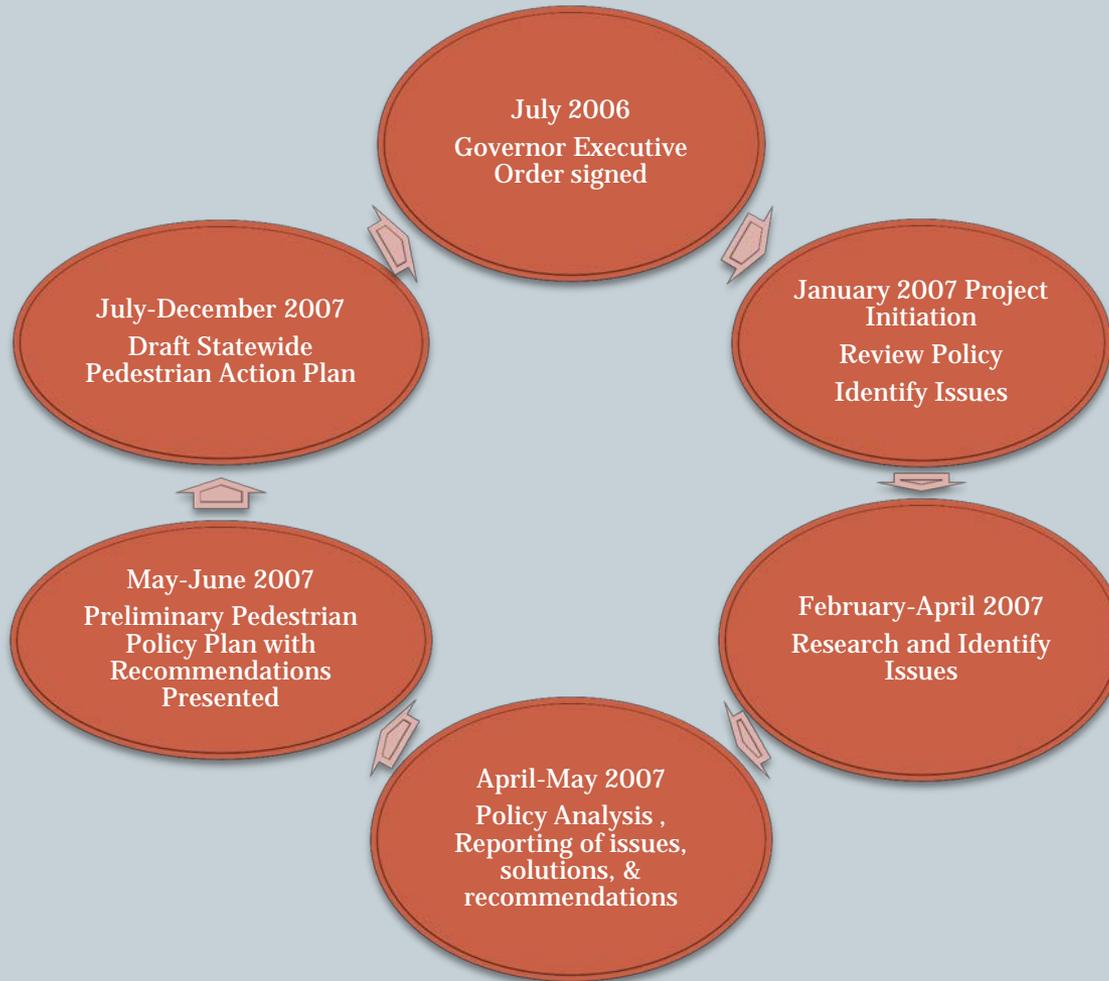
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# History of 2007 Pedestrian Council



- **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



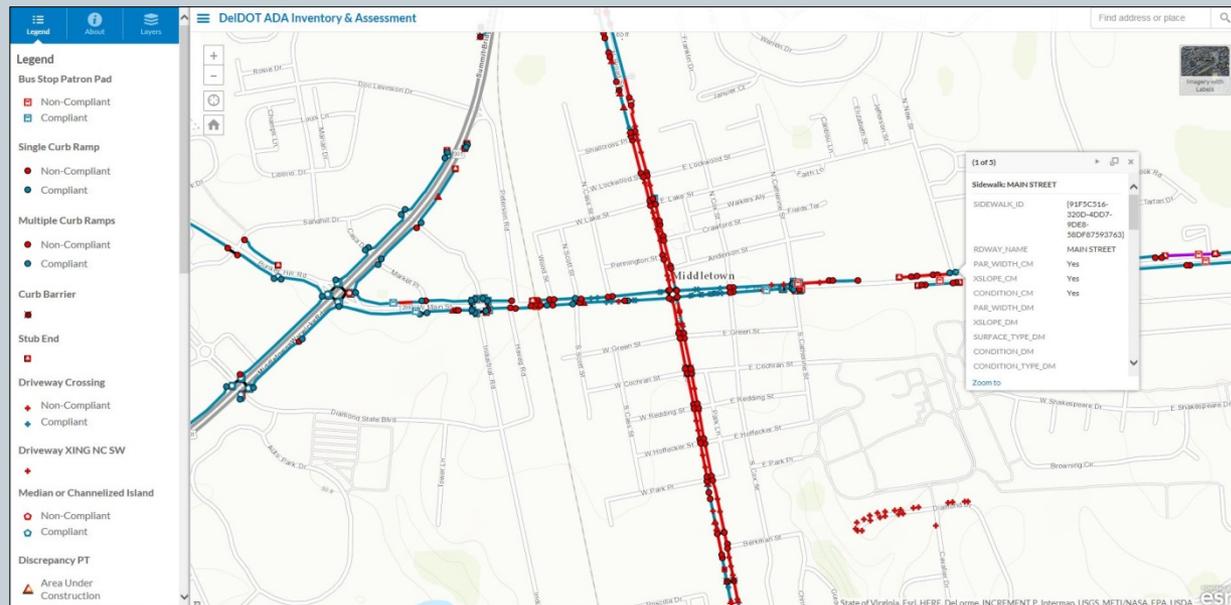
# Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council

## Goal 1: Inventory and Plan

- Established a pedestrian facility inventory
  - Working on maintaining it
- Developed a transition plan for noncompliance

### DeIDOT ADA Inventory & Assessment

This application contains data that portrays the pedestrian facility inventory and ADA assessment of these facilities located in the DeIDOT right of way as of December 2011 for Kent and Sussex counties and June 2012 for New Castle County. Facilities under construction, constructed or repaired from September 2011 through June 2012 and later in the respective counties are not represented within this data.

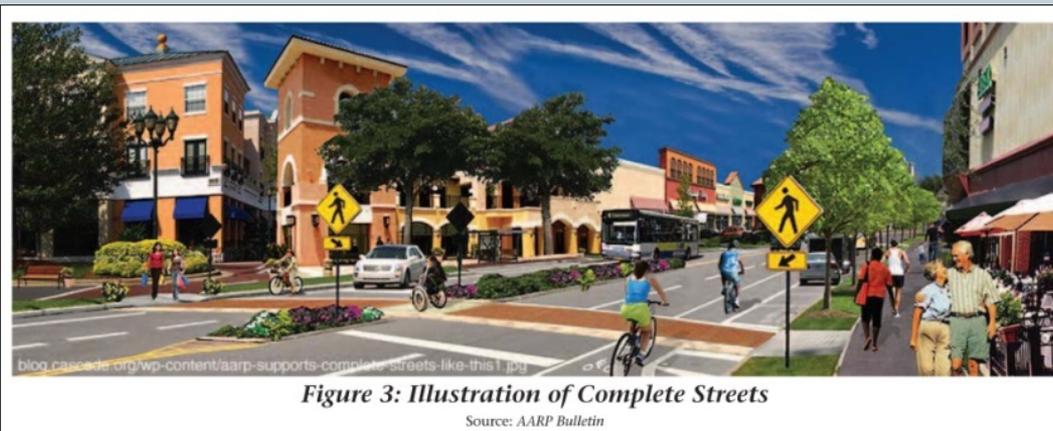


# Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council

## 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



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PEDESTRIAN**

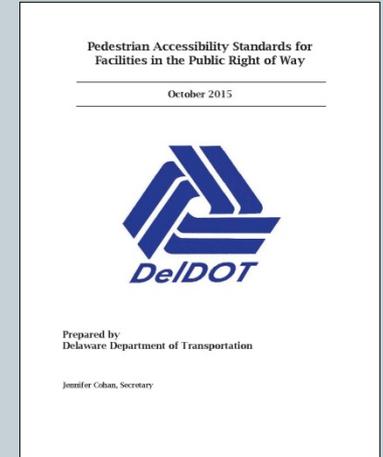
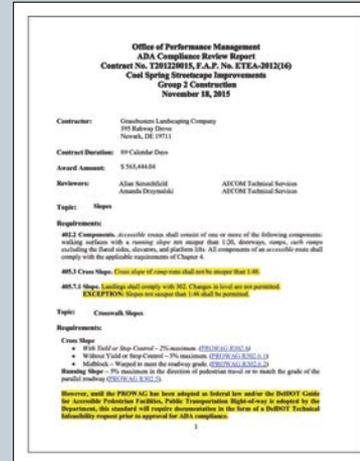
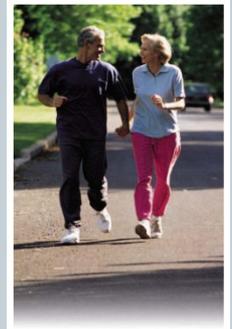
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## Goal 2: Standards and Guidelines



- 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

Accessibility 

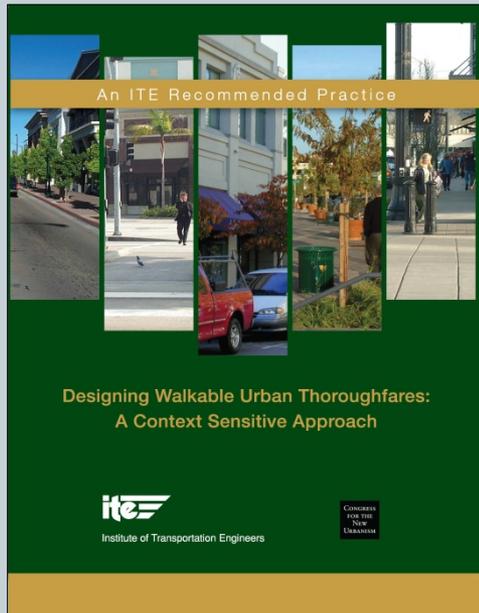


# Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council

## Goal 3: Implementation and Education



- Educated and coordinated with all agencies – ongoing
- Minimized institutional and procedural barriers of pedestrian facilities - ongoing



Delaware Department of Transportation ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan

### APPENDIX G Technically Infeasible Request Form

ADA – Technically Infeasible Request

Project No: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Range of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

ADA – Technically Infeasible Statement: Provide a clear narrative explaining the location and nature of the barrier(s) which the ADA cannot be removed for the facility, an explanation of the other elements that are ADA compliant and any other relevant factors to be considered. Include a description of design criteria, standards, Agency, jurisdiction, authority to a design/development/structure or site, if applicable, and any other supporting information to document the request. **NOTE:** This form ADA elements are specific to crosswalks, curbs, tactile (dome, detectable and slip resistant) and detectable (dome) tactile and detectable (dome) tactile.

Recommended By: \_\_\_\_\_

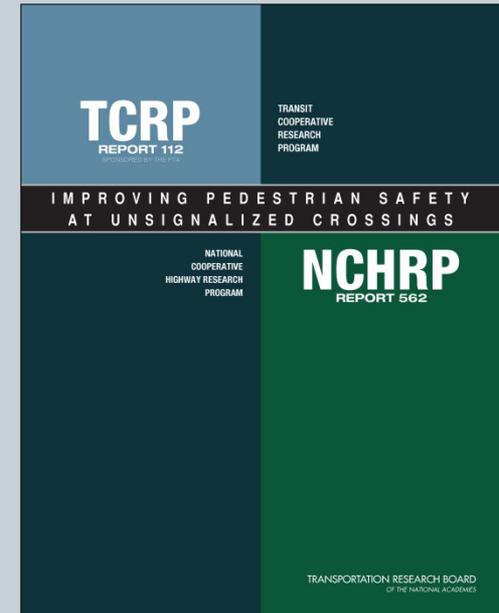
Based upon the conditions presented, it is recommended that this be approved for the subsequent ADA element.

Recommended By: \_\_\_\_\_ Design/Construction Manager

Recommended By: \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Director/Chief Engineer

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ ADA Title III/Section 504 Coordinator Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council

## Goal 3: Implementation and Education

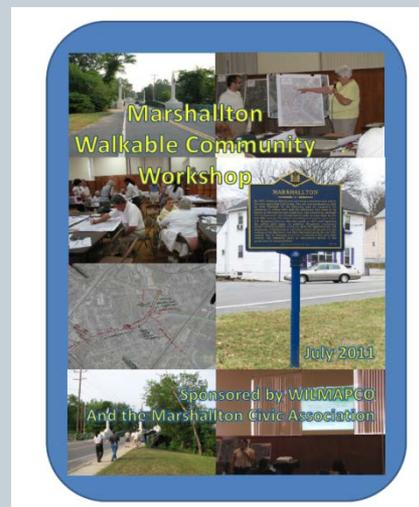
- Educated and coordinated with all agencies
  - Training Program Created
- Minimized institutional and procedural barriers of pedestrian facilities
  - Accomplishing this through the creation of Pedestrian Access Route (PAR) group
- Reviewed traffic rules, driver behavior, and pedestrian behavior to improve safety through education
  - Implemented under Strategic Highway Safety Plan



# Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council

## Goal 3: Implementation and Education

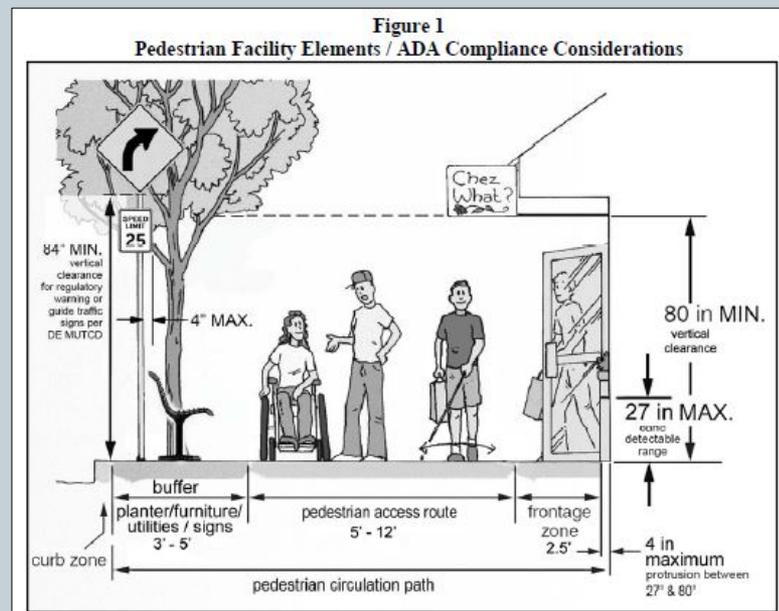
- Promoted safe travel for pedestrians using the 4-E's
  - Engineering, Education, Enforcement, and Encouragement
  - SRTS Train The Trainer courses including walkability audits
  - Walkability workshops to help local communities
  - Strategic Highway Safety Plan emphasizes pedestrian safety
  - Develop statewide transportation educational curriculum for schools ([www.bestde.org](http://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

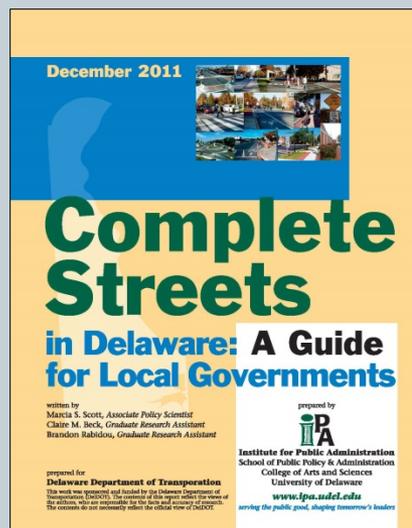


# Accomplishments of 2007 Pedestrian Council

## 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:
    - ✦ **Complete Streets in Delaware: A Guide for Local Governments (2011)**
    - ✦ **Winter Maintenance of Pedestrian Facilities in Delaware: A Guide for Local Governments (2012)**



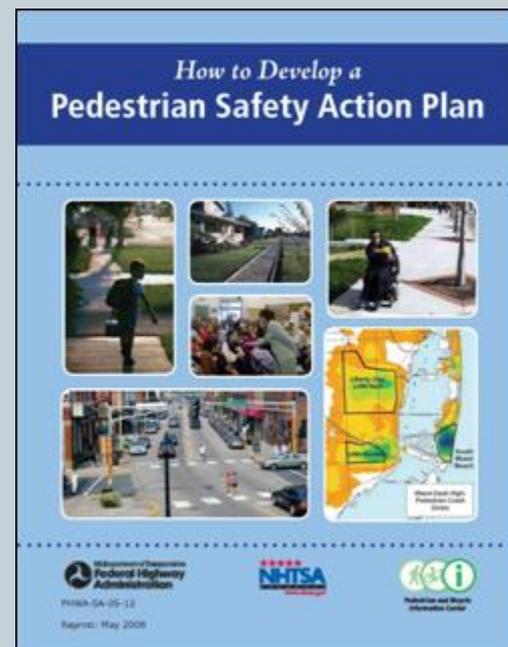
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## Goal 4: Responsibility and Funding

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



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Project Site



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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



# Public Comment

