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CITY STREETS & SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
City Hall Commissioners Room, 2nd Floor
Thursday, April 9, 2026; 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order | |
| 2. Roll Call | |
| 3. Approval of Minutes – Meeting held March 12, 2026 | |
| 4. Correspondence (relating to agenda items only) | |
| 5. Old Business | |
| A. Status of recommendations made to Board of Commissioners, referring to 1) newspaper boxes on City streets and 2) consider a cost share program for City sidewalk repair as discussed at the Committee's last meeting. | |
| B. Status of meeting with Police Chief Keith Banks on April 7, 2026 centered on enforcement of traffic calming measures and exchange of ideas as to other enforcement possibilities as recommended by the Board of Commissioners. | |
| 6. New Business | |
| A. Report from David Diefenderfer on Bike Safety meeting held in Bethany Beach after last meeting.
Safety Highlights Presentation | 3 - 9 |
| B. Report from Collins Roth on Bike Safety group updates received from other safety organizations for idea sharing. | |
| C. Discussion of new topics to approach Board of Commissioners, including those discussed in earlier meetings but not yet acted upon and any other new topics or concerns including those derived from the public. | |
| 7. Citizen Comment | |
| 8. Committee Member Comments | |
| 9. Set next meeting date. | |
| 10. Adjournment | |

AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE CONSIDERED OUT OF SEQUENCE

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

*For additional information or special accommodations, please call (302) 227-6181 (TDD Accessible) 24-hours prior to the meeting.

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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Highlights from the 26 March Learning Workshop held at Bethany Beach



- Presented by - Dave Diefenderfer, ME, P.E.



Agenda

- **Background**
- **Notable Current initiatives**
- **Take aways**
- **Questions**

Background



- Learning/Sharing Workshop
 - Mission : Collaboration of the Delaware beach communities in support of creating a safer walking and biking environment for residents/guests. The goal is to create a heightened awareness of what beach communities are planning for the upcoming season. Understanding this, communities can find ways to partner/collaborate on areas of shared interest.
 - 3rd Annual meeting
- Attendees: Bethany Beach, Town of Lewes, City of Rehoboth Beach, North Bethany Beach, South Bethany Beach, Fenwick Island, Dewey Beach, DELDOT, Assisting Bicycle Communities (ABC).
- Each municipality/organization presented current efforts to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety

Notable Current Initiatives



- DELDOT
 - Last 7 miles of Georgetown to Lewes trail planned to be completed by end of 2026
 - Creating Bicycle and Pedestrian pathways (permit challenges)
 - Double Bridges Road (Bethany)
 - Cedar Neck Road (Ocean View)
 - High Intensity lights at crosswalks
- Fenwick Island
 - Expanding sidewalk width along RT 1 to 7.5 ft
 - Bikeatthebeach.com
 - Displays a map & locates you on the map
 - Prohibiting Class III EV bikes on all trails
 - Providing J1 students with free bicycles
- Dewey Beach
 - Lowered some crosswalk flashing lights to eye level
 - Worked with DELDOT for max lumens on flashing lights
 - Trimmed trees to improve visibility
 - “Push Button” stenciled in red on sidewalk along with “look both ways”
 - Signs at Crosswalks showing fines for failing to stop for pedestrians in crosswalk
 - Crosswalk signs that tell drivers “state law requires yielding to Pedestrians in crosswalk”

Notable Current Initiatives (Con'd)



- North Bethany
 - Installing 2-3 new crosswalks along RT 1 w/flashing lights
 - Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs)
 - US Department of Transportation states that use RRFBs increases car yielding rates by 98%
 - Bike/Pedestrian lanes with barriers along RT 1
 - Proposal to shrink lanes of RT 1 by 1 foot to give room for Bike/Pedestrian lanes with a physical barrier in between
- South Bethany
 - Pilot Program
 - Orange flags on both sides of crosswalks in box
 - Pedestrian takes flag as crosses and places in box on opposite side of road after crossing
- Assisting Bicycle Commuters (ABC) – Operated from Mariners Bethel Global Methodist Church in Ocean View
 - Gives J1 students free bicycles
 - Lights
 - Backpacks with reflectors
 - Rules of road classes



Take Aways

- Continue dialogue with Beach towns
 - Informed group of the date/time of our committee meetings. Lewes seemed interested in attending.
 - Consistency of message at all resorts
- Follow up with DELDOT regarding high intensity RRFBs
 - Ensure RRFBs along Rehoboth Ave are max lumens ?
- Recommend crosswalk signs that state: State law requires that drivers yield to Pedestrians in crosswalk
 - Other Beach towns have them installed
- Incorporate bikeatthebeach.com into our bike network flyer
- J1 bicycle program



QUESTIONS ??