



CITY STREETS & SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
City Hall Commissioners Room, 2nd Floor
Thursday, June 11, 2026; 10:00 a.m.

AMENDED AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | |
| 2. Roll Call | |
| 3. Approval of Minutes – Meeting held on May 14, 2026 | |
| 4. Correspondence (relating to agenda items only) | |
| Email received June 8, 2026 from Jeffrey Goode, 1 Grove Street re traffic circle comments ** | 3 - 9 |
| Emails received May 8, and 19, 2026 from Tim and Sheila Young, 163B Henlopen Avenue, re Henlopen Avenue comments *** | |
| Email received June 8, 2026 from Frank Gainer, 128 Henlopen Avenue, re feedback on Henlopen Avenue *** | |
| 5. Old Business | |
| A. Status Report on matters going to Board of Commissioners as agenda item on June 18, 2026, including utility pole maintenance, large vehicles and trailers, bollard protection and decorating and additional stop signs in commercial districts. | |
| B. Status report on bicycle and pedestrian related projects. | |
| C. Update on traffic calming measures in place. | |
| 6. New Business | |
| A. Update and discussion on Beach Mats. | |
| B. Discussion of new topics to approach Board of Commissioners, including those discussed in earlier meetings but not yet acted upon, and other new topics or concerns including those derived from the public. | |
| C. Update from City staff on the Charrette Week planned for the week of July 13, 2026. | |
| 7. Citizen Comment | |
| 8. Committee Member Comments | |
| 9. Set next meeting date. | |
| 10. Adjournment | |

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[Time may not allow for the consideration of all agenda items.]

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The public will be provided the opportunity to make comments regarding Old Business and New Business. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes or at the discretion of the chair, one time per topic. Speakers are to state their name and address or relationship to the city.

Comments on non-agenda topics will be heard under "Citizen Comment" with the same speaker requirements and time limits.

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Ann Womack

From: Jeffrey <jeffreyhgoode@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 5:31 PM
To: Ann Womack; Mark Saunders
Cc: Stan Mills; Taylour R. B. Tedder
Subject: City Streets & Safety Advisory Committee - Traffic Circle

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Dear Ms. Womack,

Please include in correspondence for the June 11 City Streets & Safety Advisory Committee Meeting meeting. Thank you.

Dear City Streets & Safety Advisory Committee and Commissioner Saunders:

I request that the City Streets & Safety Advisory Committee consider recommending necessary improvements to the Rehoboth's traffic circle. Thousands of cars transit through the Circle every day as the main gateway and exit from Rehoboth Beach. Unfortunately, it is not a smooth, pleasant, or hazard-free transit. The Circle is poorly designed and hazardous to pedestrians, cars, and bicycles. There is frequent honking of horns due to vehicles entering the circle **not yielding** to autos already in the circle.

There are many reasons that so many vehicles fail to yield to vehicles already in the circle. These include poor sight lines, failure to see the flashing yield signs, and tourists unfamiliar with circles. I am no traffic engineer; however, one problem that I observe is that the flashing yield signs entering the circle look more like Christmas lights than serious traffic lights (see attached picture). Drivers either do not see them or pay no attention to them.

Suggestion: Rehoboth Beach can replace the side flashing lights with serious overhead traffic signals that cars cannot help but see entering the circle. I am

referring to traffic signals like we currently have at Rehoboth Avenue and 1st and 2nd Streets (see attached picture) - - traffic signals that go across both lanes of Rehoboth Avenue and not just tiny lights on the side of the road. This should cut down on the cacophony of cars honking at one another as they enter the traffic circle. Some drivers as a safety measure regularly blast their horn prophylactically when they are driving around the circle to avoid cars crashing into them. This solution would also tend to reduce fender benders and make for a calmer, less fraught experience for drivers entering and leaving Rehoboth Beach. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Goode



From: Tim Young
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2026 2:13:10 PM
To: Christopher Galanty <cgalanty@rehobothbeachde.gov>; Mark Saunders <mrsaunders@rehobothbeachde.gov>
Cc: sheila
Subject: Fwd: Henlopen Ave yellow lines

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Hi Mark and Chris ,

In an article in the Cape Gazette on May 8th it was implied that a yellow line may be drawn on Henlopen Ave. We are residents of Henlopen Ave and run and/or cycle on it daily. We completely agree that there is a problem with speeding on Henlopen Ave and that some traffic calming measures such as additional stop signs, crosswalks and enforcing the speed limit could improve the situation.

We strongly oppose the painting of yellow divider lines on Henlopen. We think the lines will increase the speed of cars and make it dangerous for pedestrians, runners and cyclists. The yellow lines tend to make the road seem more like a highway than a residential neighborhood.

You just need to walk or bike on Columbia Ave to see the impact of the yellow lines. Columbia is essentially the same road as Henlopen with the primary difference being that Columbia has the yellow divider lines. All local runners and cycles that we know avoid Columbia and user Henlopen since they realize how dangerous Columbia is. Speeding cars will pass runners and cyclists but will not cross yellow line to give them space

I realize some of the streets in Country Clubs Estates have recently had yellow lines painted but these streets also have sidewalks which Henlopen does not. Also, in my experience running and cycling on these streets, the yellow lines cause similar problems as the lines on Columbia.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss

Tim and Sheila Young

163B Henlopen Ave

Rehoboth Beach

From: Tim Young
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 10:10:13 AM
To: Christopher Galanty <cgalanty@rebothbeachde.gov>
Cc: Mark Saunders <msaunders@rebothbeachde.gov>; sheila
Subject: Re: Henlopen Ave yellow lines

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Hi Chris and Mark,

Congrats on completing the "Make Henlopen Ave a Highway" project, I have already noticed more cars not yielding to pedestrians since cars do not want to cross yellow lines

Thanks
Tim

On May 11, 2026, at 4:29 PM, Tim Young <timothyyoung1@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Chris

Thanks for getting back to me

I did not realize that there was an opportunity for public input on the adding of yellow lines to Henlopen Ave. Sounds like it may be a done deal which is unfortunate in my opinion since everything I have read indicates that yellow lines will speed up traffic and make roads unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists .

I would be interested in hearing what was presented to indicate yellow lines are a good idea.

Below is an excerpt from a few articles I found when researching that make similar points to my earlier email




Adding a double yellow line to a residential street typically signals increased traffic volume, higher speeds, and a shift from a quiet residential feel to a more "urban" or thoroughfare-like atmosphere. While meant to restrict passing and improve safety, these lines can psychologically encourage faster driving, potentially making the street less safe for pedestrians. [1](#), [2](#), [3](#)

Key Impacts on Residential Streets:

- **Traffic and Speed:** The lines often imply the road is a busier, faster route, which can attract more traffic and increase driving speeds, sometimes causing traffic to move faster than before the line was painted.
- **Safety Perception:** While intended to prevent passing and head-on collisions, the presence of lines can reduce driver caution compared to a road with no markings.
- **Property and Neighborhood Aesthetic:** The appearance of the street may become more commercial or urban, which some residents find less appealing.
- **Property Access:** Turning left into or out of driveways may become more difficult due to consistent, faster traffic.

- **Usage Constraints:** Double solid yellow lines prohibit passing, and in many jurisdictions, they prohibit crossing to make U-turns, limiting accessibility.
- **Parking Changes:** In some areas, these lines can restrict on-street parking to ensure traffic flow. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]

Essentially, a double yellow line often changes the character of a residential street from a local, low-speed area to a higher-volume connector road. [1]

-  U.S. News Real Estate <https://realestate.usnews.com>
Types of Roads That Can Have a Big Impact on Home Sales
May 4, 2023 — Double Yellow Line. The area might not seem busy if you visit on the weekend, but if the home is located on a two-lane road with a...
-  Strong Towns <https://archive.strongtowns.org>
Ask R. Moses: Does Center Line Striping Make Streets Safer?
Oct 31, 2016 — “A number of residential streets in my city have gone from having no striping to having a dashed yellow and sometimes having full ...
-  California DMV (.gov) <https://www.dmv.ca.gov>
Section 6: Navigating the Roads - California DMV
Double Solid Yellow Lines Two sets of solid double yellow lines spaced two or more feet apart are considered a barrier. Do not dri...

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From: Frank Gainer Iii

Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 11:20:58 AM

To: Stan Mills <smills@rehobothbeachde.gov>; Susan Stewart <sstewart@rehobothbeachde.gov>; Patrick Gossett <Pgossett@rehobothbeachde.gov>; Craig Thier <cthier@rehobothbeachde.gov>; Suzanne Goode <sgoode@rehobothbeachde.gov>; Mark Saunders <msaunders@rehobothbeachde.gov>; Christopher Galanty <cgalanty@rehobothbeachde.gov>

Cc: Taylour R. B. Tedder <ttedder@rehobothbeachde.gov>

Subject: Feedback on Henlopen Avenue

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Dear Mayor and Commissioners - Thank you for your prompt approval and enactment of the safety recommendations for Henlopen Avenue! I appreciate the hard work that the City Streets and Safety Advisory Committee has been doing.

As a full-time resident of Henlopen Avenue - I am already noticing behavior changes amongst the cars, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The yellow lines are an excellent demarcation for all to stay on the correct side of the road. The additional stop signs are causing the cars to slow down. Not all are making a full stop but it is a step in the right direction!

I am so pleased at how responsive the City government is to resident concerns. I feel that we are heard. Thank you.

I look forward to seeing the enhancements to Columbia Avenue!

Frank Gainer
128 Henlopen Avenue