

Pedestrian Council Subcommittees

Built Environment

Identify and recommend engineering, infrastructure, land use, and transit strategies to meet the following goals:

- 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 accessibility and connectivity to make transit a more viable option for DE citizens
- Assist DeIDOT with re-evaluation, implementation, and recommendations regarding the Statewide Pedestrian Action Plan and prioritization of pedestrian infrastructure improvements

Specific ideas include: address transit, infrastructure, and land use. Include implementation strategies and a discussion surrounding the use of all the tools available to DeIDOT such as flashing beacons, mid-block crossings, and pedestrian bridges. Route 13 pedestrian safety – are more signals needed, will a median barrier or a barrier at the edge of the lanes assist in forcing pedestrians to use marked crossings at intersections, study the land use in the corridor. Study pedestrian safety along Kirkwood Highway and Route 40.

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Education and Enforcement

Identify and recommend pedestrian safety education and enforcement strategies towards meeting these goals:

- Develop strategies for pedestrian safety, education, and awareness
- Assist DeIDOT with re-evaluation, implementation, and recommendations regarding the Statewide Pedestrian Action Plan

Specific ideas include: methods to encourage and enforce pedestrians to cross at intersections rather than mid-block, how could more enforcement be implemented, enforcement and education of both pedestrians and drivers, study socio-economic factors that may contribute to pedestrian safety

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Legislative and Policy

Identify and recommend specific strategies regarding legislation or policies including:

- Review traffic rules to help support a safe pedestrian environment
- Provide advice regarding implementation of DelDOT's Sidewalk and Multi-Use Path Maintenance Policy
- Assist DelDOT with re-evaluation, implementation, and recommendations regarding the Statewide Pedestrian Action Plan

Specific ideas include: study state laws versus laws in other states, training to better implement the laws, study the interpretation of laws

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Ground rules

- Each subcommittee needs at least one Chairperson, or a Chair and Co-chair
- Chairperson is responsible for organizing the subcommittee, keeping it on track, coordinating with each other, reporting back to full council
- Subcommittees may include non-council members- consider law enforcement membership on Education and Enforcement subcommittee.
- Frequency of meetings is up to subcommittee members- may conduct business via email and phone conferences as well