Delaware Bicycle Council
June 3, 2026
Zoom Webinar
Meeting Minutes

Members Present
Nathan J. Attard, DNREC Parks & Rec Representative
Ian Friedland, Sussex County Representative
Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative
Scott Hoffman, At-Large Representative
Amanda Kelly, New Castle County Representative
Marty Lessner, Council on Transportation
Jackie McDermott, Office of Highway Safety
Michael Wagner, Department of Education
James Wilson, New Castle County Representative

Members Absent
Lauren Butscher, Division of Public Health
Fran Cardaci, At-Large Representative
Mack Cochran, Trails & Greenways Council
Wendy Polasko, DelDOT Representative
Michael Tyler, At-Large Representative

Guests
Chris Holloway, Pennoni
John Bare, Bike DE
Megan Stern, Public
Perry Higgs, Public
Karen Zakarian, Public

I. Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Scott Hoffman. John Fiori took a roll call of the Council members present, and quorum was met.

New Council Members:
Scott Hoffman introduced the two newest members on the Council: Ian Friedland, Sussex County Representative and Nathan J. Attard, DNREC Parks & Rec Representative. Ian has extensive experience in structural engineering and transportation research, and Nathan is a professional planner at DNREC.

Minutes/Agenda Review:
The Council reviewed the meeting minutes of April 1st. Marty Lessner made the motion to accept the meeting minutes. Amanda Kelly seconded the meeting minutes. All agreed. No one opposed.

II. Public Comment

Megan Stern requested to address the Council. Megan discussed plans to possibly improve bike and pedestrian safety on Bancroft Parkway, which spans multiple neighborhoods in Wilmington. She proposed ideas like installing four-way stops, pedestrian crossings, and potentially creating protected bike lanes by moving parking spaces. James Wilson suggested exploring the concept of neighborhood greenways, like Portland's approach, which focuses on traffic calming rather than physical separation of bike lanes. Megan planned to meet with Westside Grows and Delaware Greenways to discuss bike infrastructure improvements and connectivity to the riverfront area. The Council discussed Megan's interest in applying for a Bikeway Innovation Grant to improve cycling infrastructure in Delaware. James and others provided guidance on the application process and suggested connecting with a City Councilperson. Nathan Attard shared insights from a previous study on Baynard Boulevard and expressed enthusiasm for connecting more people to Rockford Park. Megan will send a follow-up email to Scott Hoffman with contact information to receive examples of Bikeway Innovation Grant work product and further information on connecting with relevant bicycle/pedestrian advocacy groups. Scott will send Megan examples of Bikeway Innovation Grant work product and distribute her inquiry into relevant contacts.

III. New Business

2025 Cycling Infrastructure Innovation Grant
The Council was informed that Sussex County will not be accepting the $35k cycling infrastructure innovation grant that was awarded in December 2025. Sussex County is no longer moving forward with a feasibility study for a tunnel under US 9 for the Georgetown to Lewes Trail. Scott Hoffman proposed to reallocate $35k from the Cycling Infrastructure Innovation Grant to the Delaware Department of Transportation to advance the Georgetown to Lewes Trail Milton Connector project. Chris Halloway explained the funds would be used for a hydraulic analysis of an existing bridge crossing along Walker Road. James Wilson made the motion to reallocate the remaining $35k of the Cycling Infrastructure Innovation Grant to the Delaware Department of Transportation

to advance the Georgetown to Lewes Trail Milton Connector project. Ian Friedland seconded the motion. All agreed. No one opposed.

Tribute to Senator Sokola
James Wilson stated that Delaware has never had a greater advocate for cycling than Senator Dave Sakola, where he never sought any credit or recognition for all the work he has done over the years. Scott Hoffman asked James about thoughts for a tribute. James will draft a tribute letter for Senator Dave Sakola and send to John and Scott for review and coordination with Governor's office for a possible proclamation. Scott and John will work with the Governor's office to arrange for a proclamation/tribute for Senator Sakola and coordinate distribution to the Council for review before finalization.

Bicycle-Friendly Business Announcement
John Fiori indicated in March 2026 the League of American Bicyclists notified DelDOT that their bicycle-friendly business status needed to be renewed, as it has been four years since the last renewal. It was announced that DelDOT received silver status for 2026-2030 as a Bicycle-Friendly Business.



Bicycle-Friendly State Application
John Fiori announced in May 2026, the League of American Bicyclists notified DelDOT that the Bicycle-Friendly State survey and ranking will occur this year, where the survey deadline is August 7, 2026. The previous survey was in 2024, where Delaware ranked 7th nationwide and 2nd on the east coast. An announcement will be made once the rankings are released.

IV. Old Business

No Mopeds Signs on Trails/Pathways
Scott Hoffman updated the Council the last action taken was submitting a response letter back to Peter Haag with DelDOT Traffic concerning installation of "No Moped" signs along trails. The Council has not heard back, where this is still an open item. Based on the last meeting minutes there was discussion about legislation, and that existing Delaware codes need to be either updated or revised. There have been discussions about safety issues where Stephanie Johnson, Director of Planning, talked about DelDOT developing an e-bike safety program; difficulties on enforcement and people having e-bikes that are not considered e-bikes. This item has been kept on the agenda to continue discussion, if that is what pleases the Council. Scott asked James to discuss some pending legislation regarding e-bikes and mopeds, with James explaining the proposed "Truth in E-Bike Marketing Act" that would require retailers to provide disclosure statements about these devices not being appropriate for children. If the bill passes, it is not legal for retailers to sell an electric moped or an electric motorcycle and call it an e-bike or an electric bicycle. In addition, the Department of Motor Vehicles has to write up a disclosure statement that retailers have to use whenever they're selling this to anybody, where people have to sign this disclosure statement that says they are buying something which is not a bicycle, it is a motor vehicle that requires a license and insurance, it is not for kids, and then that disclosure statement has to be sent and filed to the DMV. This is a way to make sure people are not mistakenly buying these high-speed devices, thinking they are bicycles, and then giving them to their kids.

Priority Bikeway Projects Update
John Fiori provided an update on the Kings Highway and SR 1 intersection improvement project. The project was to remove the ramp from SR 1 onto Kings Highway and install a T-intersection to slow down traffic and make it safer for bicyclists and pedestrians. The project was placed on hold as DelDOT was trying to determine a program to have it constructed under. The Council was informed that this intersection improvement has been added to Contract T202212901; US 9, Kings Highway, Dartmouth Drive to Freeman Highway dualization project.

Tom Hartley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jackie McDermott seconded the motion at 6:10 p.m. All agreed, no one opposed. Motion passed.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to be held as a hybrid of in-person and virtually.

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