



Kure Beach Pedestrian & Bicycle Committee

2020 Walk Audit Report

Kure Beach Pedestrian & Bicycle Committee Walk Audit

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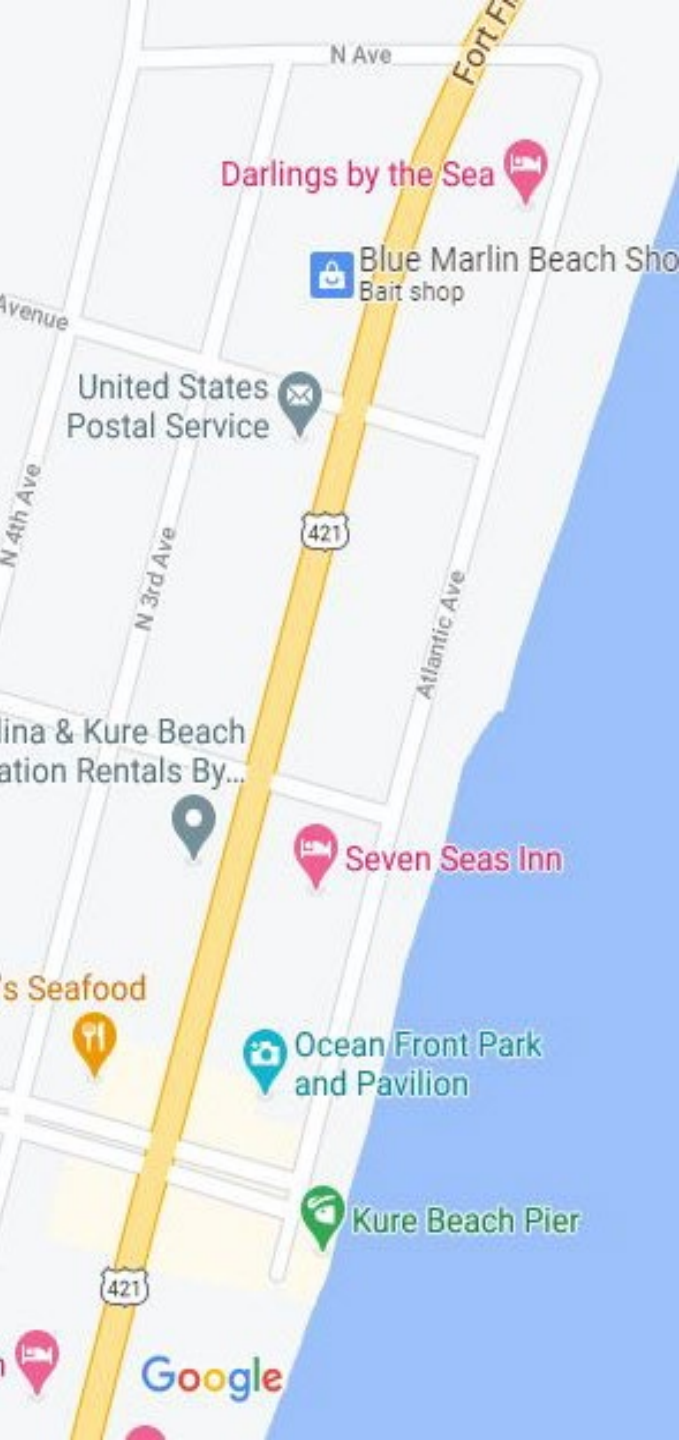
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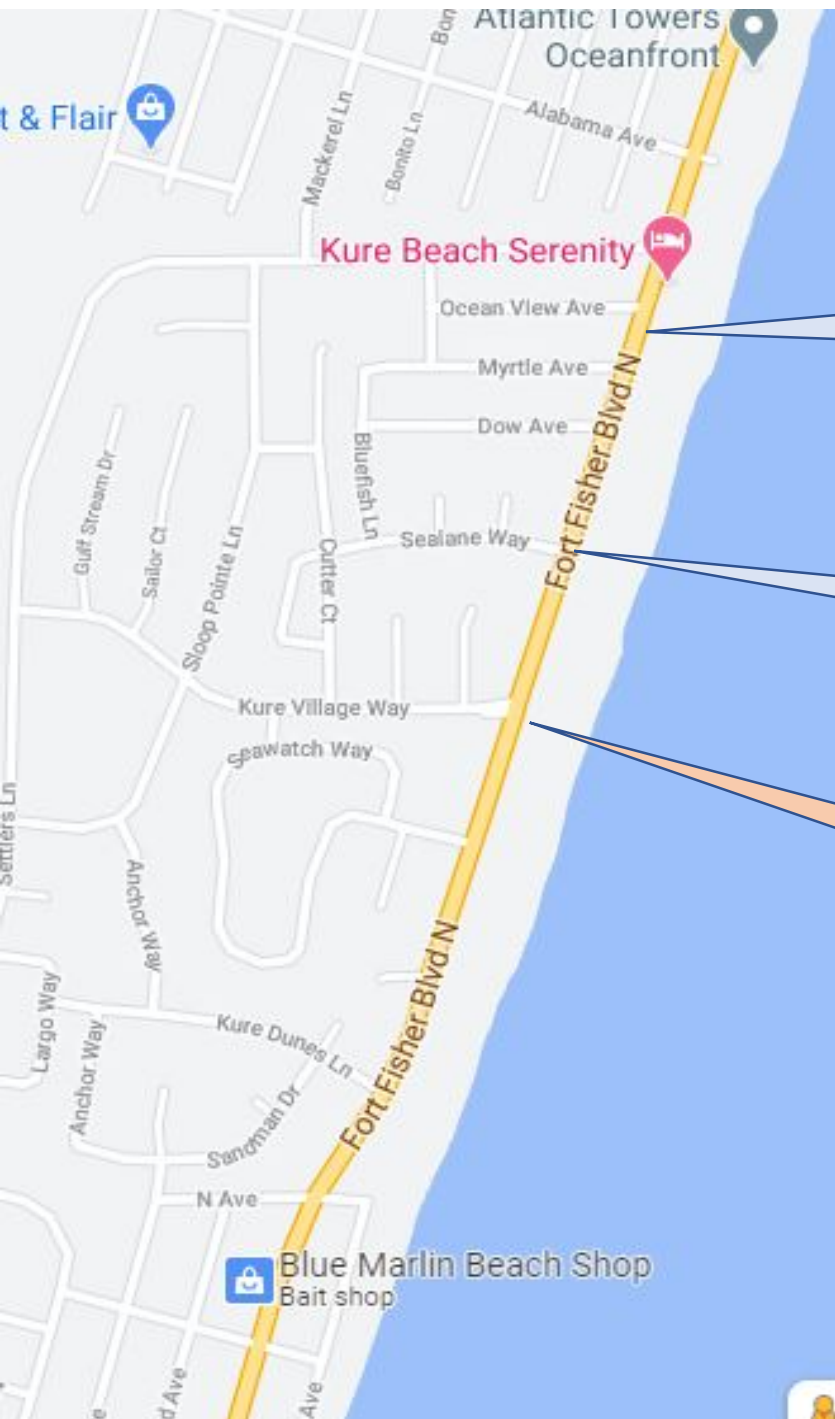
The Walk Audit Process

- **What:** AARP Walk Audit (<https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/livable-communities/livable-documents/documents-2016/Walk-Audit-Tool-Kit/AARP-Walk-Audit-Tool-Kit-100416.pdf>)
- **When:** Saturday, Aug. 29th or Sept. 5th , 9-10 AM or 2-3 PM
- **Where:** Northern Kure Beach town limit to Beach Access #1347 at Ocean Dunes
- **How:**
 - Committee member conducted traffic count at M. Ave. & Ft. Fisher Blvd. to determine best time of day to conduct audit
 - Committee members trained via Zoom on how to implement the walk audit
 - Committee members assigned a portion of Ft. Fisher Blvd. to observe for 30 min. to one hour and rate using the AARP Walk Audit



Street Maps and Pictures

Kure Beach Town Limit to Kure Village Way



Beach Access #1004 ½
Between Ocean View Ave & Myrtle Ave

- From private driveway on west side of Ft. Fisher Blvd
- Accessible 
- No Pedestrian crosswalk or signage
- No parking for wheelchair access

Seaway Lane & Ft. Fisher Blvd.

- Pedestrian crosswalk & signs that lead to private drive on east side of Ft. Fisher Blvd
- No beach access

Kure Village Way & Ft. Fisher Blvd.

- Two private beach accesses for Kure Estates & Kure Beach village with parking
- No pedestrian crosswalks or signage



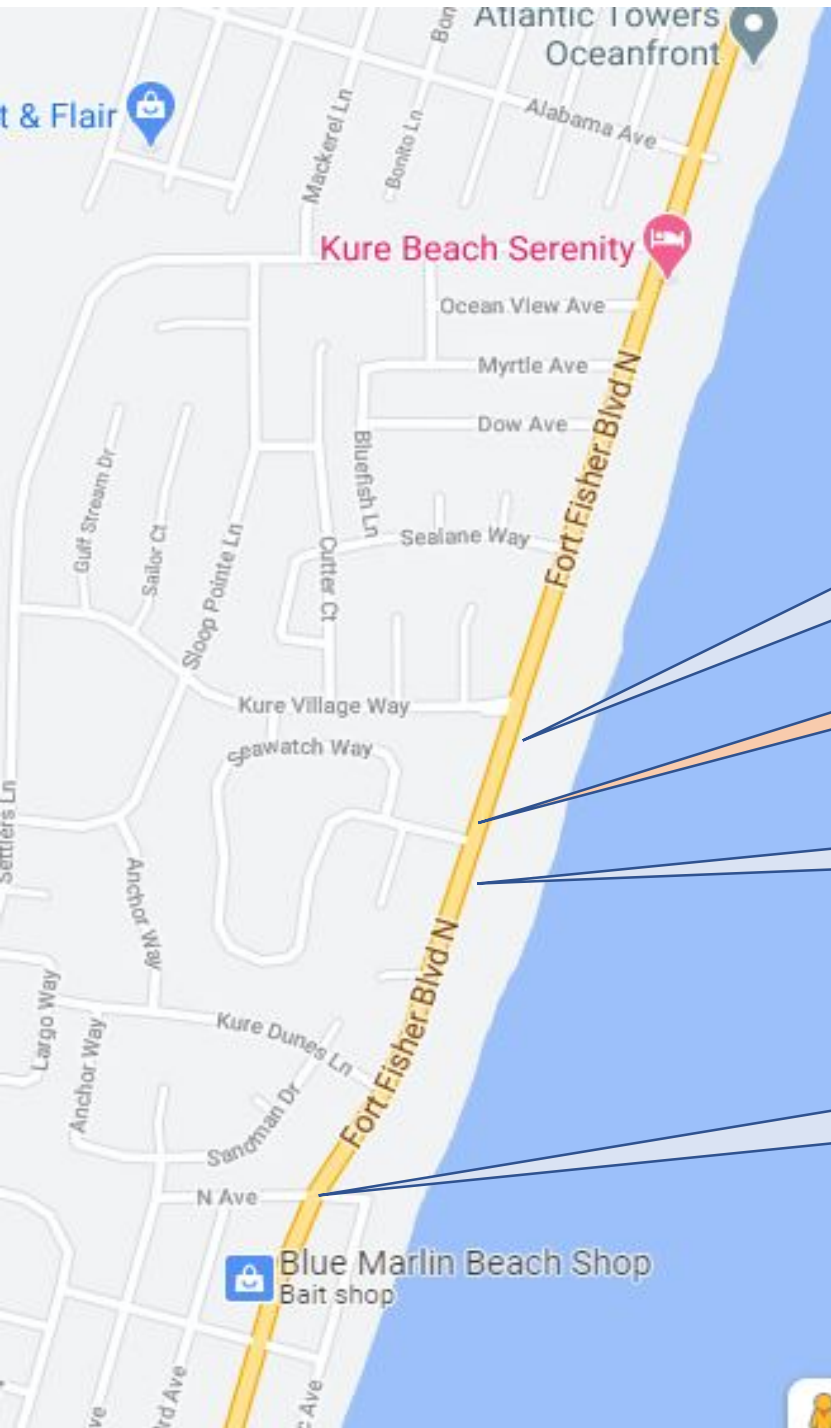
- Bike lanes on both sides of Ft. Fisher Blvd.
- No sidewalks

Seaway Lane & Ft. Fisher Blvd.

Crosswalk leading to a private driveway



Beach Access #630 to N Ave.



**Beach Access #630
Ft Fisher Blvd.**

- Cross walk with signage on side of road and in middle of Ft. Fisher Blvd.

Seawatch Way

- Private beach access & Parking
- Sidewalks on both sides
- No pedestrian crosswalk or signage

**Beach Access #460
Ft. Fisher Blvd.**

- No pedestrian crosswalk or signage

**Beach Access #344
N Ave. & Ft Fisher Blvd.**

- Public parking on east side of Ft. Fisher Blvd
- No pedestrian crosswalk or signage
- Parked cars & bushes obstruct view



- Bike lanes end at N. Ave---parallel parking on both sides of Ft. Fisher Blvd. begins



- Sidewalk begins at N. Ave on east side and goes south—narrow, uneven & obstructed by bushes

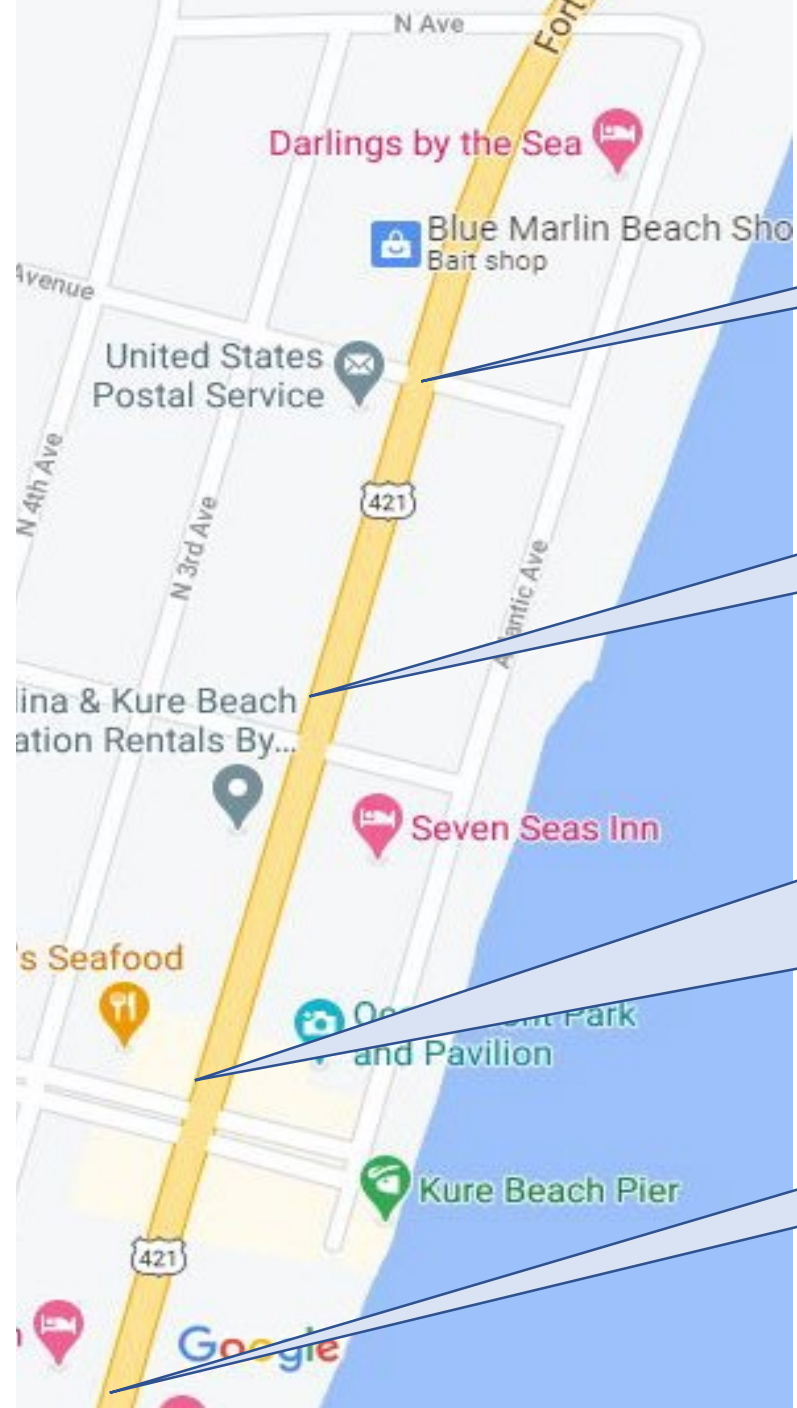
Beach Access #630



Example of a beach access with crosswalk and appropriate signage



M. Ave. to J Ave.




Beach Access #244
M Ave. & Ft Fisher Blvd.

- Post Office on corner
- Pedestrian crosswalk with signage

Beach Access #140
L Ave. & Ft Fisher Blvd.

- Parking off Atlantic Ave.
- Motels, townhouses, hair salon
- Accessible 
- **No pedestrian crosswalk or signal**

BEACH ACCESS #100
K Ave. & Ft Fisher Blvd.

- Diagonal parking east & west of Ft Fisher Blvd.
- Gas station, restaurants, fishing pier
- Center median 
- Accessible
- Traffic light, turn lanes with signals
- **No pedestrian crosswalk or signal**
- Sidewalk on east side of Ft. Fisher--**no sidewalk but curb cuts**
- **Parked cars & Big Daddy's make pedestrian & cyclist visibility difficult**

Beach Access #139
J Ave. & Ft Fisher Blvd

- Parking on east side of Ft. Fisher Blvd
- **No pedestrian crosswalk or signal**



- **No bike lanes--parallel parking on both sides of Ft. Fisher Blvd.**
- Sidewalks on east side of Ft. Fisher Blvd.—**narrow, uneven & obstructed by bushes & trash receptacles**

L Ave & Ft. Fisher Blvd

Beach Access with no crosswalk





Sidewalk in
front of Seven
Seas Inn

K Ave & Ft. Fisher Blvd. Looking East

Traffic lights, beach access with no crosswalk



K Ave & Ft. Fisher Blvd. Looking North

Traffic lights, beach access with no crosswalk



K Ave & Ft. Fisher Blvd. Looking West

Traffic lights, beach access with no crosswalk



K Ave & Ft. Fisher Blvd. Looking South

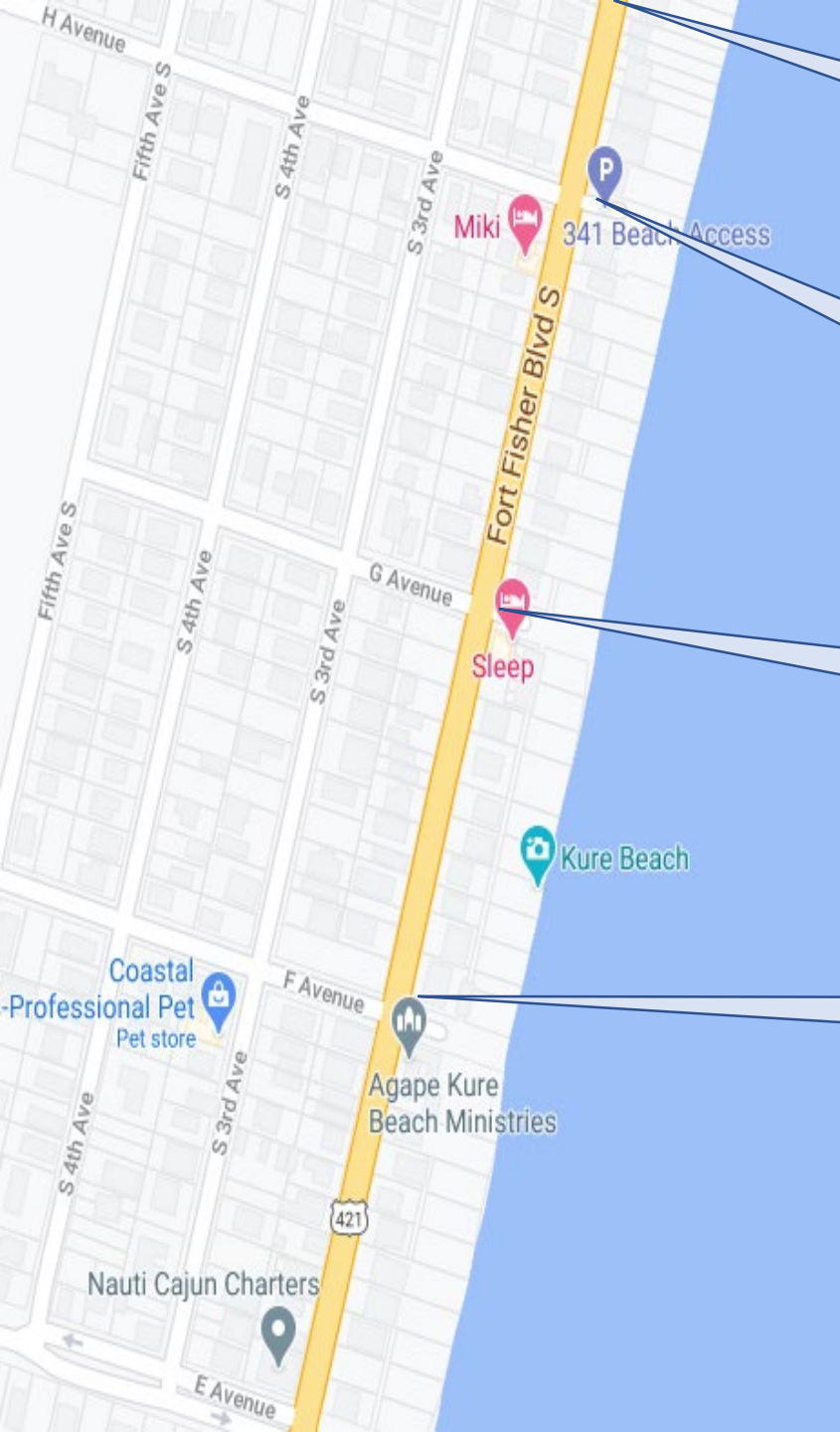
Traffic lights, beach access with no crosswalk





NW Corner
of K Ave. &
Ft. Fisher
Blvd. at Big
Daddy's
Restaurant

I. Ave. to F. Ave.



Beach Access # 227
I Ave. & Ft Fisher Blvd

- Parking lot on east side of Ft. Fisher Blvd & spaces on west side of Ft. Fisher Blvd
- Pedestrian crosswalk and signage

Beach Access #343
H Ave. & Ft Fisher Blvd


- Parking lot on east side of Ft. Fisher Blvd.
- Accessible 
- No pedestrian crosswalk or signage


Beach Access #443
G Ave. & Ft. Fisher Blvd.

- Parking lot on east side of Ft. Fisher Blvd.
- No pedestrian crosswalk or signage

Beach Access #541
F Ave. & Ft. Fisher Blvd.

- Parking Lot on east side of Ft. Fisher Blvd
- No pedestrian crosswalk or signage

 • No bike lanes—parallel parking on both sides of Ft. Fisher Blvd.

 • Sidewalk on east side of Ft. Fisher Blvd.

Beach Access #541

F Ave & Ft. Fisher Blvd.

No pedestrian crosswalk



E. Ave. to Ocean Dunes



Beach Access #643
E Ave. & Ft. Fisher Blvd.

- Parking lot on east side of Ft. Fisher & parking spaces on west side of Ft. Fisher Blvd.
- Pedestrian crosswalk with signage (signage missing on east)
- Accessible 

Beach Access #733
Dave Rd. & Ft. Fisher Blvd.

- No pedestrian crosswalk or signage

Beach Access #1045
North end of AF Recreation Area & Ft. Fisher Blvd.

- Pedestrian crosswalk with curb & center signage

Beach Access #1207
Stormy Petrel & Ft. Fisher Blvd


- No pedestrian crosswalk or signage


Beach Access # 1255
Assembly Way & Ft. Fisher Blvd.

- No pedestrian crosswalk or signage

Beach Access # 1347
Ocean Dunes

- Parking lot on west side of Ft. Fisher Blvd.
- No pedestrian crosswalk or signage

 • Bike lane begins at E. Ave.

 • No sidewalks

Beach Access #1045

Ft. Fisher Blvd. & North end of AF Recreation Area



Beach Access #1347

Ocean Dunes & Ft. Fisher Blvd.



Main Results and Observations



- 17 of the 21 beach access points on Ft. Fisher Blvd. have no pedestrian crosswalks or signals
- Very limited sidewalks and only through main part of town
- Sidewalks are often too narrow, uneven, and/or obstructed by bushes and trash receptacles
- Intersection of K Ave. and Ft. Fisher Blvd. is an extreme safety hazard for pedestrians



- Bike paths do not go through main part of town & there is no signage for alternative routes



- Three ADA accessible beach accesses do not have pedestrian crossings
- While most parking lots have “handicap accessible” spaces, few have accessible ramps



Recommendations

- Beach access points and crosswalks
 - More public beach access points should have crosswalks
 - All crosswalks should have appropriate signage—middle of road and/or flashing as well as curb signs
 - Beach Access #460—add crosswalk with signage
 - Beach Access #344 at N Ave.—add crosswalk with signage
 - Beach Access #100 at K Ave.—add crosswalk with traffic signal
 - Beach Access # 643 at E Ave.—pedestrian signage missing on east side of Ft. Fisher Blvd
- Sidewalks need to be fixed, bushes trimmed, widened where possible, extended, and evened-out where possible
- Bike lanes need to go all the way through town or signage for alternative routes provided
- Parallel parking on Ft. Fisher Blvd. should at the most only be in the business district
- Accessible beach access ramps should have a pedestrian crosswalks
- Eliminate crosswalk at Seaway Lane —there is no beach access point there and it leads to a private driveway on the east
- Add crosswalk at K Ave. and 6th Ave./Settlers Ln. for access to Joe Eakes Park