

Welcome to the Spring 2024 Churchman's Crossing Monitoring Committee Meeting!

The meeting will begin at 4:00 PM

April 10, 2024



WILMAPCO





Churchman's Crossing Plan

Monitoring Committee

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Agenda



This meeting is
being recorded

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements Follow-Up
3. Spring Public Workshop Preview
4. Open Discussion
5. Agency Updates
 - WILMAPCO
 - DeIDOT
 - Delaware Transit Corporation
 - NCC Department of Land Use
6. Next Steps
7. Public Comment



Introductions



Project Partners



Members

Civic, Business, Special Interest, Institutions

- Bike Delaware: James Wilson
- Christiana Fire Company: Kevin Cowperthwait
- Christiana Hospital: Jeff Miller
- Christiana Mall (Brookfield Properties): Steve Chambliss
- Civic League for New Castle County: Bill Dunn
- Committee of 100: Troy Brestel
- Delaware Nature Society: Mark Nardone
- Delaware Office of State Planning: Samantha Bulkilvish
- DP Real Estate: Shawn Tucker
- Del-Tech: Nick Dohring
- DNREC: Beth Krumrine
- J.P. Morgan Chase: Don Mell
- New Castle County Chamber of Commerce: Alysse Bortolotto
- Rutherford Community: Patti Beauchesne
- Village of Christiana: Barry Shotwell

Project Partners

- WILMAPCO: Dan Blevins, Dave Gula
- DelDOT: Cooper Bowers
- NCC: Matthew Rogers
- DTC: Cathy Smith

State/County Elected Officials

- New Castle County Council
 - President: Karen Hartley-Nagle
 - District 1: Brandon Toole
 - District 7: George Smiley
 - District 9: Timothy Sheldon
 - District 11: David Tackett
- State Elected Officials
 - State Senate District 7: Spiros Mantzavinos
 - State Senate District 9: John Walsh
 - State Senate District 11: Bryan Townsend
 - State Senate District 13: Marie Pinkney
 - State Representative District 17: Melissa Minor-Brown
 - State Representative District 18: Sophie Phillips
 - State Representative District 19: Kimberly Williams
 - State Representative District 21: Michael Ramone
 - State Representative District 24: Edward Osienski
 - State Representative District 26: Madinah Wilson-Anton

Project Support Team

- RK&K: Mark Tudor, Jim Burnett, Stephanie Everett, Katie Gibson
- Kramer & Associates: Andrew Bing

Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements Follow-Up





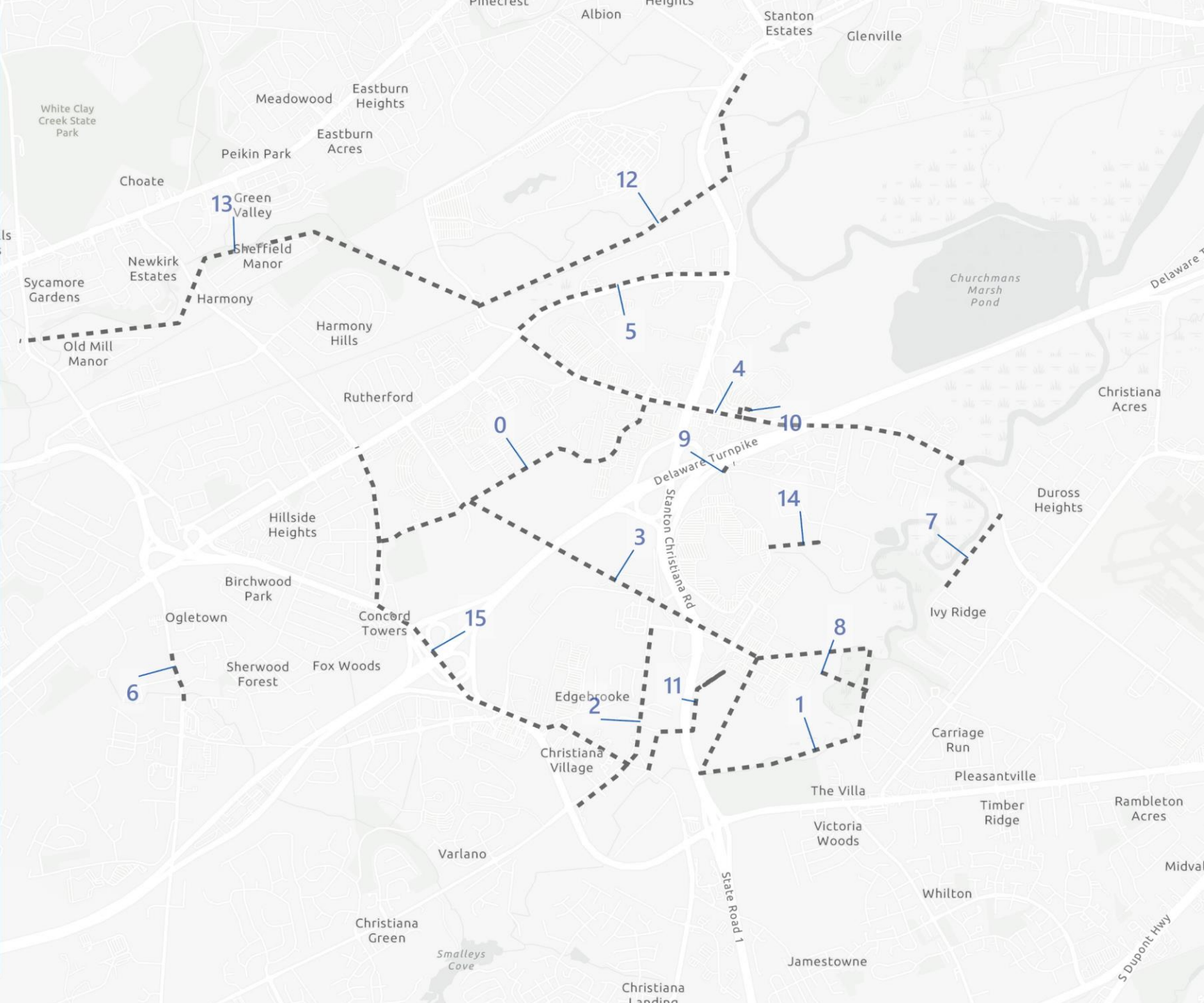
What we heard from the Committee

In general terms:

- Connections to the mall
- Route 4 identified as a major barrier
- Connect and extend existing greenways and pedestrian pathways in the area
- Safe access to and from schools and DelTech
- Make use of public and institutionally owned land for facilities

Comments	Key
Example - Add connection from Brownleaf Road and connect through Continental (remove gate for bikes/peds)	0
Configuring some way to get from Lewden green trail to the mall, would need a bridge to cross the Christina river (BTT)	1
Some sort of pathway to get to the mall without fear of being hit by my motor vehicle (BTT)	2
Bike Path to Christiana Mall area (BTT)	3
Make connection and gives access from existing Rt.4 Ped path and allows access to other shopping, Deltech	4
Lighting and Ped access on both sides of SR 4 through this area is in desperate need. Not only for pedestrians, but for motorists as well because there are areas where deer like to cross over SR 4 and which can be very hard to spot at nighttime.	5
Improve bike/ped connections from residential areas to High School further south.	6
Extend the Corcoran Greenway to Churchmans Road.	7
Corcoran Greenway to Christiana Mall connector	8

Comments	Key
Christiana Mall to Cavalier Country Club Apartments	9
Should there be some way to safely get to and from Delaware Technical Community College for someone who does not have access to a car?	10
Fashion Center-Christiana Connector	11
If a deal can be struck with Delaware Park, this is probably the optimal alignment for the Wilmington-Newark Greenway. Going east from Telegraph, this will continue to the Newport River Trail and then to the Markell Trail & the Wilmington Riverfront.	12
Using all County-owned land for the alignment, this is section of the Wilmington-Newark Greenway extending west from White Clay Country Club towards Newark	13
Understanding that there are wetlands in the area, would it be feasible to get some kind of ped / bike connection from Cavaliers to the Mall? I know as part of the redevelopment of Cavaliers, there was a vehicular connection discussed at one point, as w	14



Project Team Exercise

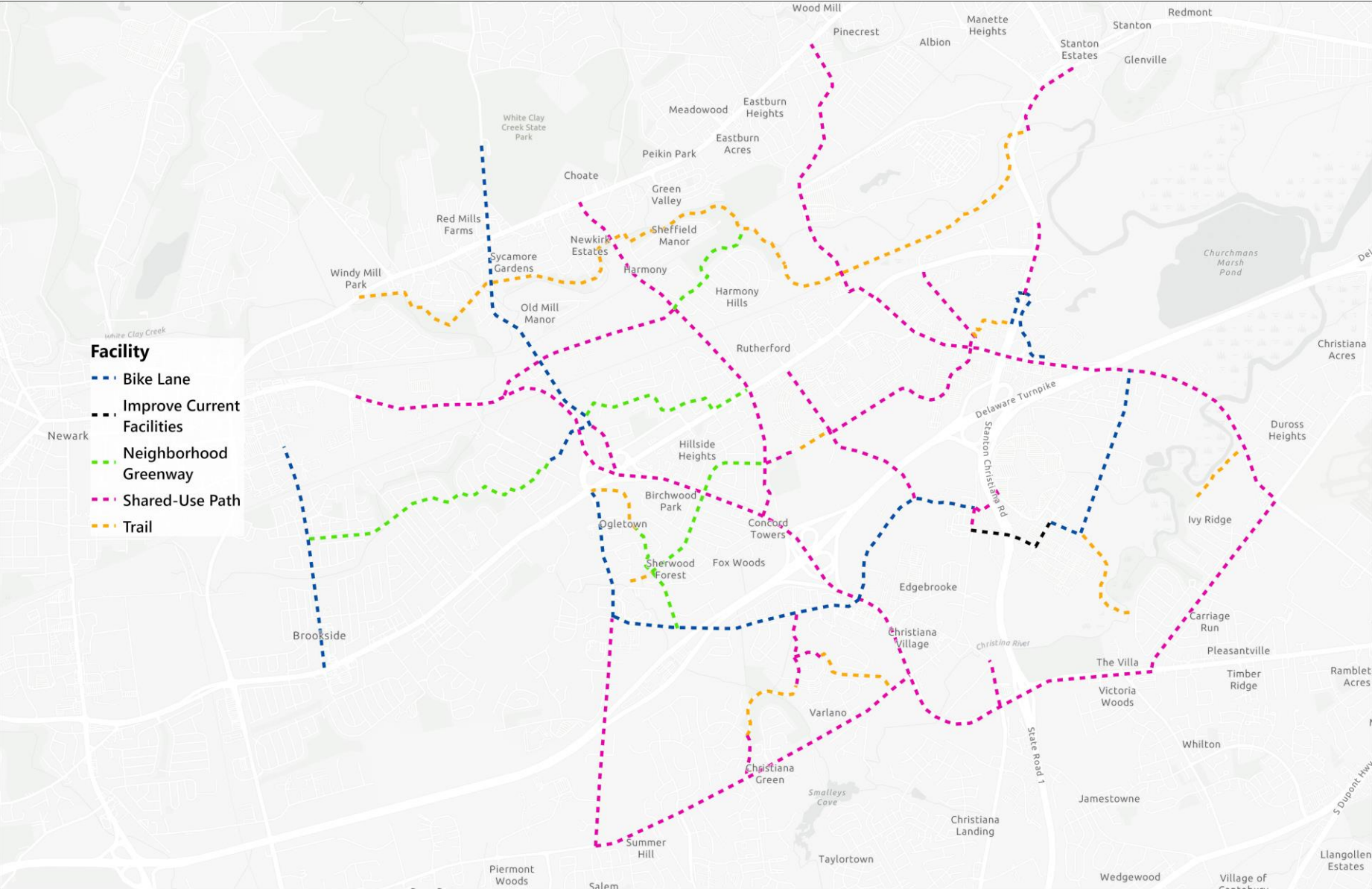


The Technical Team developed additional ideas on connections

- Special focus on creating essential routes across the study area (east-west and north-south) to adjacent areas
- Providing facilities where feasible between residential areas and points of interest within the study area



Project Team Exercise Results





Test Public Workshop Exercise

Please take up to five (5) minutes to complete the exercise for public workshop

- Public Workshop table will include a board(s) with more background and explanation about multimodal facilities and connections
- Feedback



Next Steps

- Public Workshop
- Feedback will be digitized and synthesized
- Committee and public feedback will be a starting point for benefit analysis (Fall 2024)
- Projects will be developed and ranked based on benefit analysis, project feasibility, and public/committee interest (Winter 2024)

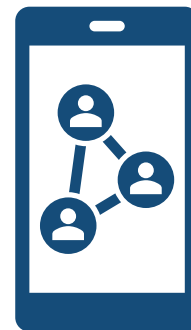
Spring Public Workshop Preview





Spring Public Workshop

- May 15, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- NCC Government Center, Gilliam Multipurpose Room
67 Reads Way, New Castle DE 19720



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the word!**



Spring Public Workshop – Stations

- Brief presentation at 4:00 PM and repeated at 5:00 PM
- Highlights of 2023 Annual Churchman’s Crossing Monitoring Report
- Bicycle/Pedestrian network activity
- Potential new initiatives

Open Discussion





New “Meeting Cycle”

- Winter Meeting

- Introduce Draft Monitoring Report to assist Committee in developing new initiatives and/or revised priorities



- Spring Meeting

- Formalize new initiatives with the Committee and create draft addendum to the existing Plan

- Spring Public Workshop

- Share the Monitoring Report with the public and introduce and seek feedback on the Committee’s ideas of new initiatives

- Summer

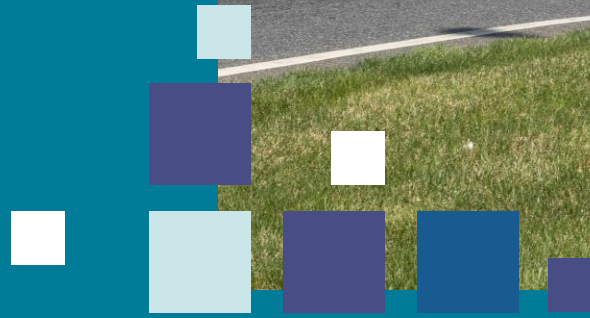
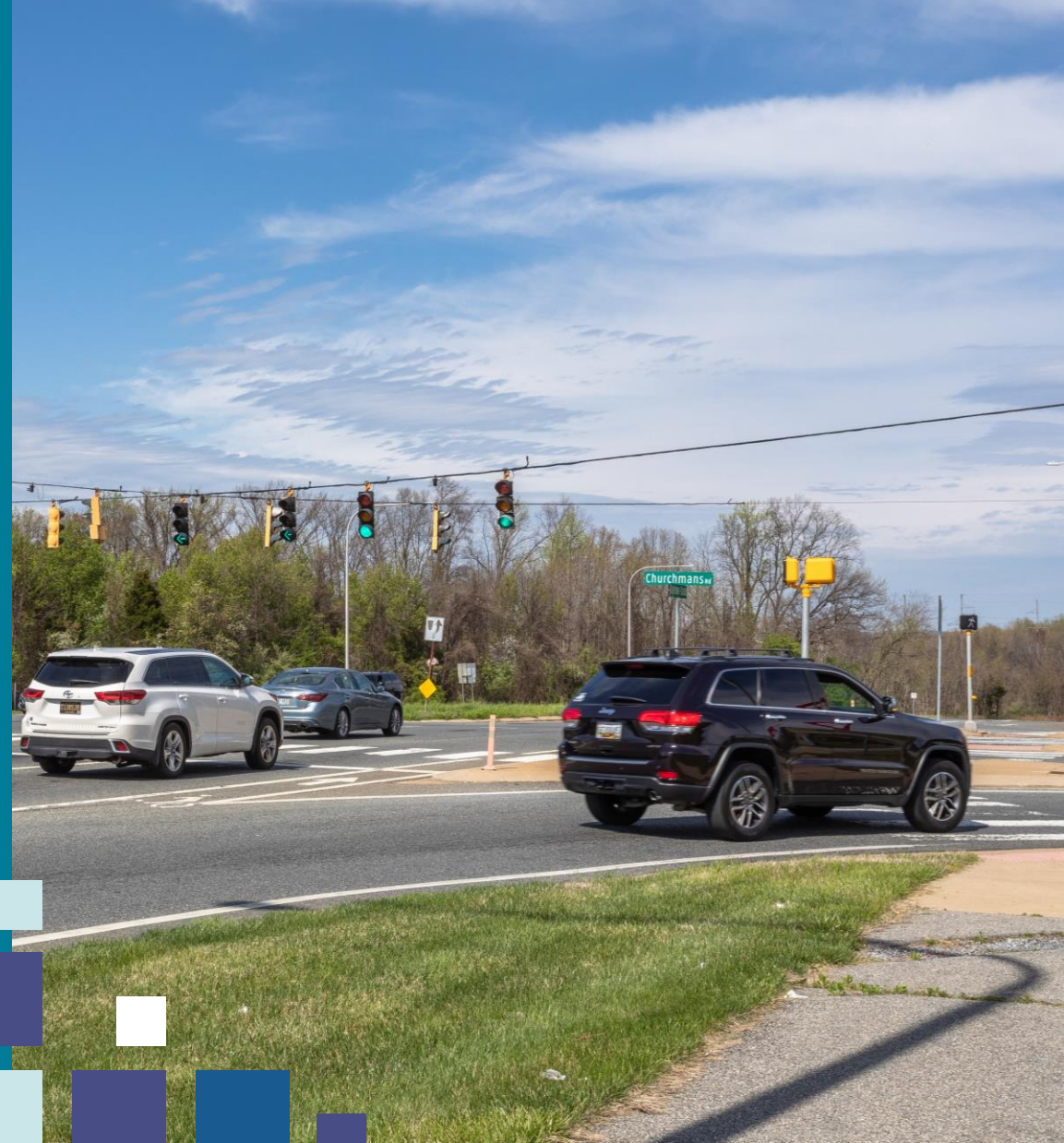
- Agency partners will determine which new initiatives, if any, will be added to the Plan as an addendum

- Fall Meeting

- Report back on prior year’s meeting cycle and inform the Committee of which initiatives will be added as an addendum or which existing initiatives may be (re)prioritized

Agency Updates

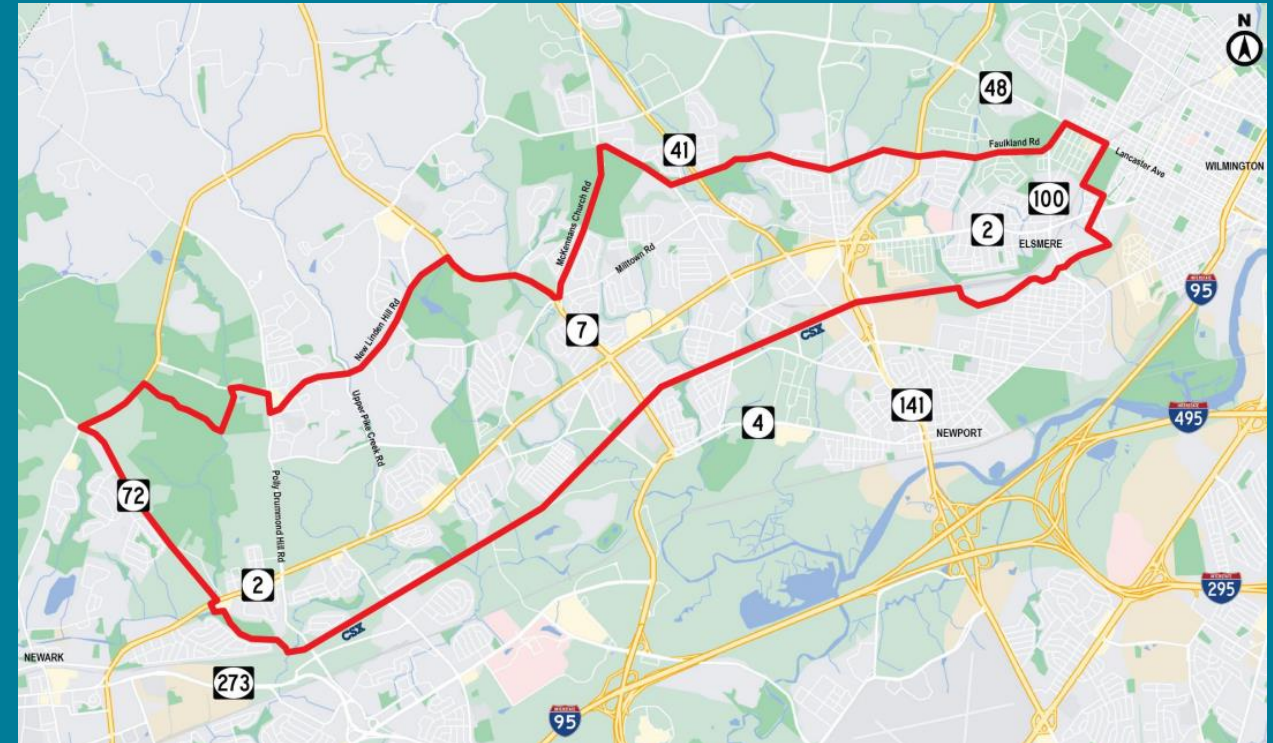
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- Kirkwood Highway Land Use and Transportation Study:

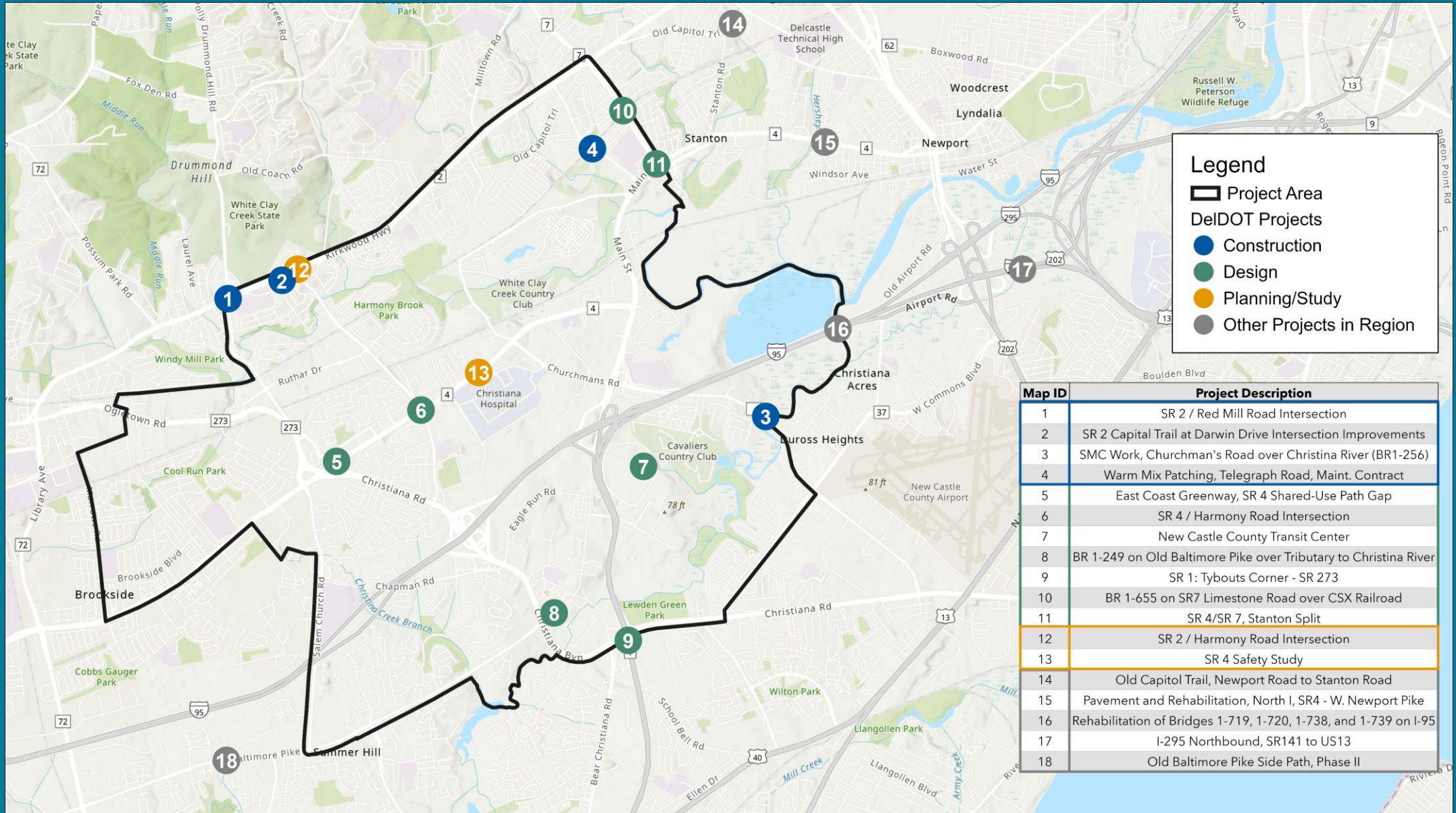
- Presented update to DE State Chamber of Commerce on 3/27/24
- Next public workshop on 6/10/24
- wimapco.org/Kirkwood



- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) comment period is through 5/3/24
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) comment period is through 5/6/24

DeDOT Capital Project Updates

DeDOT Project Portal: <https://deldot.gov/projects/>
 DeDOT Safety Website: www.safety.deldot.gov



DART:

- DART Reimagined Final Report is Coming Soon! Report to be published after EAC/TAC meeting on April 11th and will be available for download on the website.
- Route changes for May 19, 2024:
 - **Route 5** – The routing between Casino at Delaware Park and Christiana Mall will be altered to serve Christiana Hospital in both directions. The alignment between Christiana Hospital and Christiana Mall will stay with the present routing along DE 4 and DE 7 due to customer comments and feedback from DART Operators from affected riders.
 - **Route 15** – New service will be provided to the Hope Center only on Christiana Mall-bound trips, from 7 to 10 AM and from 4 to 7 PM, operating daily.
 - **Route 44** – Service will be discontinued in St. Georges due to low ridership, instead traveling on Wrangle Hill Road between Delaware City and Wrangle Hill Park & Ride. Saturday service will be discontinued.
 - **Route 62** – The route will not be discontinued as originally proposed. Weekday schedule will operate two AM trips from Fairplay Station to White Clay Center, and two PM trips from White Clay Center to Fairplay Station. Bus trip times will be coordinated with SEPTA train service. Feedback from J.P. Morgan indicated their staff will be returning to the Stanton facility in greater numbers and DART schedules will be matched with employee shift times. During the Fairplay Station closure, Route 62 will be detoured to operate between Newark Station and JP Morgan Stanton Campus with two AM trips and two PM trips connecting to SEPTA train service.
 - **Route 64** – Three evening Sunday trips will be discontinued due to low ridership.
 - **Intercounty Route 301** – Increased Saturday service from five to six round trips and improved service span from 6 AM to 9:30 PM. Saturday service to Boyd's Corner Park & Ride will be discontinued.

NCC DLU:

- Churchman's Crossing Transportation Improvement District
- Redevelopment Ordinance (Ordinance 24-057)
 - Community Development Area Incentives
 - Corridor Redevelopment
 - Redevelopment Provisions
 - Repurposing Vacant and Under-Utilized Office Space and Commercial Properties

Next Steps





CXMC Meeting Schedule



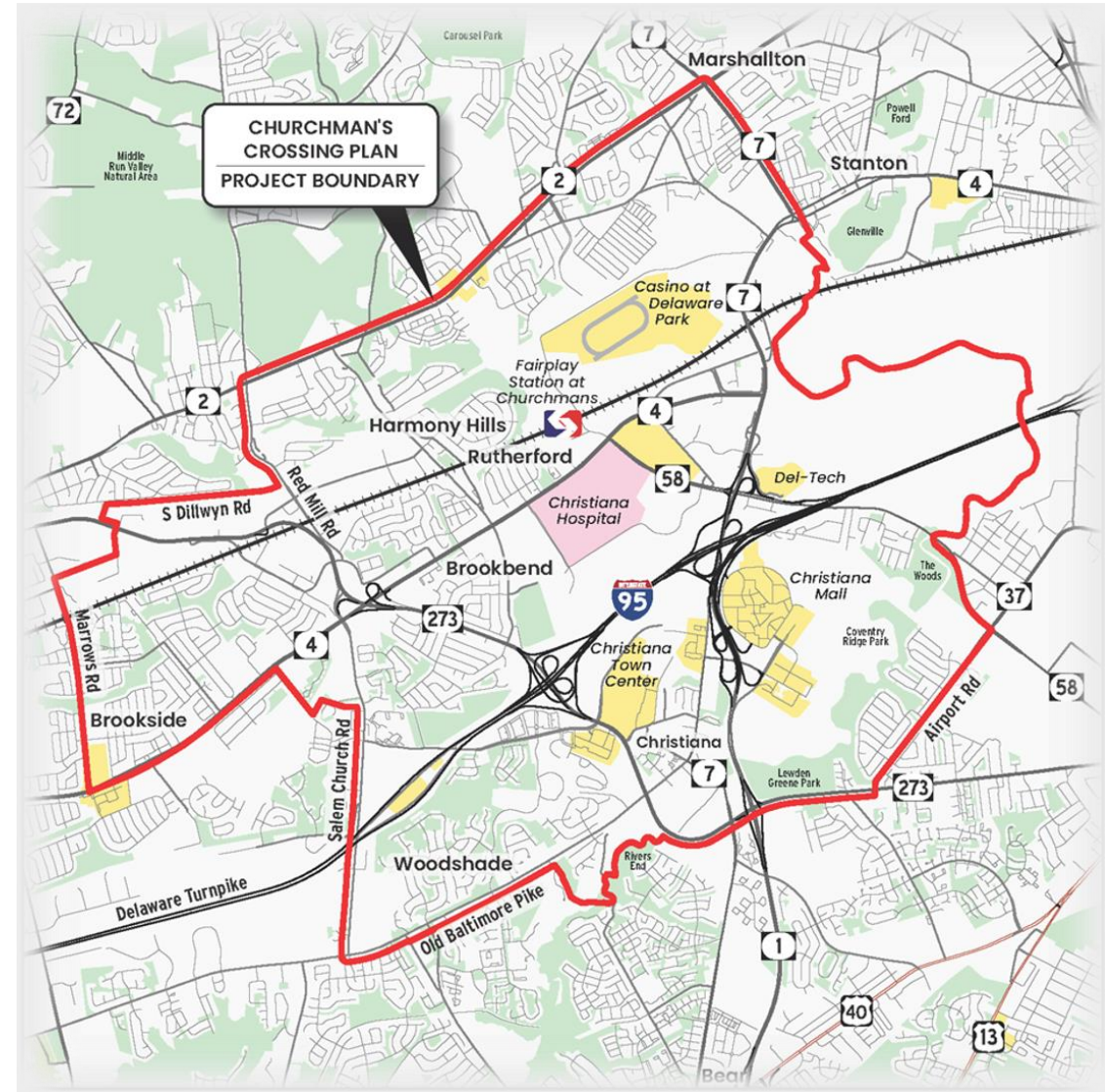
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2023 Annual Monitoring Report

- Summary of transportation and land use conditions and changes within the Churchman's Crossing project area
- Will be updated to include:
 - Spring CXMC meeting information
 - Spring Public Workshop information
 - Public Comments received at the workshop
- Final report to be published in June 2023



<https://bit.ly/churchmans2023>



Summer Activities



- Summer newsletter will include the Final 2023 Annual Churchman's Crossing Monitoring Report
- Agency partners will determine which new initiatives, if any, will be added to the Plan as an addendum
- Technical team will analyze potential bicycle/pedestrian network improvements

Questions?



THANK YOU!



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